



Mighty Mustang

Dear Parents and Students,

Have you ever wondered if just one person can really make a difference? One Woodbury family loves this concept and they have incorporated a Pay it Forward approach. Each Woodbury student will receive \$10.00 in an envelope to commit an act of kindness without payback in return. Teachers and students will be generating ideas to complete as a class and families are encouraged to talk about kind acts one can complete with a few dollars. Have your child take pictures of the activity, draw a picture, or write a short narrative. We will display them on bulletin boards around the school. Some ideas are:

- Choose a table at a restaurant and tell the server that you will anonymously pay the bill.
- Buy a gift card and give it to someone who works hard every day yet rarely gets recognized or thanked.
- Use that money to buy ingredients for cookies, lemonade, etc. Sell and increase the money and do something for others with the money.
- Go to Goodwill or Salvation Army or any secondhand store and pay for someone's bill.

Classroom teachers and grade- level teams are getting into the act and creating large group opportunities to pay the money forward. Some classes are adopting a family to bring presents of necessities and toys during the winter holidays. Other teachers plan to support Families Forward, Heifer Project, and other non-profit organizations that we support as a whole school community.

Please talk as a family and decide if you would like to support the classroom project or create service project of your own. If you would like to show compassion as a family, the money will go home in an envelope. A letter will be sent with the envelope, please sign it that you received the money and return it to your child's teacher. If your child's class is participating in a large group project, the envelope will remain at school unless you request it.

Each day millions of people commit acts of kindness and compassion. There are thousands of ways each one of us can make a difference. A helping hand to a neighbor or a stranger creates a more caring world. Each and every one of us can become an everyday hero. What act of kindness will you do with a few dollars?

ChrissAnn Shane and a Woodbury Family

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NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

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.

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).

For more information about flu and H1N1 and other health office guide lines please go to IUSD web site IUSD.org (<http://www.iusd.org/>) and click on health services (http://www.iusd.org/education_services/health_services/index.html) 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 wipe), 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

When school finances become limited, Woodbury teachers and staff write for grants! Congratulations to Mrs. Parker for receiving a \$800 grant for a service learning grant.

The teacher chose the content standard, Social Science K3 "Students match simple descriptions of work that people do and the names of related jobs at the school, in the local com-

munity and from historical accounts." She also tied a service project to the learning. Since we learn about community helpers in Kindergarten, Mrs. Parker wrote that after teaching about community helpers, students would to Pretend City, a children's museum in Irvine, where the children could experience first hand what it would be like

to be a nurse, a policeman, etc. After the field trip, the children will be creating thank you posters that we will then give to various community helpers that we learn about. Mrs. Parker was awarded \$800.00 which will help defray the cost of our field trip from 15 dollars down to about 7 dollars per child. Thank you Mrs. Parker! Great job!

MESSAGES OF APPRECIATION

Diana, THANK YOU so much for everything that you did to make Red Ribbon Week so successful this year! From selling pennies in the morning to all of the organized lunch-time activities, you helped educate and remind our students of the dangers of illegal drugs and the illegal use of legal drugs. And besides being educated, the kids had a great time!

Helen and Lisa, THANK YOU both so much for everything that you did to make Walk to School Day so successful this year! Kids walked onto the campus from all different directions. They were all so excited!

Brad & Dave. THANK YOU (and the rest of the Dad's Club) so much for everything that you did to create Woodbury's very first Haunted Maze! What a successful event! From constructing the spooky rooms to recruiting parents to play the part. you created an amazing haunted house that the kids will never forget.

Tammy, Diane, THANK YOU both so much for everything

that you did to make the Reflections program so successful this year! We have such talented students here at Woodbury!

Bonnie, THANK YOU so much for everything that you did to make the Talent Show so successful this year! Again, you made sure that any student that wanted to participate in the Talent Show was able to do it! I know that this took a lot of extra time and effort, but I know it meant a lot to the kids. The Woodbury students have such amazing talents and it is wonderful that we are able to present this showcase of talent to, not only their parents and friends, but also to their peers.



PTA Round-up!

From our PTA President...

