

## CASTLEBAY LANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# JUNE NEWSLETTER

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### **Mission Statement**

Castlebay Lane is a suburban elementary school dedicated, through its curriculum programs and educational opportunities, to educate, challenge, and inspire our students to reach their full potential. This is accomplished through our unique community-based partnership.

### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** – Vivian Ihori

The school year has flown, and students have accomplished so much. They have grown and shown so much progress. I can still remember how they walked into school on that first day in September. They are truly ready to face the challenges of the next grade level, especially our 5<sup>th</sup> graders who will be facing even greater challenges in middle school.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to PATH for hosting the Teacher Appreciation luncheon. The food was delicious and we all felt truly appreciated. Thanks so much.

Often parents ask how they can make sure that during the summer, their children maintain the skills that they have learned. One of the best ways is to read with them everyday. It's a wonderful quiet activity that you can do just before bedtime. It builds fluency and gives you and your children some quality time together. Also, review basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts for about ten minutes a day. It will be a great math re-juicer.

Although this is the June Newsletter, there's still time to attend our Poker Night fundraiser on Saturday evening, May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Porter Ranch Country Club.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and volunteers who work so tirelessly in the classrooms, on the PATH board, planning special events and fundraisers, working on the Safety Committee. The list goes on and on. You are such an important component of our school program. We don't know what we'd do without your support. You help to make Castlebay the great school that it is.

Have a wonderful summer. Rest, relax, have fun, and enjoy your children!

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE** – Karen Richmond

It's hard to believe that another academic school year is coming to a close. I know that summer is a wonderful opportunity for students to enjoy a variety of experiences like attending camp, water activities and family travels but it is also a great time for students to continue thinking. I encourage all parents to keep our children's brains active with higher degrees of critical thought. Below is a summary of all 6 levels in *Bloom's Taxonomy*. Your child will benefit from practicing skills in all 6 of the domains.

**Knowledge** – Exhibit memory of previously-learned materials by recalling facts, terms, basic concepts and answers.

**Comprehension** – Demonstrate understanding of facts and ideas by organizing, comparing, translating, giving descriptions and stating main ideas.

Application – Using new knowledge. Solve problems to new situations by applying acquired knowledge, facts techniques and rules in a different way.

Analysis – Examine and break information into parts by identifying motives or causes. Make inferences and find evidence to support generalizations.

Synthesis – Compile information together in a different way by combining elements in a new pattern or proposing alternative solutions.

Evaluation - Present and defend opinions by making judgments about information, validity of ideas or quality of work based on a set of criteria.

Enjoy your summer vacation!

### **EMERGENCY AND DISASTER CARDS**

It is very important that you notify the school office when there is **any** change of information on the emergency and disaster cards.

### **LIBRARY** – Kelly Kardos

A BIG thank you to all the parent and student volunteers who helped in the library. Thank you to all the students and parents for your generous book donations the library has received throughout the year. They will add to our already rich collection.

I am in the process of collecting books that are on loan. Please remind your student(s) to return their books promptly, especially 5<sup>th</sup> graders, as this may impact their graduation. Please call or stop by the library if you have any questions.

Enjoy your summer vacation and don't forget to READ!

### **ART UPDATE** – Cindy Brenek

The kindergarten students will be working on a sea life art project and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be studying and making totem poles. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will study the artist, Chagall, and work on a project using this artist's style.

Please check the office hallway for student artwork on display.

### **CAFETERIA** – Juliana Loya

The cafeteria serves breakfast before school and again at recess times. Please do not send large bills to school with children to buy meals as the cafeteria is unable to make change. If you would like to purchase meal tickets, please stop by the cafeteria from 7:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. When purchasing 20 tickets, you will receive 2 extra tickets free of charge!

### **P.A.T.H.** – Christi Ebenhoch

Please join PATH! We need parents to run various committees and to also become board members. PATH funds support many of the "extras" our children enjoy at Castlebay.

### **SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL & LOCAL SCHOOL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL** – Marilyn Short

The last meeting of both councils will take place on Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 p.m. The council will be reviewing plans for the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to your attendance at the council meeting and we always welcome new members. Please join us!

### **ENGLISH LEARNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The last meeting of the ELAC will be on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. We will be reviewing the plan update for the next school year. Please join us for this very important and informative meeting

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

Tuesday, June 2, 2009 is the last early dismissal day. Please make a note of this and adjust schedules and carpools as necessary.

The school will be on minimum day schedule: Wednesday, June 10 and Friday, June 19, 2009.

#### Our minimum day schedule is as follows:

All Kindergarten students attend school from 8:11 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.

Grades 1 – 5 attend school from 8:21 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.

The YMCA will care for children enrolled in the “Y” program until 6:30 p.m. The after-school playground will be open until 5:30 p.m.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

6/2 Last early Tuesday dismissal

6/5 “Pajama Day”

6/9 Regular dismissal time – 2:30 kindergarten & 2:40 grades 1 – 5

6/10 **Minimum Day**

6/16 Regular dismissal time

6/19 “Crazy Hair Day”

Last day of school for students

**Minimum Day**

### DATES TO REMEMBER – 5<sup>th</sup> grade events

6/2 5<sup>th</sup> grade panoramic photo

6/12 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation rehearsal at church

5<sup>th</sup> grade picnic at ET Park

6/15 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation dress rehearsal at school

6/16 5<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast & lip sync

6/17 Pali Camp slide show – p.m. after lunch

6/18 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation

Skateland

6/19 5<sup>th</sup> grade vs. staff volleyball game

### THIS AND THAT

Thank you for another fantastic school year. The office appreciates everyone who has stopped by the office during the school year to say hello, smile, or so kindly brought “goodies” for the office staff. You are greatly appreciated.

Best wishes to our graduating 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We expect you to achieve greatness!

Have a fantastic, safe, and fun summer vacation. We look forward to seeing our returning students September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Love,

*Ripsime, Bea, Mara & Wendy*

Your Castlebay Lane office staff

\*All flyers regarding non-school and community activities are available in the school office.

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