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Dear Terman Community,

National School Counselor's Appreciation Week occurred during February 4 -8, 2008. Generally, we celebrate counselors when we have teacher appreciation events in the spring. Counselors, while professional staff, are unique unto themselves.

A counselor is a positive adult who assists and supports students through the middle school years. It requires special skills to understand the turmoil, joy and growing pains of our students. Counselors are advocates as well as

coaches for students to learn how to become their own advocates. They do not deal with discipline, but work with administrators to help students find appropriate behaviors for school. Currently, our counselors are very busy helping our students look forward to next year in choosing electives and with transition from 5th grade to 6th and 8th to 9th grade

In the past year and a half we have had the opportunity to have a counselor at each grade level, Terri Nelson at 6th, Melanie Blaskower at 7th and Michele Chin at 8th. In keeping with our school plan both Melanie and Michele have remained with their classes for both 7th and 8th grades. Some of the funding for this has been through state Assembly Bill 1802, which provided funding for additional counselors at the school site.

With the budget projections at the state level we may lose some of this funding for counselors. Nothing is certain right now, and won't be until late summer. We will be planning for every contingency. In the meantime, please take an opportunity to express appreciation to our counseling staff.

As parents, if you have a question about programs or scheduling, or support for your student, you should contact the counselor. They will help you or refer you to a reliable source for help. If you feel that your student is not comfortable in their grade level then you should contact the counselor for advice. Middle School is more than a transition from elementary to high school. It is the beginning of adolescence, and wanting to establish an identity, and relying on sources outside of the home. Our counselors are here to assist you.

Parents, we also ask that you consider both sides whenever your student shares what appears to be a problem or injustice at school. It is understandable that a student will present his/her version of a situation without considering the other side. Often a situation takes on a different perspective when you hear what else was happening at the time.

I would like to take a moment to recommend a book to read. It is called "The Price of Privilege" by Madeline Levine, Ph.D. The author is a practicing psychologist in Marin County. After noticing some disturbing trends in her own practice she began to ask questions of psychologists in different parts of the United States. It became evident to her that contrary to common thought, it was not only students in low socio-economic

circumstances who were suffering through adolescence and young adulthood but also children in medium-high income homes with highly educated parents. Dr. Levine writes a very sensible and easy to follow book on the challenges that face our children. She describes the developmental process of adolescents in relation to what, and how, they interpret and deal with school, family and extra curricular life. Then she follows up with some case studies that give the reader an opportunity to integrate theory with real life.

Our library has several copies of this book now available to check out. I strongly recommend that you take time to read this book. In addition, the PTA Council is sponsoring Dr. Levine to come and speak to Palo Alto parents. She will be speaking on Wednesday evening April 9, 2008 at 7 p.m. in Spangenberg Theatre on the Gunn campus. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about your children.

Please save time to come and to see our annual play “The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood” performed March 13 through March 15 here at Terman. The students and Mrs. Rose are putting in many hours and long afternoons after school and weekends to bring this play to our stage. We are grateful to our staff and many volunteers who are working to make this production so successful. Thanks to the PTA and anonymous donors we have made significant improvements in the acoustics for our stage and café. Although this is a work in progress we hope you will enjoy the improvements.

We hope that you will also be able to make it to our Orchestra/Choir concert on March 18th. We are very proud of our musicians, and very thankful to have the wonderful music teachers that we do. The last concerts of the year will be in May and June for the band, orchestra and choir.

Communication

I believe that we have nothing short of the best and most up to date and responsive web site of any school, thanks to our Webmistress Carol Bly. It is updated weekly and sometimes daily. Please check there whenever you need up to date information about school happenings. We are not perfect and occasionally there may be an error on time or location but the web site is a terrific resource.

While you are visiting our web site, please take time to read the articles we have linked on the subject of Internet Safety. I would be interested to hear from parents who have started to check the “history” on their computers and have begun to pay attention to where their students are spending their time in cyber space.

Please let us know if you need communication from the school that you feel you are not getting. We know there is always room for improvement. Every staff member has email and voicemail for phone calls. Check our website on a regular basis for updates.

