



Upcoming Events

Mar 18	PTA Meeting, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, MPR. Officer D’Alena will address student safety on the web. FREE childcare in the CDC!
Mar 22 – 26	Families Forward Food Drive (see attached grocery list)
Mar 23	School Site Council, 2:45 – 3:45, Conference Room
Mar 25	Report Cards go home
Mar 26	Assembly, 8:00 am, Quad Area, 1 st Grade Hosts
Mar 29	Parent Conferences, Grades 4-6 only, Minimum Day, dismissal 1:20
Mar 30 – Apr 2	Parent Conferences, Minimum Day, Grades 1-6 dismissal 1:20
Mar 31	3 rd Grade Music Open House, MPR During Regular Music Schedule
Apr 5 - 9	Spring Break – No School
Apr 14	5 th Grade Mother-Daughter Tea, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, MPR (Contact Carla Cashman and Michele Mussachio at TurtleRock.MotherDaughterTea@gmail.com to help)
Apr 16	Astronomy Night, 7:30 – 9:00 pm
Apr 23	Teacher of the Year Banquet – Minimum Day, dismissal 1:20
May 12 – 21	STAR Testing (NEW DATES)
May 24	5 th Grade Guy Stuff, 6:00 – 7:45 pm, MPR (if you can help, please contact Carla Cashman at carlacash@cox.net)
June 3	Vocal (6:00 PM) & Instrumental (7:30 PM) Concert , Gr 4-6, Concordia
June 7 & 8	IUSD Furlough Days – No School
June 14 & 15	IUSD Furlough Days – No School

General PTA Meeting – TONIGHT!

Thurs., March 18, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Please attend tonight’s General PTA meeting in the MPR. Next year’s PTA slate will be presented. Also, DARE Officer D’Alena will discuss Internet safety. There is FREE childcare at the CDC. The CDC will serve pizza and show a movie. We hope to see you there!

Jogathon - Wrapping Up

Great job, Turtle Rockers! The kids did a tremendous job running their hearts out yesterday. Parents, thanks so much for helping with the setting up and counting laps. It was a great day!

Envelopes should be returned to your child’s teacher by March 24 to be eligible for the many terrific prizes. (See your Jogathon envelope for details.) Also, please note that there is new prize: Any student who raises more than \$300 in donations will be eligible for a raffle to receive a \$100 gift certificate for Fleming’s Restaurant.

TALLY DAY is Thursday, March 25 from 8:00-10:00 am in the MPR. Get in touch with your room parent if you are able to help.

What Does Jogathon Money Support?

Jogathon funds help sponsor our health clerk, school classroom accounts, primary music, Art Masters, the Fall Festival, the Book Fair,

yearbook, and more. Your support is crucial. We really are hoping for NO EMPTY JOGATHON ENVELOPES! Thanks so much!

Furlough Days THIS JUNE

IUSD has announced the dates of the four furlough days this school year to address the budget shortfall. There will be NO SCHOOL on **Monday, June 7; Tuesday, June 8; Monday, June 14; and Tuesday, June 15.** We apologize for any inconvenience, and appreciate the support of the school and the district that so many families have demonstrated.

SHOP at Turtle Rock PTA Web Site! 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

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 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!

Families Forward Food Drive

March 22 – 26

Families Forward has been serving over 100 families a week for the past few months. To help re-stock their shelves, there is a food drive NEXT WEEK. Please bring canned fruit, pasta, cereal, soups or any other needed items (see the attached list). Collection barrels will be in front of the school. Families Forward will pick up the groceries on Friday, March 26. Thank you for supporting those in the community who really need it.

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.

Beach Clean Up

Did you miss the last beach clean up due to the weather or a busy schedule? Well, you're in luck because there is a BEACH CLEAN UP with the Surfrider Foundation the first Saturday of each month in Newport Beach from 3:00-5:00 pm between 52nd and 56th streets. Come join Mrs. Bowlen on April 3rd to clean a beach and show SERVICE, CHARACTER, and RESPECT. All students need to be accompanied by an adult. Bags and gloves are provided. The event will be cancelled if it is raining. Last month TR had 12 people there. Can we beat that in April? E-mail Mrs. Bowlen at gbowlen@iusd.org with questions.

Mother-Daughter Tea

The 5th Grade Mother-Daughter Tea is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the MPR. If you can help, please contact Carla Cashman and Michele Mussachio at TurtleRock.MotherDaughterTea@gmail.com. Look for electronic and paper invitations soon!

The 2009-2010 Yearbook Class Collages

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.

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.

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.

Calendar Changes

STAR Testing, originally scheduled to begin on May 3rd, will be begin instead on May 12 and end on May 21. Moving the date to May 12 gives students one more week of instruction. Look for a detailed testing schedule to come home just before STAR Testing.

Spring Music Concert

Due to furlough days, the TR vocal and instrumental concert featuring grades 4-6, previously scheduled for June 8, has been rescheduled to June 3. The concert at Concordia will feature the vocal group at 6:00 and the instrumental group at 7:30. Because of space limitations at Concordia, only families of current music students may attend.

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.

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/). 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.