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving break with your family. It's hard to believe that we're so far into the school year. So much has happened since the beginning of the year! On the first day of school, the PTA hosted our "Welcome Coffee". In August, we held our annual Ice Cream Social. In September, we had our Barnes & Noble / Pat & Oscar's fundraiser to support our library and our wonderful librarian, Mrs. Mirallegro. Before the fall break, our Dad's Club organized a day where parents came and enjoyed lunch with their child. Since the fall break, we have said "No to Drugs" with Red Ribbon Week, showcased student creativity through the Reflections Art Contest and the Talent Show, and we Walked to School. Our Dad's Club, which is part of the PTA, also created an amazing Haunted House Maze, that our kids will never forget! The PTA is currently hosting our annual Holiday Boutique, providing the children with a fun and inexpensive way to shop for family and friends.

In addition to the events listed above, our PTA fundraising

continues to support our

health clerk, instructional assistants, primary music instruction, and classroom support for all teachers. With the increased class sizes, having instructional assistants in the classroom to help the classroom teacher is so important. Finally, PTA funds have been used to provide educational assemblies for our children and also to provide organized lunchtime activities that the City of Irvine Recreation department does so well.

All of this has been accomplished with generous donations made by Woodbury families and staff during our Pledge Drive, and by a great group of involved parents who are willing to volunteer their time and talent in countless ways, small and large, to benefit the children of Woodbury. THANK YOU SO MUCH! In 2011, we look forward to the Dad's Club Bingo Night, the Scholastic Book Fair, the Jogathon, Teacher Appreciation Week, more wonderful assemblies and the Carnival. So much more fun to be had, so many more chances to be involved in your child's elementary school experience!

Thank You,

Kim Tsuchiyama
PTA President

PTA Nominating Committee / Election of Officers

The nominating committee will be meeting in January to put together a slate of officers for the 2011-2012 school year. Terms run for two years and this year many of the executive board positions will need to be filled including President, VP of Membership, Treasurer, Secretary, Programs and Assemblies and Historian in addition to chairpersons for several committees. Please contact, Elise Aoki, Parliamentarian, at eraoki@sbcglobal.net to find out more about each position or to become part of the nominating committee.

Thank You Irvine Youth Basketball League!

Thank you to the Irvine Youth Basketball League (IYBL) for the donation of a new basketballs for each classroom at our school. IYBL donated basketballs to every school in IUSD through a partnership with Irvine Unified Council PTA and the Irvine Public Schools Foundation (IPSF). Additionally, IYBL (grades 3-8) and SoCal Elite Sports (grades K-2) are donating \$5 per registered player at each school to the PTA and \$5 to IPSF. Each organization also generously donated \$1,000 to IPSF as part of the City Match Annual Campaign that directly supports our schools by providing instructional assistants to our larger classes. That \$2,000 becomes \$4,000 with the generous match from the City. We are grateful for the support of all of our community partners.

2010 Woodbury PTA Reflection Art Contest Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the 2010 Woodbury PTA Reflections Art Contest Award Winners!

The Following award-winning entries went on to compete at the Irvine Council PTA level and will be displayed at Irvine City Hall from Monday, December 6th to Thursday, December 9th.

Visual Arts Grades K-2:
1st place: Sully Scott

2nd place: Gabriel Chen
3rd place: Alexandria Lim

Visual Arts Grades 3-5:
1st place: Sunny Lee
2nd place: Yoojin Kim
3rd place: Kaylee Seo

Visual Arts Grades 6-8:
1st place: Yoomi Kim
2nd place: Sophia Puckett

Musical Composition Grades 3-5:
Jason Chen

The Irvine Council level awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 9th from 6pm - 8pm.

We are proud of all of you for your accomplishments.

Upcoming PTA Events

Nov. 30 - Dec. 3 Holiday Boutique

Tuesday, Dec. 14 PTA Meeting - MPR 8:15am

Friday, Jan. 28 Dad's Club Bingo Night

**Happy Holiday!
See you in 2011!**

HELPING OTHERS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The holidays are here at the Assistance League of Irvine's Thrift & Gift Shop, located at 2452 Alton Parkway, where an abundance of gifts, décor, clothing, accessories, jewelry, handbags, books, toys, and much more are affordably priced for a convenient one-stop shopping opportunity. There is something for everyone and, with donations constantly coming in, you can benefit daily – so shop early and shop often!

Please sign up to receive an electronic weekly newsletter of thrift shop sales & promotional coupons by visiting our website at <http://www.irvine.assistanceleague.org>. Or, for more information, call (949) 955-3437.