Sincerely,

Carmen M. Giedt

PTA President’s Letter

For such a short month, February packs in plenty of excitement—the Super Bowl, presidential primaries, Valentine’s Day, and planning for the next school year. Terman students make their elective choices for the next grade, and Terman PTA begins looking for volunteers to serve as officers and to head up vital programs and events in the 2008-2009 school year.

Why should you volunteer for a PTA job? The number one reason is that it will help your child succeed. Numerous studies have shown that children do better when their parents are involved both at home and at school. Grades are higher, test scores rise, self-esteem grows, and schools improve. By getting involved in PTA you will also meet lots of other involved, committed parents and staff and get better connected at school. You’ll never again come to a school event and feel like you don’t know anybody. You might even develop some new skills that will look good on your resume!

No matter what your time constraints may be, the PTA has a job to suit your interests and schedule. There are short term jobs or jobs that stretch out, a few hours a month, over the entire year. There are jobs that require meetings (and give you the opportunity to meet and network with other

people) or jobs you can do at home on your own schedule. Some jobs require specialized skills (web design, spreadsheets, party planning, communications, gardening). Others require only enthusiasm and a willingness to help.

Take a look at the PTA roster in the parent handbook or on the PTA website to get an idea of the variety of jobs available. Our nominating committee will be contacting as many people as possible over the next few weeks and asking you to help. Please say “YES” when they call. Even better, don’t wait to be called, call them first before the best jobs are filled! Any member of the nominating committee would be happy to discuss what job might be the best match for you:

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Pam Wicks	HYPERLINK "mailto:pjwicks@sbcglobal.net"
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	493-2574

The PTA is healthiest when there are constant infusions of new faces and new ideas. We strive to include representatives from all our feeder schools, all neighborhoods, all grade levels, every segment of our community. Remember that PTA events and programs greatly enrich your child’s experience here at Terman, but none of it—social events, Tiger Talk, eNews, science fair, book fair, bike safety, cotillion, fundraising for school support, and much more—happens without volunteers.

If you are interested in the “bigger picture” of district-wide PTA activities, the Palo Alto PTA Council is also looking for volunteers to fill council positions next year. Vicki Dempsey (HYPERLINK "mailto:vldempsey@yahoo.com" vldempsey@yahoo.com, 949-4243) is Terman’s representative on the council nominating committee.

And please remember to mark your calendars for the next Principal’s Coffee, on Thursday, March 13 at 7:45 a.m. Come and enjoy a cup of

coffee, courtesy of the PTA, chat with Carmen and other parents, and ask questions in a relaxed, informal setting. A short PTA meeting will follow the coffee, and we encourage all parents to participate in PTA decision-making.

As always, we welcome your questions, comments, and participation in Terman PTA.

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Terman Update

Ce qui se passe en classe de français...

In French 1A we are now studying sports and will soon be learning about the weather. Students will get an opportunity to write little books stating what activities they do in different kinds of weather. The unit will end in a partner project “La météo- a weather report”. In French 1B we are studying about clothes, having finished a unit on the past tense. The 8th grade students are working on a project based on Francophone literature. They are rewriting fables and creating fabulous hardcover picture books that will be displayed in the library and shown to their parents at a soirée.

The Gunn High school French club students visited the Terman 8th grade class and presented a funny skit, cancan dance and trivia game, on the 31st of January. And bien-sûr, we had a celebration for Mardi Gras with crêpes

galore on February 5th and 6th. Students made masks and also learned about the origins of the festival and how “carnival” is celebrated in different French-speaking countries. Vive la culture! A bientôt!

Mme Raman
French Teacher

World Languages at Terman

Students have so many elective choices here at Terman. Enrolling in a World Language is one of their choices. A language course such as Spanish or French requires a two year commitment for students and gives them an early start on language instruction. Many students who take languages at Terman continue on with that language in high school and earn high school credit for the course work completed here at Terman.

There are many benefits to learning a new language at an early age. Language learning has a positive effect on intellectual growth, enriches and enhances a child’s mental development, improves understanding of native languages, opens doors to other cultures, and increases job opportunities in careers where knowing a language is a real asset. Language classes are fun, interactive, and give Terman students a head start in language requirements for college.

