



# The Monthly Plunge

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### A Note from the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. I would like to thank our excellent staff, supportive and involved parents, and our wonderful students for contributing to a tremendous school year! It is a pleasure to serve as principal for such a fine school in this incredible community.

It is with mixed emotions that we bid farewell to three very special staff members. Mrs. April Wolsey, Mrs. Carolyn Kolberg, and Mrs. Jenny Moreland are retiring after serving this community and thousands of children over a great many years. Although their roles and responsibilities at College Park have been different, one a teacher, one a speech pathologist, and the third as the administrative assistant to the principal, they share a common thread. Each one of them has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to helping children and a passion to see them succeed. For that reason, each of them will leave a lasting legacy at our school. They will be sorely missed and are irreplaceable. Please take time to stop by and see them before school ends to thank them for using their talents and gifts to enrich the lives of the students and people of this community.

As a reminder, if your child(ren) will not be returning to College Park in September and you have not already done so, please inform Kelly in our school office (936-5550). In addition, if you have not completed the Residency Verification and provided all of the documentation required by June 19, 2009, please be advised that your child will not be enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year. Our office will be closed for the summer at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19th.

To our graduating sixth graders, I wish you the best. I know you will make us proud as you continue on in Jr. High. I will be checking on your progress periodically throughout the next six years. To our returning students, have a fun and relaxing summer vacation. I will see you when school resumes on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Have a great summer!

Cordially,  
Alan Battenfield  
Principal

### Next School Year Information

School will resume on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Our office will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. Class lists for grades 1 – 6 will be posted in front of the office beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten class lists will be posted at 8:00 a.m. that morning just before the Kindergarten Meet & Greet.

Please continue to check our webpage throughout the summer for additional updated information and specific details of events and programs. At this time, our school's bell schedule is expected to remain the same as this year's schedule.

### 2009-2010 Refelctions Art Contest

For those of you who have children anxious to begin creating a new Reflections program art piece to submit, the theme for next year is "Beauty is .....". Let's shoot for 100% participation in this prestigious contest. Please check the Irvine Unified PTA Council webpage at [www.iucpta.org](http://www.iucpta.org) for more information.

### Lost & Found

Please don't forget to stop by the Lost & Found racks before school breaks for the summer. All items not claimed by Friday, June 19th will be donated to a local charity.

### World's Fair

Our annual World's Fair will be held on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. This event is the highlight of our school year. It involves our entire school population and requires the assistance of many volunteers. Parents are needed to operate game booths, organize food booths, donate food, solicit or donate items for the silent auction, set up and take down, sell tickets, and

a multitude of other things. Hopefully, you have already committed to providing supplies, support, or have volunteered to assist in some way. If you have any questions or would like to find out how you can help, please contact Kathleen Sarangay, our PTA President.

### Irvine Junior Games

Congratulations to every fourth through sixth grade student who participated in this year's Irvine Junior Games. You competed with pride and excellence. Most of all, you represented College Park with the highest character and effort. Our students earned eleven medals at this year's events. That is the most medals ever won in College Park's history. Please give a round of applause to our medal winners.

#### Gold

Chloe Dossett*	Bag Shot
David Nacario	Long Jump
Evelyn Hall	Basketball
Ryan Lee	50 Meter



#### Silver

Jayda Adams	Long Jump
Hai Trang	100 Meter
Ayla Lauhere	5th Grade
Hai Trang Nguyen	Girls Relay
Samantha Stevens	
Miranda Burgett	

#### Bronze

Jayda Adams	100 Meter
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Samantha Stevens  
Maddie Tingirides  
Katriel Klein

Soccer Kick  
400 Meter  
400 Meter

\*Chloe Dossett set an Irvine Junior Games' record in the Bag Shot.



### Math Field Day Competition

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, three College Park teams participated in the annual South County Math Field Day Competition at Capistrano Valley High School. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade team members were Jenny Kim, Preston Shepherd, Claire Tsau, Ryan Yoshimoto, and Koki Takabatake as alternate. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade team members were Emerson Chow, Janis Jin, Daniel Park, Katie Sundstrom, and Kyoya Ishii as alternate. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade team members were Niko Holness, Brian Landry, Dana Lansigan, Grant Tingirides, and Angie Nguyen as alternate. The teams were coached by Carrie Holness and sponsored by Mrs. Mashburn, Mrs. Hunt, and Mr. Thompson.



Our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams trained for two months to compete in 5 different categories against 30 other schools and 74 individual teams. The five categories include:

- Mathematical Reasoning which consists of 25 word problems.
- Measurement and Geometry where each team was asked to build an object using materials provided, sketching their construction prior to building.
- Algebra and Functions in which each team answers 9-10 algebra word problems or logic puzzles.
- Statistics and Data Analysis where each team answered six questions relating to statistics and probability, then conduct an experiment, predict results, gather data, and analyze the experiment based on their outcome.
- Number Sense in which each team is shown 40 different mental math questions, and are given 5 seconds to write their answer without any work allowed. All answers had to be done mentally.

Our teams' hard work paid off as each team came away with a medal. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams took first place in Number Sense, and our 6<sup>th</sup> grade team took 4<sup>th</sup> in Measurement and Geometry. Congratulations to our Math teams!

### Stock Market Game

Since 1977, the Stock Market Game program has served over eleven million students by transporting them into the real world of investing while learning academic concepts that relate to their entire core curriculum.

Mr. Thompson's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in the game this past spring. Students in his class worked in teams practicing leadership, organization, negotiation, and cooperation. Each team of students was given the chance to invest a hypothetical \$100,000 in an on-line portfolio with the purpose of growing their \$100,000 virtual cash accounts into a top-performing portfolio. In building a portfolio, students researched and evaluated stocks, and made

decisions based on what they learned. Teams traded common stocks and mutual funds from the NYSE, Nasdaq and AMEX exchanges; earned interest on cash balances; paid interest if buying on margin and paid a commission on all trades. Our students competed against their classmates as well as other schools across the Los Angeles area.



I am pleased to report that even though the stock market has seen some tremendous losses during the competition, two teams from Mr. Thompson's class earned monies that placed them in the top ten of the Los Angeles region. The team of Oscar Nomura, Ruslan Patterson, and Mason Pilkington placed tenth earning \$11, 510 through their investments and the team of Eden Austin, Jocelyn Tran and Laura Medina placed third. The third place team and Mr. Thompson were honored for their success at an awards ceremony held on May 21, 2009 at the Bank of America building in downtown Los Angeles.

**Reminders:**

- **Please remember that Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> are minimum days. Students must be picked up from school by 1:30 P.M. on those days.**
- **Report Cards will be sent home and viewable on-line the last day of school.**

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	
June 5	World's Fair
June 8	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Recognition Assemblies
June 8	Instrumental Music Concerts
June 9	K Student Recognition Assembly- Spencer
June 10	K Student Recognition Assemblies- Schmidt, Kumjian, Allan
June 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Student Recognition Assembly
June 11	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Student Recognition Assemblies
June 11	Chorus Concerts
June 12	PTA Meeting
June 15	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pool Party
June 15	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Wild Rivers Trip
June 16	Minimum Day
June 16	Kindergarten Promotion Assemblies
June 16	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty Softball Game
June 17	Dads & Doughnuts
June 17	Minimum Day
June 18	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Assembly
June 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Day & Picnic
June 18	Kindergarten Picnic
June 18	Last Day of School & Minimum Day
June 19	School Office Closes for Summer at 3:30 PM

**Have a Fantastic Summer!!! See you in September.**