

PLAZA VISTA UPDATE

November 18th, 2009



Upcoming Dates

- Friday, 11/20 – Brock Edwards’ Illusion Show @ 7:00 p.m.
 - \$7.00 pre-sale ticket order due by Wed. 11/18/09
 - \$9.00 tickets at the event
 - Bring your chair! This event is outside, so dress warm!
 - Drinks & treats will be sold!
- Thursday/Friday, 11/26 & 27 – Thanksgiving Holiday (No school)
- 12/5-12/11 – Asia Noodle Café will donate 30% of sales to the Strale Family
- Friday, 12/18 – Last day of school before winter break

Halloween Candy Donations

Plaza Vista is collecting your Halloween candy to send on to the Ebell Society for Christmas stocking stuffer for orphanages. You may turn in your candy to the office by November 25th.

Reflection Winners

Thank you to all the students who participated in the PTA Reflections program this year ~ they did an outstanding job and we were so impressed with all of their masterpieces! Another huge thank you to our parent volunteers, Cindy Danielian and Kris Oppenlander, for organizing and running the Reflections program.

Here are the school-wide winners:

Dance Choreography

- Intermediate (3rd-5th) 1st place Allison Oppenlander

Musical Composition

- Primary (K-2) 1st place Luke Easter
- Intermediate (3rd-5th) 1st place Jeremy Rim, 2nd place Earnest Wang

Literature

- Intermediate (3rd-5th) 1st place Kaylea Danielian, 2nd place Gregor Shepherd, 3rd place Cassandra Man
- Middle School-1st Place Irene Liu, 2nd Place Duncan Shepherd, 3rd place Ryan Kamkar

Visual Arts

- Primary (k-2) 1st place Kelly Huai, 2nd place Yucheng Che, 3rd place Katelyn Yee
- Intermediate (3rd-5th) 1st Place Earnest Wang, 2nd place Sarah Yee 3rd place Paul Rho
- Middle School 1st place Esther Chang, 2nd place Esther Yuen, 3rd place Danielle Cloutier

Photography

- Primary(K-2) 1st place Kenny Tao, 2nd place AvaPompay
- Intermediate(3-5)1st place MarianLu, 2nd place Rithik Goel, 3rd place RohanGorajia
- Middle School1st place Saya Coronado,2nd place Brina Jablonski

The Irvine PTA Council winners (who will go on to compete at the 4th District county level) are...

- Luke Easter- 1st grade - musical composition
- Jeremy Rim-3rd grade- musical composition
- Saya Coronado-8th grade-photography

Cold & Flu Season

As flu season has arrived, we are concerned about maintaining a healthy atmosphere in our classrooms to keep the children safe and healthy.

Here are a few things that you can do to help us during flu season.

- Keep sick children at home. Individuals with influenza like illnesses (high fever, body aches, coughing, sore throat, respiratory congestion and in some cases diarrhea and vomiting) should remain home for at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degree F or higher) without the use of fever-reducing medications. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.
- If your child experiences influenza like symptoms, please contact your health care provider.
- Discourage students from sharing food during recess and lunch.
- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water when possible, and cover their noses and mouths with a tissue when coughing or sneezing (or a shirt sleeve or elbow if no tissue is available).
- Good nutrition and proper hydration is utmost important.
- Please donate hand wipes and Clorox wipes for your child's classroom (if you are able), we have gone thru the supply from beginning of the school year already.
- For more information about flu and H1N1 and other health office guide lines please go to IUSD web site IUSD.org and click on health services and you will find information on various health issues.

We hope that the proactive steps we are taking at IUSD (such as installing hand sanitizer in all classrooms and throughout the school, encouraging kids to wash their hand or use hand wipes...), and parents/guardians following through with IUSD-Health services guidelines and recommendations and donations from the community (hand wipes) will help to minimize the spreading of infectious diseases in our school environment.

Speak Up Survey

We are in the process of promoting the importance of our school community participating in Speak UP, an online national research project facilitated by Project Tomorrow. Project Tomorrow annually polls students, educators, and parents to determine:

1. Students' use of technology in and out of school to learn
2. Educators' use of technology for instruction and their vision of 21st century classrooms
3. Trends in emerging technologies
4. Enhancing achievement in science, math, technology and 21st century skills.

