



## Upcoming Events

<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Daylight Savings Begins – Set clocks one hour ahead at midnight on Saturday</b>
<b>Mar 16</b>	<b>Wear Green Day – Sponsored by the Student Council</b>
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Jogathon, 8:30 – 12:00 (Grades K-3 from 9:00-9:40; Grades 4-6 from 10:20-11:10)</b>
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>Pizza Day</b>
<b>Mar 17</b>	<b>K-2 Music Open House, MPR, During Regular Music Schedule</b>
<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>PTA Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, MPR. Officer D’Alena will address student safety on the web.</b>
<b>Mar 22 – 26</b>	<b>Families Forward Food Drive (see attached grocery list)</b>
<b>Mar 23</b>	<b>School Site Council, 2:45 – 3:45, Conference Room</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>Report Cards go home</b>
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>Assembly, 8:00 am, Quad Area, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Hosts</b>
<b>Mar 29</b>	<b>Parent Conferences, Grades 4-6 only, Minimum Day, dismissal 1:20</b>
<b>Mar 30 – Apr 2</b>	<b>Parent Conferences, Minimum Day, Grades 1-6 dismissal 1:20</b>
<b>Mar 31</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music Open House, MPR During Regular Music Schedule</b>
<b>Apr 5 - 9</b>	<b>Spring Break – No School</b>
<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>Mother-Daughter Tea, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, MPR (if you can help, please contact Carla Cashman at <a href="mailto:carlacash@cox.net">carlacash@cox.net</a>)</b>
<b>Apr 16</b>	<b>Astronomy Night, 7:30 – 9:00 pm</b>
<b>Apr 23</b>	<b>Teacher of the Year Banquet – Minimum Day, dismissal 1:20</b>
<b>May 24</b>	<b>Guy Stuff, 6:00 – 7:45, MPR (if you can help, please contact Carla Cashman at <a href="mailto:carlacash@cox.net">carlacash@cox.net</a>)</b>
<b>June 7 &amp; 8</b>	<b>IUSD Furlough Days – No School</b>
<b>June 14 &amp; 15</b>	<b>IUSD Furlough Days – No School</b>

### Jogathon Gearing Up!

Are you running yet? Out there getting your pledges? Our goal is for each student to get \$100 in pledges or more in order to further support Art Masters, the Health Clerk, the Library, teacher classroom accounts, Fall Festival, school site improvements and more. Our hope is to have NO EMPTY JOGATHON ENVELOPES!

We are excited to host some great sport clinics. Please have your children wear sports shoes for the next few days so that they can enjoy the lunchtime athletic clinics and the Jogathon.

Fri, March 12: Irvine Chargers Football League

Mon, March 15: Triad Yoga

Tues, March 16: FC Blades Soccer

Wed, March 17: JOGATHON!

Bring your own WATER BOTTLE. Grades K-3 run from 9:00-9:40. Grades 4-6 are from 10:20-11:10.

### Jogathon Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up for the Wednesday, March 17 Jogathon. Please contact Jodi Field at [jfield@cox.net](mailto:jfield@cox.net). Thanks!

### SHOP at Turtle Rock PTA Web Site!

#### [turtlerockpta.org](http://turtlerockpta.org)

Please remember that you can do lots of great shopping through the Turtle Rock PTA Web site! It includes vendors such as Amazon, Sally Foster, Buycostumes.com, and others. Each sale through the PTA site generates commission for

#### **Bakers Delight: Students Raise Money for IPSF**

Two former Turtle Rock students, now attending University High, recently organized a bake sale in the University Hills neighborhood to raise money for IPSF. Freshmen Emma Bardwell and Coryna Ogunsetian spent a day with friends baking cakes, cupcakes and cookies, all from ingredients donated by parents. Assisted by a neighborhood marketing campaign by Turtle Rock students Jenny Bardwell, Silke Hoffman, Yamini Nambimadom, Sofya Ogunseitani and Mia Winther-Tamaki, the students raised an amazing \$2,408 during their bake sale. (Yes, you are reading that number correctly.) Our hearty thanks for the initiative, concern, and generosity demonstrated by these students!

### **Shop, Read and Support!**

#### **Barnes & Noble Bookfair, Thru March 21**

The Irvine Public Schools Foundation is sponsoring a Barnes & Noble Bookfair. Mention IPSF at the register at any of the three Barnes & Noble locations (Spectrum, Market Place and Woodbridge) thru March 21 and IPSF will receive up to 20% of your total purchase. If you can't make it to one of the stores, go to [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) from March 14 to 26. Enter the Bookfair ID 10162055 at checkout.

Tell your family and friends! See the attached flyer for more information. The last event, "Dine Out, Help Out," raised \$7,000 for IPSF!

#### **District Science Fair**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the District Science Fair earlier this month!

Division Winners, Blue Ribbon: Bryce Dec, Youssef Galal, Anna Goodrich, Emma Hertz, Kurun Reddy, Silke Hoffmann.

Outstanding Project Awards – Red Ribbons: Ari Iraniha, Ashwin Dharne, Sofya Ogunseitani.

District Finalists: Sharika Hedge, Yiling Kao, Alyssa Liang, Daniel Liao, Stacey Yu, Kenneth Shinozuka.

#### **Lunch Helpers NEEDED on Mondays and Thursdays!**

We still need volunteers for Mondays and Thursdays to help Ms. Luz serve lunch. The time commitment is short, only from 11:30 – 1:00. This is an excellent way to get to know our wonderful students and staff. If you are available, please call LaRae at 949-936-6250 or e-mail [lcunning@iusd.org](mailto:lcunning@iusd.org).

