

# Irvine Home School News



"For schoolchildren, field trips are a preview of life's yellow brick road."

~ LA Times

A while back the *LA Times* ran an article on the importance of field trips in the education of children. As I read the article I found myself saying, "We do that...we do that, too." I always jest that I keep coming back to Irvine Home School each year for the field trips. But, honestly, our field trips are definitely one of the "value added" qualities of our school. When a child is home schooled, the real world doesn't have to be simulated. Children find real life applications of their learning right in their own backyards, or, as is the case for many of our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students, much farther beyond their

own backyards.

This month our 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and many of their family members will be participating in the Catalina Island Exploration aboard the tallship American Pride. We'll participate in learning activities that will "build character and minds." We'll be learning such things as basic navigational skills, how to man the helm, and handle the sails. Students will participate in marine science labs and experience marine life "up close and personal" by snorkeling and kayaking. At the same time, all of us will learn how critical teamwork is.

The writer of the *Times* article points out that school field trips "seeded my desire to see the world." It's no wonder that people who love to learn love to travel.

So wish us a bon voyage. We're off to see the world.

~ Peggy

## Upcoming April Events

Tallship Trip— <i>Rescheduled</i>	April 7-9	2-3 Speech Fest	April 22
K-3 Science Olympiad	April 8	No 7-8 Workshop	April 22
No 7-8 Workshop	April 8	AP8 Sample Due	April 24
No 4-6 Workshop	April 9	CST Testing	April 27-May 6
Spring Break - No School	April 13-17		



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## California Standards Tests (CST)

Grade 4 and 7 CST Writing Test

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday, March 3 (N-20)	9:00-10:30	CST Writing Test

Grade 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Monday, April 27 (N-19)	9:00-10:00 10:15-11:15	CST Language Arts (1) CST Language Arts (2)
Tuesday, April 28 (N-19)	9:00-10:00 10:15-11:15	CST Language Arts (3) Math (1)
Tuesday, May 5 (N-19)	9:00-10:00 10:15-11:15	Math (2) Math (3)

Grade 3

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Wednesday, April 29 (N-19)	9:00-10:00 10:15-11:15	CST Language Arts (1) CST Language Arts (2)
Monday, May 4 (N-19)	9:00-10:00 10:15-11:15	CST Language Arts (3) Math (1)
Wednesday, May 6 (N-19)	9:00-10:00 10:15-11:15	Math (2) Math (3)

Grade 4-6

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Thursday, April 30 (N-19)	9:00-10:30 10:45-12:15	CST Language Arts (1) CST Language Arts (2)
Thursday, May 7 (N-19)	9:00-10:30 10:45-12:15	CST Math (1) CST Math (2)

Grade 5 CST Science Test

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday, April 28 (N-20)	9:00-10:15 10:30-11:15	CST Science (1) CST Science (2)

Grade 7-8

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Monday, April 27 (N-20)	9:30-11:00 11:15-12:45	CST Language Arts (1) CST Language Arts (2)
Wednesday, April 29 (N-20)	9:30-11:00 11:15-12:45	CST Math (1) CST Math (2)

Grade 8

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Test</u>
Monday, May 4 (N-20)	9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45	CST History (1) CST History (2)
Wednesday, May 6 (N-20)	9:30-10:30 10:45-11:45	CST Science (1) CST Science (2)

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS**

- **No workshops on testing days.**
- Students should arrive 5 minutes before each of their test sessions so that they will feel calm and ready when it is time to begin. The tests will be administered according to the above schedule. **DO NOT BE LATE!**
- Students should bring a snack to eat during their break between tests.
- Students should bring a book or magazine to read in the event that they finish a test before the end of the test session. No toys, games, or doodling will be allowed in the testing room.
- Any missed tests need to be made up. See your teacher for makeup dates and times.

