



Helping Hands for Japan Fundraiser Success!

Thank you everyone . . . members of Greentree community, staff and students who contributed their hard-earned dollars to help the Japanese people after their devastating earthquake.

Also, a big thank you to 6th grade teacher, Jean Blazer and her student council members for facilitating this donation effort. A total of \$807.10 was sent to the 2011 Japan Relief Fund on behalf of Greentree Elementary School.

Furlough Day Changes

Thursday, May 26th
will be a regular school day



Friday, May 27th
will be a MODIFIED Day Schedule

Due to a reinstatement of two furlough days, school will be in session on Friday, **May 27th** although it will be a **Modified Day Schedule**.

All Kinders will be on Early Bird Schedule (8:00—11:20) on this day, *May 27th*
Grades 1-2-3 dismissed at 1:00pm
Grades 4-5-6 dismissed at 12:58pm

School Absence Line 949-936-5801

Call when your child is not in school, every day of absence.

Please record the following information:
Your child's name, teacher's name, date of absence, reason for absence..

PTA NEWS

On behalf of the Greentree PTA, I would like to thank all the parents for their tremendous support of the PTA throughout this school year. We have had a very successful year and look forward to a wonderful 2011-2012.

The last PTA sponsored event of the school year...



Greentree Carnival
June 3rd
3pm – 7pm

Come out and have some fun at the Greentree Carnival and help celebrate the end of the school year.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Fisher
PTA President

Thank You, Marilyn!

Marilyn Fisher has been our PTA President for the past two years and has done an amazing job! She will be missed as she steps down this year to hand the baton over to the next PTA president for 2011-2012.

In addition to her duties as PTA President, Marilyn was recently chosen as Parent Volunteer of the Year! Her competitive spirit and ability to motivate staff, parents and students has provided our school with many opportunities due to increased fundraising this year.

Thank you, Marilyn for helping "Greentree Grow Great Students!"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 20th Alice in Wonderland Play Production 7:00 PM

May 20-26th—Scholastic Book Fair

May 25th —OPEN HOUSE 6:15 to 7:30 PM

May 27th—Modified Day Schedule (All Kinders on Early Bird Schedule)

May 30th — No School * Memorial Holiday

June 1st Spring Music Concert. Greentree students at Stonegate Elementary. See details on the school website or on flyers that have already gone home.

June 3rd—School Carnival, 3-7pm

June 14th—6th Grade Promotion, 8:30 AM

June 15th—Last Day of School (All Kindergarten students on Early Bird Schedule, with Wednesday Minimum Day as usual for all other students)

SUMMARY OF 6TH GRADE END OF YEAR EVENTS

June 10th—6th grade students vs. teachers softball game starting at 10:30 am.

June 13th—Wild Rivers Water Park, Irvine

June 14th—8:30 AM—Promotion Ceremony

June 15th—6th Grade BBQ @ Heritage Park and Special Event in Little Theatre



We're on the web..
Visit Greentree's Website at
www.iusd.org/gr



MAY-JUNE 2011

24th Annual IRVINE JR. GAMES

May 21 - Pre-Event Check-In
May 22 - Event Day

Irvine Stadium

(located behind Irvine High School)

SATURDAY, May 21st 10 am - 3 pm

Athlete Check In, Ticket Sales, and Expo

* T-shirts will be distributed and **MUST** be worn to compete.

* Athletes **NOT REGISTERED** through their school may not compete.

SUNDAY, May 22nd 9 am

Check in begins

* Those who checked in on Saturday do not have to check in again & can avoid long lines.

Spectator Tickets

Available Saturday and Sunday

Adults \$8 Children \$2

Food and Drinks

Will be on sale the entire day.

Opening Ceremony

All athletes are expected to participate and should be lined up on the track behind their school banner by 9:30 A.M.

Opening ceremonies will begin promptly at 9:45 A.M.

Shoe Rules

* Rubber track or soccer shoes are acceptable.

* Metal cleats or spikes are not allowed.

* Shoes that accept metal spikes or cleats are acceptable so long as the metal elements have been removed.

Soccer-style shoes are not required for the "soccer kick" field event but are permitted.

There is an athlete only seating area for each school. Parents are not permitted there.

For more information go to Greentree website at www.iusd.org/gr - Home Page.

ACLU

In September 2010, the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the state of California over fees, charges and deposits imposed on public school students. Both sides later reached a tentative agreement.

Though legislation pertaining to complaint guidelines and audit procedures is now working its way through Sacramento, the state Constitution affirms that students and parents cannot be required to pay money to gain access to educational activities, nor can they be charged for materials and supplies necessary to participate in educational activities. "Educational activities" has been clearly defined to include extracurricular offerings such as music, sports and some clubs. Moreover, the rules described above apply to all affiliated groups supporting district and school programs, including PTAs, boosters and foundations. Fundraising and requests for donations are still acceptable practices as long as these practices are truly voluntary and are in no way a prerequisite to participate.

