

Santa Rita Bobcat Tracker

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Dear Parents –

Why K-6 Parents Care about June 8th LAHS Bond?

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA General Meeting last week, our guest speakers from MVLA High School were great and full of information that we think you will find valuable as it will impact all of our students. Take a few minutes to read the Mountain View Los Altos Highlights Sheet and Potential Bond Information Sheet to find out:

- How many students are at Los Altos High School today and how many will be there in 2016, when my 2nd grader is a Freshman and my 6th grader is a Senior?
- How did Los Altos High School rank in the 2009 Newsweek survey when compared with 21,000 public high schools across the United States?
- If the High School Bond passes on June 8th, 2010, what will the money be used for?
- When will the new classes be available to students? (hint: When 5th grade enters LAHS)

We would like to thank Dr. Barry Groves, MVLA Superintendent and Mrs. Julie Rosenberg, MVLA Board Member for sharing with us the value of Los Altos High School to our children and to the community. We encourage everyone to review this information. High school isn't as far away for our children as it may currently sound

- Ann Enthoven & Debbie Munro, Co-PTA Presidents

P.S. Please mark your calendars now for our March 18th PTA Meeting at 8:15 am in the Santa Rita Multi. Come hear about Egan Jr. High, from our guest speaker, Mrs. Brenda Dyckman, Egan Principal

Upcoming Events

1/28	Parent Tour at Egan, 1:30 pm
1/28	Kindergarten Information Meeting, 7:00 pm in SR Multi
1/29	Kindergarten Registration Begins
2/3	PTA Yoga in Multi, 8:30 am
2/8	School Board Meeting, 7 pm
2/9	Spellathon Donations Due
2/12	Kindergarten Registration Packets Due

Spellathon Tests have been graded and the pledges have been calculated. Tests and pledge sheets are coming home this week, so it's time to start collecting all those pledges! If you need a receipt with the Santa Rita tax ID number on it, you can print one out from the Spellathon homepage, or pick one up in the front office. There is still time to solicit more pledges, as well. We won't be determining individual prizes until Tuesday, February 9th, when all pledges are to be turned into teachers. If you have not returned your pledge sheet, you can submit it to the Spellathon box in the front office, or you can pick up a blank pledge sheet in the office if you need one.

Safety Reminders Please do not

- park on the raised curb or sidewalk along Los Altos Ave. (There's plenty of room on the flat of the street.)
- block the SR driveway next to the kinder playground
- park across/blocking the sidewalk on the corner of Spagnoli Ct. and Los Altos Ave.

The current parking is creating an unsafe situation. The walkers, bikers and scooters are forced to crowd together on the sidewalk or dart into oncoming traffic.

Junior Olympics is coming! Save the date for the 50th Anniversary of LASD's Junior Olympics--Saturday, April 24,

2010 at MVHS. It will be an exciting day of fun and good spirited competition--all 4th-6th graders are invited to participate. Click here for more information and watch the Tracker for more details.

Please join the PTA, it's never too late! When you join the PTA you become a part of the network of parents and teachers who are working to enhance all our children's educational experiences at Santa Rita to put kids first. Simply complete the PTA membership form online or contact Misti Sangani at mistimsangani@yahoo.com for an application form or more information. Our goal is 100% participation. Please join us!

International Day -Would you like to help our students know a little more about this world? Would you make a short presentation on the country of your heritage, or a country in which you have experience? Family members and friends can help too! When? - Friday, April 9 from 10:30-12:00 - Your 15min. presentation would be repeated 3 times during that morning. For more information, check out this link:

<http://www.santaritaschool.org/pdf/InternationalDay.pdf>

Enrichment classes now open including HOPE Musical Theatre and One on One Basketball for Kindergartners and 1-3 Graders. Register now at: <http://www.santaritaschool.org/parent/enrichment.html>

Parent Ed Events SAVE THE DATE –

I Left My Homework on My Printer - Getting Organized: Helping Your Child be Successful in School by Ana Homayoun

When: Thursday, March 4, 2010, 7:30–8:30 pm

Where: Egan Junior High School Multi-Purpose Room, 100 S Portola Avenue, Los Altos

Who: Parents, teachers and administrators. Talk will focus on junior high and high school students; elementary school parents welcome

Fee: No fee. No registration required

More info: Located on our Parent Education page

School & Community News Link