



# Bee Informed on-line!

eNewsletter of the Bonita Canyon PTA

Thursday, September 29, 2011

Sept 30	F	PTA School Assembly – “It’s OK to be Different”
Oct 3 - 18	M	ACE Registration
Oct 6	Th	Fall Social 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Oct 7	F	PTA Pledge Drive & Directory Submission Ends
Oct 10-14	M-F	6 <sup>th</sup> Graders at C.I.M.I. (Catalina Island Marine Institute)
Oct 14	F	Reflections Entries Due in Office
Oct 17	M	No School – Staff Development Day
Oct 18	T	ACE Classes Begin - Tuesdays Only! (Oct 18-Dec 6)
Oct 19	W	Picture Day
Oct 20	Th	Great California Shake Out – Earthquake Preparedness Drill
Oct 24-28	M-F	Red Ribbon Week
Oct 27	Th	Walk to School Day! Sponsored by Irvine Public Schools Foundation
Oct 27	TH	PTA General Assoc. Mtg. in MPR 7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker



**The Pledge Drive Continues – Your Support Matters!** Thank you for the wonderful response over the last week to help provide the incredible programs and activities for our school and children. **We are currently in receipt of \$33K to date which includes 35% participation. OUR GOAL IS \$64K (with 100% participation).** Turn in your Pledge Form ASAP to help us reach our goal. It’s the commitment and dedication of BC families that makes our school a special place for our children. Every dollar counts! Please consider donating the recommended **\$225 per child.**

**Forms are due October 7.** Return both copies to: Bonita Canyon PTA, 1 Sundance Drive, Irvine, CA 92603, or drop off in the school office. All donations are tax deductible. Extra forms are available in the office. Questions: Contact Angie Schmidt at [ar\\_schmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:ar_schmidt@yahoo.com).

**The 2010-2011 Directory Is Going To Print Soon!** Please turn your PTA Pledge form in **TODAY!**

**Bonita Canyon Directory Advertising** The BC Directory is a great resource. Hundreds of families use this directory everyday which makes this a great way to support our school and your business! If you are interested taking an ad, please email Cari Malek at [carispratt@yahoo.com](mailto:carispratt@yahoo.com)



## FALL SOCIAL - October 6th, 5-7:30 pm



Join BC families, staff, and friends for an evening of fun! The festivities will include dinner, DJ, cakewalk, rock climbing wall, coloring contest, raffle and more! Dinner tickets (\$6.00 each Adult/Kids/Vegetarian) on sale from 9/30-10/5 in front of school at am/pm drop off and Chapparal Park for pm pick up only. Tickets must be purchased by October 5. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

*Entire Evening Sponsored by the Bonita Canyon PTA*

**Spirit Wear For Sale At FALL SOCIAL!** Bring cash or check to the event to purchase Spirit Wear!

**Ralphs Community Program** All Parents: Please take a moment right now and visit [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com) to register your Ralphs shopping card information to support Bonita Canyon School. A percentage of your purchases will be donated to BC PTA. Sign up now for our earning to start growing! Ralphs will contribute for the next 12 months!



**ACE Registration is October 3-18** There are many fun classes for all grade levels in our ACE (After School Enrichment) program, including Chess, Cartooning, Volleyball, Musical Theatre, Amusement, Cooking and Mad Science. See Conduit flyer. Register online at [www.acewise.org](http://www.acewise.org). Classes will be held on Tuesdays only, beginning Oct. 18 through Dec. 6, with NO CLASSES on Nov. 1. The ACE Vendors Fair for students will be held during lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 4. This program is run by parent volunteers. To keep this program operating, we ask each participating student's parent to monitor at least one ACE class. We are also in need of supervisors. Contact: [bonitacanyonace@gmail.com](mailto:bonitacanyonace@gmail.com).

**"Diversity Means..."** is the 2011-12 Theme for the Reflections Program! Students in Grades K-6 are invited to submit entries through dance, music, story, photography, poetry, or art. Submit entry forms (AVAILABLE NOW IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE) by Friday, October 14. For further information visit <http://www.irvinecouncilpt.org> or contact Michelle Fang at [michellefang@yahoo.com](mailto:michellefang@yahoo.com).



**Mark Your Calendar for the Annual 2011-12 Spring Fundraiser...**

**Hollywood Nights  
March 9, 2012  
at Strawberry Farms**



We are starting to plan for this exciting annual and memorable event that raises funds to support the excellent educational program for our children at Bonita Canyon School while having a fabulous night of fun! We have opportunities for volunteering in a variety of ways – just drop us an email if you are interested and we will give you more information! No experience necessary – Contact Angie Schmidt at [ar\\_schmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:ar_schmidt@yahoo.com) or Maria Dolatkah at [modlady2003@yahoo.com](mailto:modlady2003@yahoo.com).

**Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 24-28** Start collecting pennies! Look under couch cushions, in the car, etc. Pennies collected will support "Pennies for Prevention". We also need 10 strong volunteers to load/unload and drive pennies on Friday, Oct. 28, 11:00am-4:00pm, to Irvine City Hall. Contact Quynh Curits at [curtisconnection@cox.net](mailto:curtisconnection@cox.net) or Aimee Boschen at [aimeeboschen@gmail.com](mailto:aimeeboschen@gmail.com).

**Student Safety** If you ride your bike to school and cross at the crosswalk at the bottom of the hill, you must dismount your bicycle, look both ways for cars, then walk your bike across the street to the bicycle rack! Thank you for following the Bee Rules especially when the crossing guard is not on duty.

**Walk to School Day – Thursday, Oct. 27** Lace up your sneakers, put on your Spirit Wear, and join classmates by walking to school on International Walk to School Day! Consider walking to school from Turtle Rock Park with your child. Students may stop by the school office now through Friday, Oct. 7 to enter the drawing for the school principal, Mr. Curley, to join them in walking to school on the 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to supporting health & wellness, you will have fun!



**TARDIES ARE RECORDED ON STUDENT'S PERMANENT RECORD** Important class instruction and morning announcements occur first thing in the a.m. Please be sure your child is on time and prepared for the day (homework, lunch, musical instrument). Students who arrive after the classroom door has closed must report to the office to check in "TARDY". Playground supervision is available 8:00-8:15 a.m. NO STUDENT IS TO BE ON CAMPUS PRIOR TO 8:00 A.M. WITHOUT A PARENT.

**Spreebird Donates to PTAs** Please sign up at [www.screamindailydeals.com](http://www.screamindailydeals.com) by simply inputting your email address and select Bonita Canyon Elementary. Spreebird offers 50-90% off on the best getaways, services, and attractions in the area. Our PTA will receive \$2 per sign up and 10% of any proceeds. Every dollar helps our PTA Budget. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Bee Informed Editor Needed!** Keep everyone informed by updating our every other Thursday on-line event schedule and newsletter. This is a perfect position for a parent to volunteer from home. Copy and paste from last year's editions and input new articles. Contact Jan Hilliard at [jjhilliard7@aol.com](mailto:jjhilliard7@aol.com)

**Volunteering at Bonita Canyon School?** Log in your volunteer hours on the PTA computer in the front office. Follow the simple instructions next to the monitor to sign in. Volunteer ID tags are located near the monitor. Don't forget to sign out and return your ID tag when finished. Or, sign in and out from the comforts and convenience of home. Follow these simple instructions:

1. Visit [www.helpcounterweb.com](http://www.helpcounterweb.com)
2. Login Name: bonita Password: n213tree
3. Click on "Volunteers" and select your name  
(If you don't find your name listed, select "I Don't See My Name" to register)
4. Select "Enter hours worked earlier or at home"
5. Stop by the office to pick up a "Volunteer" ID tag. Return the tag when finished.



**Help Us Monitor a Safe Campus** Please do not congregate in the playground, lunch table, quad, or other interior area of the school while waiting for students to be dismissed. Please wait at the front of campus or near Chaparral Park. Primary grade students may not wait on campus for upper grade siblings to be dismissed. Parents may wait with the younger children at the front of campus or Chaparral Park. Primary students waiting at Chaparral Park for older siblings ***MUST BE SUPERVISED BY A PARENT!***

**Pick UP and Drop OFF in Front of School** In order to ensure safety, to keep the flow of traffic moving, and for the courtesy of the school neighbors, **U-Turn ONLY at the top of Sundance at Rimrock.** Do not make U-Turns at Flintridge. IPD will issue citations for violations. Never allow your child to enter/exit your vehicle while stopped in the downhill lane of Sundance Dr. You must be curbside to drop off or pick up.

**IPSF Spirit of Excellence 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala** is Saturday, October 22, at KIA Motors Headquarters at 111 Peters Canyon Road, Irvine. This Black Tie event will include a reception, dinner, silent and live auction, dessert bar and dancing. Individual ticket price is \$275. Limited tickets available. Contact Cheryl Van Camp at [cvancamp@ipsf.net](mailto:cvancamp@ipsf.net).



**Classrooms Accepting Donations of Boxes of Tissues and Disinfectant Wipes** Parents may donate these items throughout the school year to help us combat the spread of germs and flu virus. Remember, please keep children with fever home 24 hours "fever free" before returning to school. Please do not send ill children to school "medicated".

**Students to Enjoy Schoolwide Assembly "It's Okay to be Different" on Friday, Sept. 30.**

Ask your child to share about this amazing juggler with a beautiful story about great character and kindness. Thank you PTA for providing the funds to put on this assembly!

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19!** Order forms will be sent home.

The Bee Informed Newsletter is emailed every other Thursday to keep you informed.  
To submit information, please email [jjhilliard7@aol.com](mailto:jjhilliard7@aol.com) no later than Monday evening.