Proceeds from this local Thrift & Gift Shop allow the 100% volunteer organization to fund community programs such as Operation School Bell and Young Masters Art Show.

Mustang Milers Registration is now open **on K12 Online**

Calling all Mustang Milers and future Mustang Milers! We had an amazing year in 2009 and are looking forward to an even better year in 2010! Last year, we had 115 Mustang Milers. Our goal is to have 200 students join Woodbury's running team since it is the perfect way to get or stay fit! So be sure to register for Mustang Milers and discover a great way to have fun with friends, get exercise, and earn an OC Marathon medal!

The wonderful thing about Mustang Milers is that anyone can do it! Even if your child doesn't have experience running or usually doesn't enjoy exercising, Mustang Milers is a great way to show your child how fun exercising can be when surrounded by friends in a fun and positive environment.

Mustang Milers is Woodbury Elementary School's training group for the *Kids Run the OC* (the OC Marathon's Kid Race). Starting in January, the Mustang Milers will run/train every Friday after school while tracking their mileage. The students will walk/run through the Woodbury community. In May, the students will run the final mile of their marathon (26.2) on the Saturday before the OC Marathon at the OC Fair and Event Center. Students will earn a medal at the event and be presented with an official OC Marathon Medal at a special end-of-the-year ceremony.

The program is designed to fight childhood obesity while having fun and working as part of a group toward a common goal. The Mustang Milers incorporates our school values while we train and work as a team.

We have made a lot of changes in the 2011 Mustang Milers program. Our goal is to give back to our school and community, while promoting a healthy lifestyle. We will make a donation to the school to pursue the fight against childhood obesity and improved fitness and health. For our community, we have partnered with [Soles4Souls](#), a charity that distributes shoes to those in need. We will hold a shoe drive and donate used shoes to [Soles4Souls](#). So make a difference and join Mustang Milers today! And save those old shoes!

MUSTANG MILERS CONTINUED

Mustang Milers registration is open until December 20th. No late registrations can be accepted. Registration is \$25, which includes an 11-week training program, a newly designed dry-fit Mustang Milers t-shirt, and a carb-load pasta dinner. Additional youth and adult t-shirts may be purchased on K12 Online.

All registration is online this year and is open to all 1st-6th graders. First graders must be accompanied by an adult at every training. Visit [K12 Online](#) to register for Mustang Milers. You will need your child's access code to register (the same one used for school registration). If you need your child's access code, please e-mail Susan Robinson at srobinso@iusd.org. Please note that registration for the *Kids Run* is a separate registration. We will notify you when this event opens its registration and the cost for the OC running event is \$25. For more information, visit the [OC Marathon web-site](#). All Mustang Milers are training for this exciting event and students must be registered for the *Kids Run the OC* in order to receive their medals. Please visit www.MustangMilers.com for more information. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Mustang Milers coaches at MustangMilers@me.com.

K12 Online HINT: click on Mustang Must Haves, choose your child's t-shirt size, then add to cart.

IPSF Annual Campaign

CITY OF IRVINE PLEDGES TO HELP PAY FOR YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION — BUT ONLY IF YOU STEP UP, TOO.

\$1 MILLION. *That's how much the city of Irvine has set aside to help make sure your child gets the best education possible.*

Between now and Dec. 31 they will match any amount you donate to IPSF, up to a total of \$1 million dollars for the calendar year.

