



# Principally Speaking



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*The Greentree Staff and PTA wishes you and your family a happy holiday season.*

## Report Cards

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec 16— PAJAMA DAY**
- Dec 16— 1st Grade Holiday Performance at 8:30am**
- Dec 16— Modified Day Schedule**
  - All Kindergarten students on Early Bird Schedule
  - Grades 1-2-3 dismissed at 1:00
  - Grades 4-5-6 dismissed at 12:58
- Dec 19-Jan 2—NO SCHOOL—Winter Recess**
- Jan 3—School resumes**
- Jan 16—NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

## PTA President's Message

### Happy Holidays!



'Tis the season to enjoy family and friends! With the holidays approaching and everyone so busy, I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to volunteer and support the PTA this year. Your involvement and support is greatly appreciated.

**Membership Drive:** This year's winning classrooms for PTA membership were for primary (K-3) grades, Patti Kimpler's 2nd grade classroom, and for upper (4-6) grades, Mr. Abshier's 4th grade classroom. Each teacher won a \$50 Target gift card from PTA to purchase classroom supplies.

**Congratulations to our Reflections finalists:** Maxine Xu, Andy Ricci, and Ethan Chu!

Our next PTA meeting will be January 10, 2012.

We wish you and your family safe and happy holidays.

*Kristen E. Apgar*  
PTA President



*Greentree's  
Teacher of the Year 2011-2012  
Yvonne Vedell*

We are proud and excited to announce that Yvonne Vedell, this year's 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> combo classroom teacher, has been selected as Greentree's 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year!

Prior to joining the Greentree staff in 1989, Yvonne attended UCI and completed her internship in IUSD at El Camino Real teaching 1<sup>st</sup> grade under the guidance of principal/motivational speaker, Gene Bedley.

Yvonne has been a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and twice a 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> combo teacher at Greentree. Through the years, she has served as values committee leader, PTA liaison, SST Coordinator, member of the leadership team, science site rep, member of the social committee, Constitution Day organizer, Primary Language Arts rep, as well as a master teacher for interns and student teachers. On a district level, Yvonne served as a district trainer/facilitator for the Scholastic Language Arts series, and she has been a member of several text book adoption committees.

In her free time, Yvonne enjoys spending time with her husband and their three sons. She loves to snorkel in Hawaii, plays tennis, plays WWF, and attends her boys' baseball and hockey games. Yvonne likes going to dinner with friends and when time allows enjoys watching some of her favorite reality TV shows.

*Mrs. Vedell will also be honored at the Annual Teacher of the Year Banquet in May!*