## administrative

### K-8 Summer School Dates

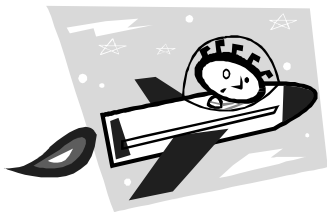
The dates for this year's IUSD Summer Enrichment Program are from June 29th to July 24th.  
For more information please visit <http://www.irvinesummerprograms.org/>

### Scholastic Book Club

Check out all the great stuff in the Scholastic catalogs. There's a lot to choose from! April book orders are due Friday, April 24 (AP8). Ordering from Scholastic for your family helps put books on the shelves for our library.



## Curriculum connection



### K-3 Science Olympiad

Wednesday, April 8, 2009

9:30-11:30

Irvine Home School

On the grass field

Science Olympiad is an Olympics of science events. Students will rotate to several stations to complete hands-on/minds-on science related tasks. They will work in small groups or pairs as they explore the properties of bubbles, learn all about coins, and observe different cells using microscopes. These and many more events will be run by our parent and 4th-6th grade student volunteers. Students will keep track of the events they've completed and earn prizes along the way. This is always one of the students favorite days. Thanks to all the volunteers who help make it happen.

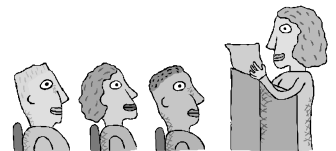
**We still need volunteers.**

Contact Leslie if you are interested: [lchartie@iusd.org](mailto:lchartie@iusd.org) or 936-7478

### Speech Fest 2009

Grades 2-3: Wednesday, April 22, 12:00-1:00 PM

Our annual Speech Fest has become a great tradition! Parents, you play a very important role as our audience. Please come and support the students who have worked really hard to prepare for this event. Refreshments will be served.



## Summer opportunity

# Science Summer School Nature Camp at the Environmental Nature Center



Nature Camp provides quality science education in an outdoor, hands-on setting. Students are introduced to environmental/nature science concepts in a variety of creative ways. The curriculum is carefully integrated with hands-on activities to enhance and reinforce the learning experience.

The program is for students who are entering Kindergarten through 6th grade (must be 5 years old by 6/1/09).

Session 1	June 29-July 9
Session 2	July 13-July 23
Session 3	July 27-August 6
Session 4	August 10-August 20

For more information or to sign up for Nature Camp, call 949-645-8489 or visit the ENC's website at [www.encenter.org](http://www.encenter.org)

## Student travel



*4-8 Grade Students*

### Tallship American Pride

We have rescheduled our trip due to inclement weather. We set sail on June 3-5.

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# calendar

## Schedule for Workshop Days

Attendance Period 8 (AP8) samples are due on or before April 24.

Junior High (7-8)	
<u>Monday</u>	
10:00-11:30	Language Arts
11:30-12:00	Lunch
12:00-1:15	Math Lab/Learning Lab
1:15-1:30	Break
1:30-3:00	Science Lab/Spanish (alternate weeks)
<u>Wednesday</u>	
11:45-1:15	Social Studies
1:15-1:30	Break
1:30-3:00	Spanish

Grades K-1	
<u>Tuesday</u>	
9:30-10:45	K-1 Club/Writing
11:00-12:00	Science
12:00-12:20	Lunch
12:20-1:00	Art/P.E.
<u>Thursday</u>	
8:30-10:00	Science
10:15-11:30	Writing
11:30-12:10	P.E.
12:10-12:30	Lunch
12:30-1:30	Art

Grades 2-3	
<u>Wednesday</u>	
9:00-10:15	Writing
10:40-11:55	Science
11:55-12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 1:00	Art/P.E.



# April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2-3 Workshop 7-8 Workshop	2 4-6 Workshop	3	4
5	6 7-8 Workshop	7 K-1 Workshop	8 2-3 Workshop & Science Olympiad	9	10	11
12	13 Spring Break	14 , , ,	15 , , ,	16 , , ,	17 , , ,	18
19	20 7-8 Workshop	21 K-1 Workshop	22 2-3 Workshop & Speech Fest	23 4-6 Workshop	24 AP8 Samples due	25
26	27 CST Testing	28 , , ,	29 , , ,	30 , , ,		

**See Testing Schedule on Page 2**