

Candidate School for International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Guardians:

These are challenging times for public education for a variety of reasons. The No Child Left Behind law has put considerable pressure on schools to find ways to accelerate the learning of many of our students. I want to take this opportunity to highlight the efforts of Roosevelt as we work to comply with the NCLB law. The goal of Roosevelt Middle School is that all students will develop to their fullest academic and social potential. The Roosevelt staff strives to help all students become critical thinkers and learners who engage in intelligent conversation about their learning. In addition, the staff aims to help students apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills, not only to their schoolwork but also to all of life's situations. At Roosevelt this means we will continue to develop specific programs that meet the learning needs of each student. These programs include a thriving GATE program that offers high school level math courses, an English Learner program for students whose first language is other than English, literacy support classes for students needing additional support, and an electives program. The electives program includes Spanish, art and music. We have a full time art teacher and are beginning to build our music program. Exposure to the arts is one of the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.

The Six to Six Program also offers many opportunities for students to get help with their academics and enrichment activities. There are nearly 200 students participating in programs after school, ranging from cheerleading to guitar to the homework club. After school tutoring for English and math has also started.

Our Student and Family Support Center provides counseling for students and families in need. We have a very active anti-bullying program on site that provides students many ways to solve problems they may be having with other students. As you know this is the age when children have lots of questions about themselves, how to get along with others, and their place in the world. We believe it is important that we provide a safe environment for students to work through their challenges and concerns.

The staff at Roosevelt will continue to provide opportunities for all of our students to meet their academic and social potential. Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,
Dr. Julie Martel

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates!



Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving Vacation
12/3, 12/10	8:00-12:00 - Saturday School
12/5-12/12	Holiday Door Decorating Contest
12/5-12/9	Book Fair, Library
12/5	Per. 2/3, and 6:00-9:00 p.m. - Jr. Theatre Production, Aud.
12/7-12/8	GATE Testing
12/9	End of 13 Week Grading Period (mailed 12/16-listed below)
12/9	End of 1st Gr. 6 Wheel Rotation
12/12-12/16	6th Gr. Camp Session 1
12/14	6:30 p.m. DAC Meeting, Ballard Parent Ctr.
12/15-16	PE Off-Campus Hikes
12/16	Progress Reports Mailed
12/19-1/2	Winter Vacation

Winter Break – December 19, 2005 – January 2, 2006

The Board of Education recently voted to declare **January 2, 2006, a school holiday**. All school and district offices will be closed on this day. This marks a change from the previous policy.

Traditional calendar schools such as ours that originally had classes scheduled for January 2, 2006, will **instead hold classes on February 10, 2006**, originally scheduled as a staff development (no student attendance) day. By having classes on February 10, there will be no need to extend the school year for students.

We apologize for any inconvenience the change may cause. As you plan for the two-week winter break, remember – our school will resume classes Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Please keep this in mind if you are planning any travel this year.

School Calendar is located at <http://calendar.yahoo.com/rooseveltcalendar>

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 truanancies
- 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.

International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program Update

On October 13th and 14th Roosevelt and San Diego High School of International Studies hosted our IB authorization visit. The team, from as far away as Canada, was on campus speaking with staff, students, and parents. They were here to determine whether or not we are ready for formal authorization of the IB Middle Years Program.

The team was quite impressed with the work that has been done by our staff. They felt that the philosophy of the program was evident everywhere on campus. The students that they spoke with did an excellent job of articulating the MYP and explaining how it looks on our campus. The parents were enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the program. All in all, the visit went extremely well! We will receive a formal letter from Geneva, Switzerland in late January or early February to let us know of the authorization status. Currently, there are only eight authorized middle schools in the state of California. We hope to be number nine!

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

As the Pages Turn...

Roosevelt Middle School Library Media Center

Library Media Teacher: Stella M. Farris
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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

December 5th - 9th Scholastic Book Fair

December 9th- Reading is Fundamental book
giveaway

Volunteer Opportunities

December 5th-9th- Scholastic Book Fair volunteers
needed for crowd control

Fundraising for the Library

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

Washington Mutual WaMoola for Schools

If you are a Washington Mutual patron please sign up
and they will donate books and money to our school.
www.wamoolaforschools.com/subscribe.aspx

Pages to Read...

California Young Reader

Award Nominee-

Following Fake Man by
Barbara W. Holmes



Homer, the twelve-year old narrator of the story
is in search of the truth about his father that died
when he was a baby. His mother refuses to

discuss the past, but when they visit their former
home in Maine the past becomes real. This is the
first 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.



Sites to Read...

*"You make a living by what you get, but you
make a life by what you give."* -- Winston
Churchill

There are many ways you and your children can
volunteer in our community.

America's Promises-

<http://www.americaspromise.org/youth/>

will get you started by discussing the importance
of volunteering.

Volunteer San Diego-

http://www.volunteersandiego.org/AboutUs/index.php/youth_families/youthandfam.html?PHPSESSID=5886c38c7e5d6f0e263b65fc9e516c5c

will help you find the perfect place for you to
lend a helping hand in San Diego.