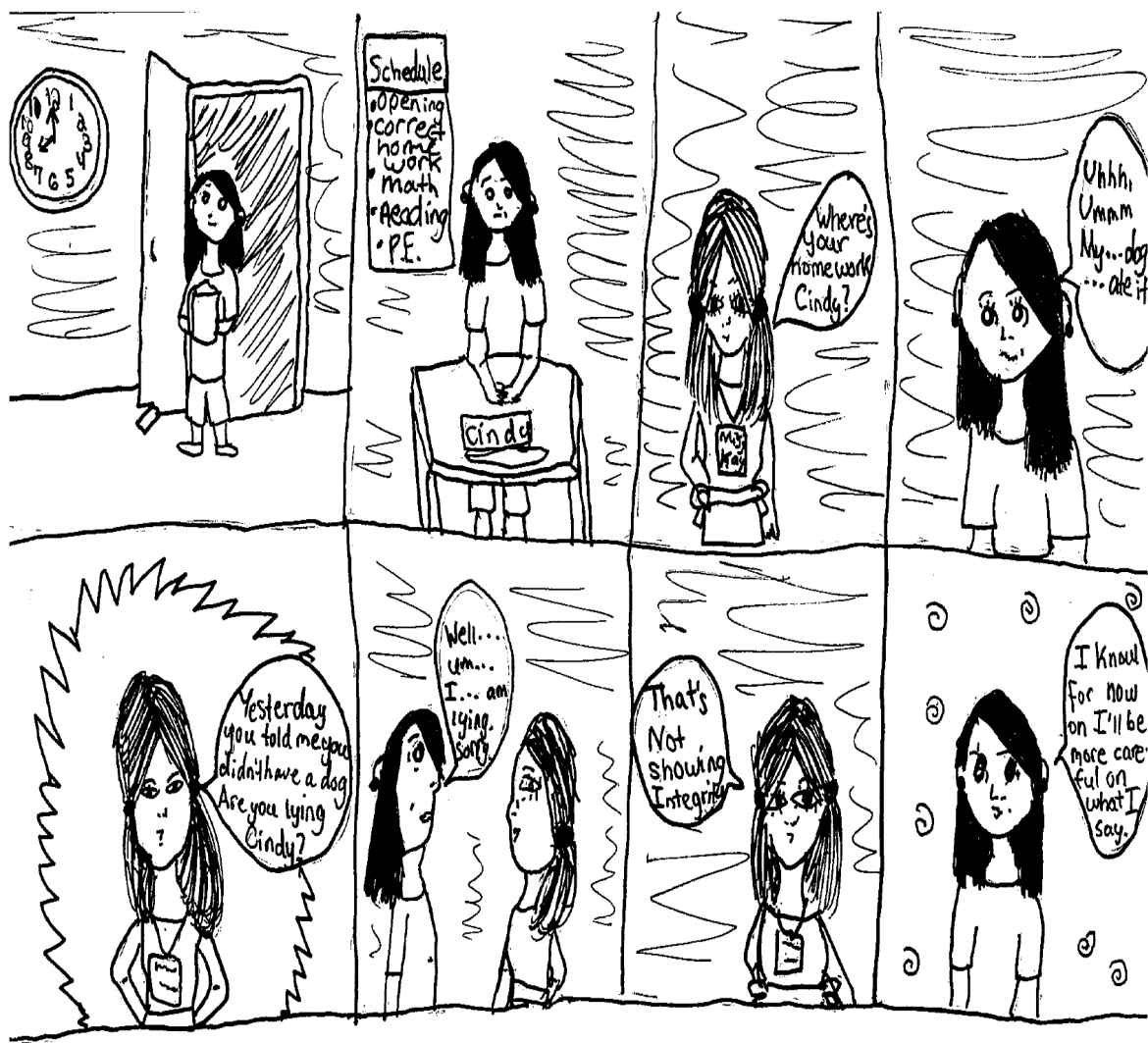
Give \$500, and the schools get a total of \$1,000. Give \$1,000, and the schools get \$2,000. Give \$100, and the schools get \$200.

But you must hurry. The deadline is Dec. 31-- just 8 short weeks away.

Please go to the IPSF website at www.ipsf.net and give. Give a little. Give a lot. Give something. Because whatever you give, the City will match.

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FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

The annual Holiday GIFT CARD drive for Families Forward sponsored by our PAL group in progress. Please send in your donations with your student. Thank you for your support.

"INTEGRITY, INTEGRITY"

All the earth that's the key By Callie Arcand

UPCOMING

- November 29- December 3..... Holiday Boutique PTA Event**
 - December 17 End of Second Quarter/Minimum Day
 - December 20-21 Furlough Days/No School
 - December 22 – January 4 WINTER RECESS
 - January 5 (Wednesday)..... Students Return**
 - January 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 - February 14..... Lincoln's Birthday Observed
 - February 21..... Washington's Birthday Observed
 - April 1 End of Third Quarter/Minimum Day
 - April 4 – April 22..... SPRING RECESS
 - May 1 IPSF Cinco de Mayo Half Marathon
 - May 27..... School Day (added student day)**
- Updated Items in bold, cancelations and postponed events will be crossed out.