#### **A Message from Mrs. Catabijan Irvine schools need your help!**

In response to the state budget crisis and the \$23.8 million shortfall for the Irvine Unified School District, the non-profit Irvine Public Schools Foundation has launched a five-week campaign to raise money for classroom support in 2010-11. THIS CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MARCH 15.

IPSF has announced that all funds collected until MARCH 15 will be used to lessen the impacts of class-size increases. Unfortunately, there is not much time to act. The funding support must be in place by March 15. IPSF is the only organization with the resources to impact every school in our district. Moreover, IPSF will make sure that 100% of this latest fundraising effort will go directly to support students. You can learn more about IPSF and its campaign at [www.ipsf.net](http://www.ipsf.net).

#### **IUSD Budget Input**

The School Board needs to hear from each member of the community about which program(s) we value most so that public opinion can guide the Board in their prioritization of reductions in the IUSD budget. Please complete the on-line Budget Input Form at

[www.iusd.org/inputform](http://www.iusd.org/inputform). It is also available via the TR PTA Web site: [turtlerockpta.org/](http://turtlerockpta.org/).

#### **Green Tip of the Week: Load up on Laundry by Aurnov Chattopadhyay, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Laundry can be a major water waster in all households. To help the environment, only wash full loads of laundry. This may seem easy, but it can be tricky when you need one specific piece of clothing cleaned. Make the extra effort to create a full load! This will reduce your water bill and save up to 50 gallons of water per load. This will help your budget during the tough economy, and it helps save water during the water shortage in Southern California.

#### **The 2009-2010 Yearbook ROCKS!**

The deadline for ordering yearbooks has come and gone and we have sold out on ad space! WOW & Thank you! It looks like we also have sold a record number of books this year! Still didn't get your book order in? E-mail Terry Freedlander at [tfreedlander@gmail.com](mailto:tfreedlander@gmail.com) and send a check to school for \$11.00 by March 16. We just don't want anyone to miss out.

Class collage volunteers, please turn your page in by March 22 or sooner. Still time to get a few photos of your students in class, at PE or at the Jog-a-thon. If you are not a collage volunteer, but have photos of your student's class, please check with your teacher to see where to send them.

Also, all artwork submitted for the yearbook cover contest is on display in the MPR. Several of these will be included on the cover of the PTA directory coming out soon.

#### **2010-2011 Yearbook Committee Needed**

We're looking for a team to take on the yearbook project for next year. Three of our five committee members have 6th graders and are moving on. Interested, but not ready to take it all on? Perfect opportunity for a small committee to run a fun and appreciated PTA committee. Suggested positions include chairperson, photographers, accounting/receivables and page designers. Questions? Contact Carolyn Boudreau at [boudfam@cox.net](mailto:boudfam@cox.net).

#### **Spring & Summer Breaks at TR CDC**

Looking for a week full of exciting fun? Then Turtle Rock CDC is the place to be this Spring Break! Every day has a different theme filled with mind-boggling, body-moving, and brain-teasing activities! There will not be a minute to spare!

Also, if you sign up for a week of Summer Camp between now and March 30th you will get a voucher for \$50 that can be applied to tuition, field trips, registration fees, etc. TR CDC is handing out 5 vouchers to any existing and/or new families that sign up for Summer 2010 this month, and this month only!

For more information or to register, contact CDC Site Supervisor Sarah Goebel at 949-854-5060 or [Center588@cdicdc.org](mailto:Center588@cdicdc.org).

#### **Unwanted Guests?**

School Nurse Norma Yockel warns to be on the lookout for pesky critters: head lice! Periodically check your child's head, especially if you witness constant scratching or complaints of intense itching. If you discover a live louse (about the size of a sesame seed) or eggs (tiny white ovals glued to the hair shaft near the scalp), please keep your child home and notify the school office immediately. See the attached newsletter for more information on treatment.

#### **Smoothie Fridays Continue Except on Rainy Days**

Juice It Up will continue to sell smoothies every Friday at dismissal. Juice It Up donates 20% of the proceeds back to the school. The proceeds are being used to help defray the cost of Outdoor Ed. The Smoothies are \$4.00 each. If it is raining, there will be no Smoothie sale.

#### **PBS Writers Contest**

KOCE-TV is looking for your original stories. The PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest is open to kids in grades K-3. Each entry must be an original work written and illustrated by the child. Stories can be fact or fiction, prose or poetry, and each grade level will be judged separately. First, second, and third place winners will be chosen from each grade. First-place stories will go on to compete in the national contest. The goal of the contest is to encourage, challenge and reward effort. Therefore, every child who submits an original story will be recognized for their participation with a Certificate of Appreciation. All entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2010 and must include an Official PBS KIDS GO! Entry Form signed by the child's parent or guardian. Visit [www.koce.org](http://www.koce.org) for an entry form and more information.

#### **District NewsFlash Available on TR Web Site**

A link to the District NewsFlash Web site can now be found on the Turtle Rock home page ([www.iusd.org/tr/](http://www.iusd.org/tr/)). The NewsFlash site carries up-to-date information, such as posts about disaster, severe weather warnings, budget matters, and school or student achievements. The TR home page also has a link to IPSF (Irvine Public Schools Foundation), which exists to help with school funding needs.

#### **Office Depot**

Office Depot donates a percentage of all sales back to the school. Whenever you shop at the store, be sure to mention your child attends Turtle Rock and they will credit our account.