Since 2004, Project Tomorrow has collected survey data from over 1.5 million students, educators and parents, and has compiled the largest collection of unfiltered stakeholder data regarding instructional technology in the country. We are encouraging participation from all of our constituencies, because as a participant, we will receive free access to the aggregated results with national comparisons. We are hopeful that we can use this data to guide our continuous improvement efforts and strategic planning for the future. The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and will be accessible through **Friday, December 18th**. To access the survey, your students, parents, teachers and administrators will need to utilize the following password: survey2010. The link to the survey is www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2009 . We would appreciate your participation so the data that we obtain is statistically significant. Thank you, in advance, for your time.

From Casey's Angels

Thank you to all who participated in Casey's birthday skate party on Saturday November 14th, at the 949 Roller Hockey Center. It was a successful turnout and fun evening for everyone. Due to your well wishes and generosity, we were able to raise **\$635.00** for the Strale family!! A special thank you goes to the **949 Roller Hockey Center**, who generously donated their staff, time, and facilities for this special celebration. The Strale family will donate half of the proceeds to CHOC Hospital's Oncology Department. Again, thank you for helping us celebrate Casey's 13th milestone birthday.

Bicycle Safety

Please review bicycle safety rules with your child before allowing them to ride to and from school. Please note that parents assume full responsibility and liability for the conduct of their child rider and his/her bicycle.

1. Only students in grades 3-8 may ride bikes to school.
2. Bikes are to be walked on school grounds and in the crosswalk.
3. Only one child at a time is allowed on a bike.
4. Bikes should be in safe working condition.
5. Bikes are to be parked in the bike rack and locked.
6. Bike locks should not be shared by students.
7. Students may not loiter in or around the bike racks.
8. Per IUSD policy and city code, all bike riders must wear a properly fastened safety helmet.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in the loss of bicycle riding privileges. Although we take precautions, we cannot assume responsibility or liability for bikes that are lost, stolen, or damaged. We strongly suggest you license your bike through the Irvine Police Department (as is required by City Code Sec. 47401). Find out more at

http://www.cityofirvine.org/pdfs/pw/bikeways_info.pdf

Mobile Recreation Program

All 4th – 8th grade students are welcome to participate in the Mobile Recreation Program. Free games and activities will be provided to youth ages 10 and up. This service is offered through the City of Irvine and will be here at Plaza Vista every Monday from 3-5 p.m. on the playground. We'd love to see as many students as possible come join the MRP to focus on personal development, leadership skills, positive relationships, social and recreational

activities, teamwork and fun! For more information, call 949-724-6789 or visit www.cityofirvine.org/dept/cs.

Budget Update

Unfortunately, California's financial outlook remains grim. A recent report published by the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office indicates an overall state budget deficit of \$7.5 billion in 2010-11, with shortfalls of more than \$15 billion in each of the following two years. The bottom line is that more cuts are coming to public education, and while we don't yet have exact numbers, our district will continue to be impacted. IUSD's First Interim Report will be presented to the Board of Education at its next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 17. This assessment, released twice annually, represents a critical milestone for IUSD as it indicates the district's ability to meet all financial obligations for the current year and two subsequent years. Based on this information, the Board will begin looking at staff recommendations and setting a budgetary course for the district as early as December. To read more in the latest edition of Budget Notebook, [click here](#).

Census 2010

Did you know that in the year 2000 the US population was 33,871,648? Did you also know that there were 560,166 children who were 9 years old that year and that 287,282 of them were boys and 272,884 were girls? How do we know this kind of information? We know this from the U.S. Census. The U.S. Census Bureau takes a census, or a count, of the population every 10 years. Census data are used to determine things such as Title I programs, Special Education, college grant and loan programs, public transportation, road and community improvements as well affects our voice in Congress and the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts. The census will once again be conducted in 2010 which is quickly approaching! Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. The 2010 Census questionnaire asks only a few simple questions of each person—name, relationship, gender, age and date of birth, race, and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home. This simple, short questionnaire takes just a few minutes to complete and needs to be returned by mail. Be on the look-out for your questionnaire ~ it's easy, it's important and it's confidential. Make sure you are counted in 2010!