There are some exceptions in the form of "permissible fees and charges" under this law which schools can charge fees. Some of these include, but are not limited to:

- Paying the replacement cost for District books or supplies loaned to a student that the student fails to return or that is willfully cut, defaced or otherwise injured, up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
- Fees for field trips and excursions in connection with

courses of instruction or school related social, educational, cultural, athletic, or school band activities, as long as no student is prevented from making the field trip or excursion because of lack of sufficient funds.

- Fees for school camp programs, so long as no student is denied the opportunity to participate because of nonpayment of the fee.

As always, if you should have any questions about this or any other school related information, please do not hesitate to contact our school office for more information.

REPORT CARDS

Report Cards will be available on-line at 4:00 pm, June 15th

Go to the Greentree website and on the Home Page under District Links (left side of screen) click on Parent Portal.

For instructions, click on "A Parent's Guide on How to Download an Elementary Report Card."



*Wishing you
a fun and exciting summer!*

School Office Re-Opens, August 31st

**1st Day Back To School is
Thursday, September 8th**



IRVINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Irvine schools make our city one of the most desirable communities in the nation. From increasing property values to attracting corporations, all members of our community benefit from the excellence and reputation of our public schools. Unfortunately, the State of California is unable to fund the level of excellence our students deserve, and have slashed Irvine's school budget by more than \$30 million over the last three years. This means dramatic changes to the education our students receive, including a shortened school year, reduced staff levels and increased class sizes.

Our City Steps Up

Despite these changes, Irvine continues to be ranked one of the top districts in the state because our community cares and steps up to help when it's needed. Last November, Irvine voters overwhelmingly carried Measure R - The School Support Initiative. This ensures that the City of Irvine will match community donations raised by the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF) up to \$1 million per year for the next 3 years. Those donations are made by you, as well as the organizations that thrive in our city..

Help Us Make The Match

Together with the Irvine Unified Council PTA, IPSF is asking **every family and business** in Irvine to make an investment in education. We suggest a tax-deductible contribution of **\$365.00 per student, just \$1 a day**. The City of Irvine will match your donation, dollar for dollar.

These funds will make an immediate and lasting impact where it matters most – in the classroom. Your matched contribution will support critical programs district wide in the 2011-12 school year and support key items that a school's individual PTA is unable to fund. Please see attached flyer for a list of critical items that sustain Irvine's reputation for quality education, funded by IPSF. Become an IPSF 365 Partner today and give just \$1 a day to preserve the quality of our schools and the benefits they bring to our community.

Visit www.ipsf.net for details including added benefits of becoming an IPSF 365 Partner. Together we can ensure that Irvine sustains the quality of education that makes our city such a desirable place for all of us - whether we have school-aged children or not. Thank you for your support.

Sundays at the Park with IPSF

Join IPSF at the Great Park Farmers Market on Sundays in May for food and fun. The food trucks will be offering a \$10.00 IPSF special that includes a drink. Each Sunday there will be new trucks and new specials. **In addition, the trucks will donate 20% of all IPSF specials purchased to IPSF to support the Irvine students.**

There is a lot to do at the Great Park Farmers Market. You can visit the Farm & Food Lab. You can ride the carousel or ride the Great Park Balloon, for Free. There is also live music and storytelling by a few IUSD Principals and Irvine Police Officers from noon to 1:00pm.

Learn from local farmers and growers about the seasonal fruits and vegetables and even some easy recipes. Learn the art of growing and how to grow certain fruits and vegetables.

The Great Park Farmers Market is open Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit Orange County Great Park website at www.ocgp.org for more information about the Farmers Market.

Upcoming Events

Sunday's at the Park with IPSF—every Sunday in May, 2011

May 30-June 15 (in store) and June 15-22 (online) - IPSF I-Read Event

June 2—IPSF & Irvine PTA Council's Volunteer of the Year Luncheon

June 16—Bacchus Event, 5:30-9:00pm

**IPSF SUPPORTS
K-6 MUSIC ~ 2011-2012**

IPSF is committed to the elementary music program in Irvine's schools.

Your donations will help pay for K-3 certificated music specialists to introduce the basic elements of music to a young mind and pay for music instructional assistants in grades 4-6.

Help us help every child receive the richest music instruction by donating today.

Barnes and Noble iREAD Event

Shop, Read & Support Irvine Unified Schools during the IPSF **iREAD Event.**

Date: May 30 – June 15, 2011

Location: All three Irvine Locations; Spectrum, Marketplace & Woodbridge