



Candidate School for International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

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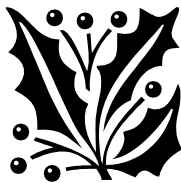
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I can't believe we are nearing the end of 2005! The school year is going very well, but much too fast. Your child will be promoting to the next grade level before you know it. We will soon be sending information home highlighting the six small high schools that are located at the San Diego High Complex. Even though your child may not be an 8th grader this year, it is not too early to be thinking about high school. Each of the six small high schools is focused around a theme. For example, there is the International School, the School of Business, and a performing arts school, as well as others. The creation of the six small high schools provides our students with the opportunity for choice and to be a part of a smaller learning community. You will receive more specific information about each school in the spring.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, restful, and joy filled holiday.

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie Martel



Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates!



1/2	School Holiday
1/3	School Reopens
1/7	Saturday School 8:00-12:00
1/11-12	GATE testing
1/16	School Holiday
1/17-19	Audiometrist Hearing Testing
1/18	DAC Mtg., Ballard Ctr. 6:30 p.m.
1/19	Governance Team Mtg. 3:00 p.m.
1/19	DELAC Mtg., Ballard Ctr. 6:30 p.m.
1/21	Saturday School 8:00-12:00
1/28	Saturday School 8:00-12:00
2/3	Fall semester ends
2/4	Saturday School 8:00-12:00
2/10	Report cards mailed
2/13	School Holiday
2/14	ASB Valentine's Dance
2/15	DAC Mtg., Ballard Ctr. 6:30 p.m.
2/16	Governance Team Mtg. 3:00 p.m.
2/16	DELAC Mtg., Ballard Ctr. 6:30 p.m.
2/20	School Holiday

Attendance Notification

Attendance is critical for students to be successful at Roosevelt Middle School. It is important that students and parents understand the following guidelines:



- Parents must clear all absences within 72 hours.
- Please make medical appointments on Tuesday afternoons to avoid unexcused absences and lost instructional time.
- All students who leave school for a medical appointment must provide proof of such appointment upon returning to school. The time missed will be marked unexcused until proof is provided.
- The Roosevelt staff cannot be responsible for delivering messages to students. Due to the interruptions to class instruction, messages cannot be provided as a service to families and friends. Please communicate with your child before they leave for school.

8th Grade Promotion

Roosevelt recognizes that promoting to high school is a special event. We honor our students with the privilege to participate in these special activities. In order to participate in the Roosevelt Middle School 8th grade Promotion Activities, students must have:

- a minimum 2.0 cumulative 8th grade Academic GPA and Citizenship GPA
- No debts as of June 9th – *includes text books
- No formal suspensions after 9/14/05
- No period or all day trancies
- If you have one suspension of less than 5 days, and you meet all of the other criteria, you may appeal to a panel of your teachers in May. If you have more than one suspension or a suspension of 5 days, you are not eligible.

IB MYP News



As part of the Community and Service component of the IB Middle Years Program, our students have been participating in some wonderful activities! On October 25th, students in our 6-6 program

walked into Florida Canyon with trash bags to clean up the canyon! It was great to see our students taking charge within the community. When they returned to school they were treated to a pizza party.

In addition, we have performed services for the wounded soldiers at Balboa Naval Hospital. For Veteran's Day, our 6th graders wrote letters and sent goody bags to them. For Thanksgiving, our 7th graders wrote letters and sent chocolate chip cookies their way. For the winter holidays, some of our PE students, with Coaches Rambicure and McClintock's guidance, are making fleece blankets to send to them. All students have been invited to the Media Center during their lunchtime to create warm, holiday greeting cards. Way to go Roughriders!

As the school year rolls on, we will plan more Community and Service activities for students to participate in. Please encourage your student to get involved and make a difference in the lives of others.

For more information about the IB Middle Years Program, please visit www.ibo.org and click on the Middle Years Program.

Being Involved at Roosevelt...

School Site Council (SSC)/ No Child Left Behind Workgroup (NCLB)

The council continues to write and evaluate the proposed program change for 2006-07. The final draft will be due to the district on January 4th.

