

# John Muir PTA Notes

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Week Seven

October 16, 2008

## PTA General Meeting Tuesday, October 21st 7:00PM – Multipurpose Room

Make your opinion count, and join us at our next General Meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>. General meetings are informational and are used to vote on policies and the budget. Although only PTA Members can vote on policies or budget items, all families are welcome and encouraged to attend the PTA General Meetings.

**FREE childcare will be available for children ages 4 and up with Champions** (no pre-registration is required). Children may be dropped off a few minutes before the start of the meeting.

As a reminder, PTA General Meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month – except during the month of December – at 7:00PM in the Multipurpose Room. Dates of General Meetings are listed below.

<b>November 18, 2008</b>	<b>March 17, 2009</b>
<b>January 20, 2009</b>	<b>April 21, 2009</b>
<b>February 17, 2009</b>	<b>May 19, 2009</b>

## Membership Update

The race is on to achieve the highest PTA membership participation by **CLASSROOM TEACHER!**

The contest for classrooms to earn an extra recess is ongoing – and will continue until each class reaches a GOAL of having at least 80% family participation.

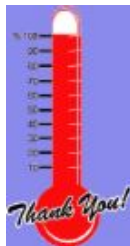
Class ranking of 50% and above: **Petronis – 75%** (needs ONE more family to join); **Murphy – 60%**  
**Dallara – 55%** **Pence – 50%**; and **Claussen – 50%**

**Don't be left out – join today!**

PTA Membership is \$10 per person. Enclose payment in an envelope (cash or check) with your name, email address, phone number, student(s) name(s) and his/her teacher's name. Send envelope to the office marked PTA.

And remember to include your email address for access to the PTA's new online communication tool, *Big Tent*.

**As of October 15<sup>th</sup>, over 100 families have joined! We are grateful for your support.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 17 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
- 18 Fall CARNIVAL, 10AM – 4PM
- 21 PTA General Meeting, 7:00PM (Multipurpose Room)
- 23 “Cyber Safety” – Parent Evening, 6:30-7:30PM (Multipurpose Room)
- 24 PTA Round Up, 8:40AM (Multipurpose Room)
- 31 Halloween Parade, 12:45PM

### NOVEMBER

- 7 eScrip Contest Ends!  
**Family Night Dinner – Beach Party, 6-9PM**
- 11 NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day Holiday
- 12 San Bruno Park School District Board Meeting, 7:00PM (District Office, 500 Acacia Avenue)
- 18 PTA General Meeting, 7:00PM (Multipurpose Room)

## My School's Cool Extra Credit Opportunity

Help John Muir earn 100 extra points **THIS Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, from 2 to 5PM at THE SAMAHAN FEST**, a Filipino Heritage event taking place at The Shops at Tanforan. Come by the My School's Cool Table and sign in any time from 2 – 5PM and earn 100 points (per sign-in) for John Muir. The MSC Table will be located by the JCPenney mall entrance (upper level).



**eSCRIP CLASSROOM CONTEST CONTINUES!**

## Who is going to win a Jamba Juice Party this year?

The top class with the most participants (most families registered) in the eScrip fundraiser will win a treat from Jamba Juice! Get as many families in the class to sign-up. Remind your family that eScrip is an easy and FREE no hassle fundraiser. Winning class will be announced on November 7th! **John Muir Elementary Group ID: 137317377**



## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL, BBQ & HAUNTED HOUSE THIS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 10AM – 4PM

Come and join us for a fun-filled day with games, great food, and a haunted house. There will also be an obstacle course and slide, face painting, and a cake walk. Wholesome entertainment for the entire family!



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Ed will be selling hamburgers (and veggie burgers), hot dogs, chips, nachos, popcorn and drinks.

If you have some time to spare – even if just for an hour - help is needed to set-up (on Friday, all day, and on Saturday morning), to work at class booths during the Carnival, and to clean up. **Contact Nina Keys** at [nina@keysfamily.org](mailto:nina@keysfamily.org) to volunteer at the event.

Money raised by the carnival games will be shared among all classrooms. This money will replace what was earned through classroom bake sales in previous years. **Please come out and help support our teachers and school!**

### DONATIONS STILL NEEDED:

The Carnival Committee still needs the following donations: **hay bales**, **2-liter soda bottles** (about 60-70 are needed), and **baked goods** (Autumn or Halloween-themed cakes, cookies, muffins, cupcakes, brownies, and pies – no prepackaged treats like Oreos, Chips Ahoy, etc.)



If you can donate the hay bales or the 2-liter bottles, please drop-off the items at school by Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> or contact **Nina Keys** at [nina@keysfamily.org](mailto:nina@keysfamily.org) for more information.

If you can donate home-baked (or store bought) goods, you may bring your donations to the Cafeteria on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, between 8:00 and 9:00AM. Drop-offs on Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> may also be arranged. If you have any questions regarding the packaging and delivering of donations, please contact **Jennifer Vergara** at [vergara3@pacbell.net](mailto:vergara3@pacbell.net).

### FAMILY NIGHT DINNER – “Beach Party” – Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 6-9PM

Take the stress out of having to plan next Friday’s dinner and join us for dinner. Dress in beach attire and enjoy food, DJ music, games, and arts & crafts. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor ED group will be selling drinks and raffle tickets. Flyers with event information will be included in today’s Thursday Messenger. For more information, please contact **Sheila Dudum** at [sheiladudum@gmail.com](mailto:sheiladudum@gmail.com) or **Jill Engel** at [engel4@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:engel4@sanbrunocable.com).



### Shop and Earn for Education

Your everyday shopping can earn dollars for John Muir Elementary School. Please see below for easy ways you can earn for the John Muir PTA.



### Help our school earn \$\$ from THE SHOPS AT TANFORAN It’s as easy as A-B-C!!



**A - Shop at the mall and turn in your receipts** – each dollar spent at the mall **after August 1, 2008** earns our school one point. Place your receipt(s) in the marked John Muir locker - located by the Sears mall entrance (lower level), or bring them to the John Muir School office. **WEDNESDAYS are DOUBLE POINT DAYS** at all food court retailers. **B - Participate in mall events or help staff their events** – schools that patronize the mall on certain event days can earn points. Event participation = 100 points for each person registering for our school. **C – Earn 100 points for our school by joining “The Club” at Tanforan.** Forms are available at Tanforan’s Customer Service Counter. **Want to keep your receipts?** If you don’t want to give up your receipt, all retailers can issue a **Point Pass**. *Point Passes will also be available if you submit your receipt(s) to the school office. Simply write your student’s name and his/her teacher’s name on your receipt, and we will return it to you.* THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR BOX TOPS by OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>!** Send in your Box Tops in an envelope or Ziploc bag, or attach them to the Halloween Collection Sheet included in this week’s Messenger.

**Let’s raise some money. It’s so easy!**

Have a question or comment on the John Muir community, or for the John Muir PTA? Have an idea or suggestion? Please submit your questions, comments, or suggestions to us by sending your note to the school office. **And feel free to approach any of the PTA Board Members: Colleen Ahuna, Sheila Dudum, Jill Engel, Marcie Gigena, Nina Keys, Maria Vasil or Jennifer Torres.** We always look forward to hearing from you.