Currently we have 249 7th and 8th grade students enrolled in either French or Spanish. 6th graders have the opportunity to learn very basic Latin in the six week exploratory wheel. We have three language teachers here at Terman: Madame Raman teaches both levels of French, Sra. Clohan teaches Spanish 1A and the language wheel, and Maestra Méndez teaches Spanish 1B, AVID and the language wheel. Madame Raman has been teaching in PAUSD for 6 years and has recently achieved National Board Certification. Sra. Clohan has

taught for 15 years in PAUSD and Maestra Méndez has taught in PAUSD for 6 years and 10 in Redwood City Schools, and is also a National Board Certified teacher.

Language classes are academic courses which teach students how to read, write and speak as well as teaching the cultural similarities and differences of their respective language. Most students who take a language in Middle School comment on how well prepared they are once they arrive at Gunn or Paly. Language classes focus on oral, written, and the aural language communication. During parent visitation days you can see first hand all the great instruction and learning that takes place in our language classes.

Currently the 8th graders in my Spanish 1B class are learning the preterit. Learning how to talk in the past tense. This is huge for first year students as learning this tense opens up a whole new set of activities to talk about. You can look forward to seeing your son or daughter research a famous person of Latino heritage for Valentine's Day and for a creative research project.

On the first Wednesday after the winter break all 200 Spanish language students met together in the cafeteria to celebrate "Dia de los Reyes". Parents volunteered to transform the Cafe into a festive place, where students had an opportunity to mingle across grade level, learn about how this holiday is celebrated in various Spanish speaking countries and then participate in cutting the "Rosca de Reyes". Parents helped in so many ways, decorating the cafe, making mexican hot chocolate for students, chaperoning the event and clean up. Thank you parents.

Language is much more than just learning to speak. It is about learning the beauty of culture and language together.

Hasta Pronto
Maestra Margarita Méndez

**Online Library Collection
At Terman Middle School
Expands and Improves!**

Read below to find out how to access the collections.

Terman, Jordan and JLS libraries have recently added new and enhanced online information sources to their collections. These online information sources are available to students and their families at school and at home 24 hours a day via the Internet. The research page on the Terman Library web page is your gateway to online information. HYPERLINK "http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/index.html" <http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/index.html>

Listed below you will find a list of our newest online collections with user IDs and passwords. Clip this out and post it near your family computer for easy access.

1. eReference Books:

HYPERLINK "http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/ereference_books.html" http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/ereference_books.html

password: palo34793

There are 20 eReference books by Gale group that cover topics such as Elements, Compounds, Drugs and Addictive Substances, the Middle Ages, The Renaissance, The Civil War and others. Each reference book has a searchable table of contents and/or index. The information is extremely high quality and accurate.

2. Online databases

HYPERLINK "http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/databases.html" <http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/databases.html>

There are three online databases and one online encyclopedia. Each source has a different emphasis and coverage.

Sirs Discoverer

user name: CA82205H

password: 94303

This database is written for 4th – 8th graders and includes curricular related magazine articles, newspaper articles, and information from selected reference books, images and evaluated web sites. It covers all topics with an easy-to-use search box.

Ebsco Points of View

user name: pausd

password: 94306

This is a full text database designed to provide students and schools with a series of controversial essays that present multiple sides of a current issue. It includes information from Ebsco's Points of View books, periodical articles, newspaper articles, primary source documents and images. There is a 6 minute tutorial that will assist you in learning how to use the database.

CountryReports.org

user name: pausdms

password: middle

CountryReports.org is a searchable database providing information on countries all over the world. It covers historical, physical, cultural and political information. It includes maps, charts, photos, symbols and more. The information on this site is continually kept up-to-date.

World Book Online

user name: pausd

Password: 94306

A full text, searchable online encyclopedia with images, video clips, sound clips, maps, charts, tables and much more.