The following people were elected to represent parents and staff:

Clyde Baslow- parent of a 6th and 7th grader

Christine Bianchi- parent of a 6th grader

Martin Buchanan- parent of a 6th grader

Amy Fox- parent of an 8th grader

Marlene Williams- parent of a 6th grader

Ernie Remillard- 8th Grade Mathematics teacher

Rachel Poland- 7th Grade Science teacher

Other members include:

(Chair)Ryan Brock- 7th Grade Mathematics teacher

April Santos-6th Grade Special Day teacher and Special Education Resource Teacher

(Chair)Stella Farris- School Library Media Teacher

Allison Brown- 6 to 6 Supervisor

Jeannette Vaughn- Magnet Resource Teacher

Congratulations and thank you to the parent and staff volunteers! You have put in a lot of time and effort and it shows!

School Governance Team (SGT)

We still need parent and community members for our SGT team. This group works to solve on site issues. We meet every third Thursday of the month from 3:00PM- 4:00PM.

The team is looking forward to working on the new "Advisory/ Support" class for 2006-07, reviewing the school discipline policy, and coordinating the "Teacher of the Year" selection process.

If you have any concerns or questions about Roosevelt, please join us at our next meeting. You may place these concerns on the agenda, See Stella Farris in the library, or the school secretary for the appropriate paperwork.

Seasons Greetings from the Counseling Department!



Just a reminder to parents that the 12 week progress reports should be arriving in the mail after December 16th. Be sure to review your child's grades with him or her, and discuss their progress. Some of our students will have a learning

contract enclosed along with their progress report, so be sure to review it if your child has one. We will be having a parent meeting to discuss learning contracts on January 11th, at 5:30pm. Please take the time to reinforce the importance of doing well academically with your children, as parents have the most influential role in a student's attitude towards learning.

We are pleased to announce to all 8th grade parents that the planning is underway for our 8th grade promotion ceremony this year. We are looking forward to having a wonderful celebration of our 8th grade students' accomplishments at the end of the school year, including the harbor cruise dinner/dance and promotion ceremony at the zoo. Ms. Brown, the 8th grade counselor, visited English classes following the first 6 week progress reports, to remind students of the requirements to participate in this year's promotion activities. Students received letters reviewing the requirements to bring home and have signed by a parent or legal guardian. Not all letters have been returned, so please check with your child to make sure they received their letter. Extra copies are available from the 8th grade counselor, Christy Brown, ext 4223.

Have a wonderful winter break, and we look forward to working together with you in the New Year!

Attention 8th grade parents!



If your student attends Roosevelt as a non-resident magnet student (you do not live in our resident boundary) AND you want them to continue on at San Diego High, you must submit an Enrollment Options application form by March 15th, 2006. Forms may be obtained in our school office or on the district website's Enrollment Options link. If your 8th grader is interested in a high school other than your resident choice, you will also need to get your Enrollment Options application in by the March 15th deadline.

Resident students who are in the San Diego High boundary do not need to submit this application. For more information on school choices, please contact Enrollment Options at 725-5672.

Roosevelt's "6 to 6" Program - December 2005

"6 to 6" in the Morning

"6 to 6" starts at 6:00 a.m. in Room 702. This is the home base room for "6 to 6" and always has several staff members on hand, before and after school, who are available to help students with their homework.

"6 to 6" in the mornings also offers **Yearbook** class and **Library Study Hall**. Students who are interested in planning and designing Roosevelt's 2005-06 Yearbook, should go to Ms. Boudreau's class in Room 362 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Ms. Farris, our librarian, opens the library at 6:15 a.m. for "6 to 6" students. Students can study, use the Internet, get homework help and check out books.

We also have a workout club in the mornings. Ms. Rambicure opens the **Charger Room**, with stationary bikes, treadmills and other cardiovascular equipment. She works out with the students and shows them how to properly work out and use the equipment. It's mostly a girl's club, but boys can also ask Ms. Rambicure.

All students who arrive to school before 7:15 a.m. are required to be in a "6 to 6" class. To participate in the "6 to 6" morning program, the only requirement is a signed "6 to 6" application.

Studies show that students who attend the morning program of "6 to 6" not only can improve their grades, but also have better school attendance and reduced tardiness. We also know those students who eat breakfast will perform better throughout the school day. Please encourage your child to eat breakfast every morning from 7:30 - 7:45 at Roosevelt.