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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eLibrary- Username- sdc

Password- Library180

NEW! NEW! NEW!

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

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

Username: sdusd2

Password: home

CRIME STOPPERS

By calling Campus Crime Stoppers and reporting weapons, drugs, vandals, fights, and taggers, you can do your part in keeping yourself and other safe. After all, it's YOUR school! You will not be asked your name. The operator will assign you a number and if your tip helps solve a school-related crime, you can earn up to a \$1,000 reward. You can dial (888) 580-TIPS or visit the website at www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

Being Involved at Roosevelt...

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

In the past month the group has been working on the Year 4 Program Improvement Plan. We have researched school reform as it relates to the makeup of Roosevelt. We have discussed and prioritized what we as a team and a school needs to improve student achievement. Now, we are in the process of putting all those thoughts and wishes onto paper. The first draft will be turned into the district sometime in November.

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.

This last month we discussed the selection process for the Roosevelt Teacher of the Year for 2005-06.



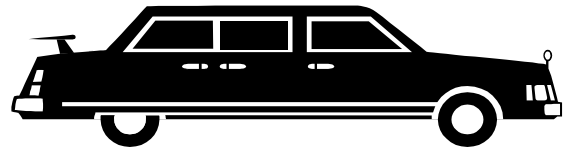
The San Diego City Schools Police Department is hosting this years Teddy Bear Drive. Please join us in this worthwhile effort by donating a new, unwrapped teddy bear and help brighten the day of a child staying at Children's Hospital. A collection barrel has been placed at Roosevelt's School Library for all donations.

News from ASB....

Fundraiser update!

The products and prizes from the fall fundraiser will be distributed on Tuesday, November 29th. If your student sold many items and needs help getting the boxes home, please make arrangements for them.

Our super salespersons need to keep in mind two other important dates. First, on December 8th, those students who have qualified will be able to step into the money machine and grab cash. Also on December 8th, a drawing will take place to see who will win the right to become "principal for a day". Finally, on December 15th, the best of the best sellers will have their limo waiting at 12:45 pm for a two hour lunch and ride around town



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.

6 to 6

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

The 2005-06 school year is off to a great start, and, so is Roosevelt's "6 to 6" before and after school program! In case you aren't familiar with the program, "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. This is also a fun place for students to hang out. Once your child has come to "6 to 6", they may never want to leave!!

"6 to 6" in the mornings also offers **Yearbook** class and access to the **Library** and all of its resources. Students who wish to be a part of planning and designing Roosevelt's 2005-06 yearbook, should go to Ms. Boudreau's class in Room 362 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Every morning, Ms. Farris, our school 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 at our beautiful newly remodeled library.



All students who arrive to school before 7:15 a.m. are required to be in a "6 to 6" class. "6 to 6" students should try to be at school as early as possible, in order to be in "6 to 6" for 90 minutes before school. To participate in the "6 to 6" morning program, the only requirement is a signed "6 to 6" application. Students who already attend "6 to 6" in the afternoon are welcome to also attend in the morning.

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, 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*

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help is available every day in Room 702. Starting November 7th, we are also offering Extended Day Math and Reading support for those students who are behind in their grade level work. Students must already be enrolled in these classes to start Nov. 7th, but if you would like to enroll your child at the second enrollment, contact Allison Brown.

The first performances to showcase all the hard work by "6 to 6" students will take place in December. Junior Theatre students will perform their first play for daytime classes and at night for their parents on Monday, December 5th. The evening performance begins at 7:00 pm. All Roosevelt families are welcome to come watch the play in our auditorium. The date for the annual "6 to 6" Holiday Party has not been set yet, but will be sometime before Christmas break. This is always a really fun event, which includes performances by the "6 to 6", then food and drinks for all of "6 to 6".

In October, "6 to 6" students participated in the annual Florida Canyon walk and clean up. 150 students, staff and parent volunteers picked up trash in the canyon across from Roosevelt. We had a Park Ranger talk to us about recycling and the environment before we left. When we returned, there was pizza, prizes and "6 to 6" t-shirts for everyone. The students also earned community service credit. Everyone involved had a great time! Thank you to everyone who helped to make this happen: our sponsor for the pizza and prizes, "6 to 6" staff, students and volunteers! "6 to 6" is proud to sponsor Roosevelt's Recycling Program!



Roosevelt's "6 to 6" Rough Rider Cheerleaders have also been very busy. The attended cheer camp at SDSU then got to cheer at half-time at the New Mexico game. The girls, their coaches and parents had a great time, with a barbecue in the parking lot before the game. The girls also cheered for four Roosevelt teachers at the annual Three-Day Breast Cancer Walk. They did a great job and enjoyed cheering for all the walkers!

All Roosevelt students are welcome to attend any of the before and after school classes – as long as they have a signed "6 to 6" application. No student may attend "6 to 6" without 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, as well as questions about Math and Reading, please call Ms. Allison Brown or Ms. Shondavette Timms 293-4450 ext. 4704.

See you after school! Ms. Brown