"6 to 6" is a great place to be after school!

The "6 to 6" after school program offers a wide variety of activities, sports and homework help! Up to 200 students attend "6 to 6" classes after school. "6 to 6" students can choose from the following: **Basketball, Charger Room Workout, Cheerleading, Fern Street Circus, Garden Club, Girls in Science, Guitar, Hula, Junior Theatre, Tae Kwon Do, YMCA Pryde Plus, Sports Club and the Strategic Homework Club.** *Homework help is available every day in Room 702.*

6 to 6

Junior Theatre students performed their first play of the year on December 5th. It was a series of TV shorts and a longer Shakespeare piece. A lot of comedy, some drama and quick moving segments made it a very fun play. During the day, 16 different classes got to come see the play during two different periods of school. Almost half of Roosevelt students were able to watch the play! The evening performance for families, staff and other guests was really exciting, too. The students did really well and were so excited to be performing in front of their peers and their families.

Their hard work paid off! Any students who are interested in being in Junior Theatre should come to tryouts the second week of January. Ask Ms. Brown for details.

Girls in Science went on their winter camping trip during Thanksgiving break. Twenty six girls went with chaperones from the Zoo and Roosevelt. This year, we were right near the beach and spent the afternoon hiking to the beach and looking for shells and playing on the sand. The girls created art pieces from what they found at the beach; they were really creative! We ate great food, had a campfire, roasted marshmallows and ate s'mores! We all had a really good time and can't wait until the spring campout.



The **Tae Kwon Do** students are testing for their next belt level this month, too. They actually test in front of a Tae Kwon Do Master to receive the real belts! To move up a belt level, students must perform a variety of Tae Kwon Do moves, including kicks and various poses, even breaking boards with their feet. Very exciting!

The "6 to 6" Holiday Party is going to be a **"6 to 6" New Year Party** this year! We have decided to have the party when we return from winter break. Our party will be Tuesday, January 17th. This is always a really fun event, which includes performances by the "6 to 6" students, then food and drinks for all "6 to 6" students and staff. Parents are welcome to come watch the performances of their students and join in the celebration afterward!

All Roosevelt students are welcome to enroll in "6 to 6". All you need is a signed application. Middle School students are required to attend "6 to 6" at least three days/week and must be picked up by 6:00 p.m. For more information about the "6 to 6" morning and afternoon classes, please call Ms. Allison Brown or Ms. Shondavette Timms 293-4450 ext. 4704. *See you after school! Ms. Brown*

As the Pages Turn...

Roosevelt Middle School

Library Media Center

Library Media Teacher:

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Library Media Technician:

Rudy Juarez

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Library Hours:

Study Hall- Monday- Friday

6:15 AM – 7:30 AM (must be in 6 to 6)

Library- Monday, Wednesday – Friday

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Tuesday- 7:30 AM – 1:45 PM

Upcoming Events:

Reading is Fundamental- Thursday, Feb. 9th

Read Across America- Friday, March 3rd

Volunteer Opportunities:

Read Across America- Friday, March 3rd-Need readers for classroom visits

Fundraising for the Library:

Box Tops for Education collect box tops from manufacturers such as: Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Pilsbury, and many more. For more information go to www.boxtops4education.com

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www.wamoolaforschools.com/subscribe.aspx

Pages to Read...

*California Young Reader Award Nominee-Avi. **The Good Dog***

Similar to Jack London's, *Call of the Wild*. Jack, the leader on the sled team is not only challenged by his teammates, but a wolf that wants to recruit the dogs for his sled team.

This is the second book of three that have been nominated for the California Young Reader Award Winner. Read all three and vote for you favorite in March 2006.



Websites to Visit...

Yucky Gross and Cool Body-

<http://yucky.kids.discovery.com/noflash/body/pg000008.html>

A great website to explore why and how we belch, have bad breath, and pee or poop! It has games and activities related to the body and more...

Online Databases:

Go to the Roosevelt Middle School webpage at

<http://roosevelt.sandi.net>

Scroll down to *Library*, click then scroll down to *Online Databases*

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Password- Library180

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We now have **Grolier's Encyclopedia** online. You can access it from home at

<http://go.grolier.com/passport>

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