3. Topic Links

[HYPERLINK "http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/researchtopics.html"](http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/researchtopics.html) <http://staff.pausd.org/%7Emiddlelibrary/researchtopics.html>

Topic Links are pre-selected web sites that support curricular and research topics assigned in the three PAUSD middle schools. A custom Google search box is being added to all Topic Links. This is a new feature that makes it easier to search within each Topic Link but does not go out to all the rest of the Internet.

The “Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood” Coming Soon to a Forest near YOU!

If you think you know the story of Robin Hood, think again! The legend of Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men gets an unforgettable and irreverent facelift in the Terman Middle School Drama Department production of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*.

The show still features all your favorite characters, but they’re all, well, a bit different from how you might remember them. Let’s just say you’ll never think of the guy in green in the traditional way again!

***The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood* runs for 3 performances in the Terman Middle School cafetorium on Thursday, March 13th and Friday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 15th at 2:30 p.m. Running time is approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes (including intermission) and the show has something for everyone - perfect for all ages. You’ll want to mark your calendars and buy your tickets early. It’s sure to be a laugh-out-loud romp through Sherwood Forest that you’ll never forget!**

Tickets may be purchased by filling out a ticket order form and dropping it off in the "Robin Hood" box in the front office. Order forms can be found on the back of the "Robin Hood" flyer in this issue of Tiger Talk, or next to the box in the office. Please make sure you include your name, the date of performance you want, and the number of adult/student tickets you want. Checks should be made out to: “Terman Middle School,” with "Robin Hood play tickets" in the

memo. Tickets may also be purchased at the door - if we are not sold out!

See you there!

Dey Rose

Drama Teacher

drose@pausd.org

Geography Bee

Throughout the month of December, 2007 every Social Studies class on campus participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. Students were asked a variety of questions about U.S. and world geography such as “Which state has a larger population – New York or South Dakota?” or “The Volga and Don are major rivers on which continent?” Each class then sent a representative who had answered the most questions correctly to the tie-breaker (Semi-final) round to narrow the field of contestants for the finals. Here, all students were asked the same question simultaneously. They wrote their responses to questions such as “The English Channel separates the United Kingdom from what other country.” Nine contestants answered at least two questions correctly and moved on to the final round in the Café in January. The final round began with questions requiring students to use their map reading skills. The questions pertained to U.S. Geography based upon a map marked with 2006 U.S. Unemployment Rates. All students successfully answered correctly the first round. After missing two questions, contestants were excused with a rousing applause from the audience. Eventually, there were two contestants remaining – Ben F. and Harsha M. They were simultaneously asked the same questions (three in total):

“Name the independent country located entirely within the city of Rome.”

“India borders two landlocked countries to the north. Name one of them.”

“A United States island territory, where the official languages are English and Chamorro, has the motto “Where America’s Day Begins.” Name the territory.”

Harsha successfully answered two of these three questions and became the

Terman Geography Bee winner. He has since taken a tough written test that has been sent to National Geographic. Up to 100 of the top scorers in California will then advance to the State round in April. The state winner will then attend the National Bee in Washington, D.C. in May.

Below is a list of the semi-finalists and finalists. All did a terrific job answering very difficult questions:

Semi-finalists:

Adrienne T.
Aldo A.
Alex B
Andrew G.
Angela J.
Anu R.
Arul P.
Casey L.
Cheryl K.
Chris W.
Devyani B.
Hallie Y.
Harsha M.
Ilya R.
Ryan T.
Varun B.

Finalists:

Alex B.
Ben F.
Charles L.
Cheryl K.
Eric N.
Harsha M.
Ilya R.
Justine S.
Nathan C.

Victoria Blockhus
Social Studies Teacher

MUSIC NOTES

Congratulations to band students for outstanding performances on Jan. 30 and 31. More great music will be coming soon. Concert Band, Choir and 7/8 Orchestra are preparing for their assembly tour to the elementary schools on Feb. 29.

There are many exciting activities planned for the spring semester.

March 5	Terman, Jordan, & JLS Choir Concert	7:00 @ JLS
March 16	Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert & Art Show	4:00 @ Gunn
March 18	Terman Orchestra Concert	7:00 @ Terman
April 18	CMEA Band Festival @ Gunn	times TBA
May 7	Honor Groups Concert	7:00 @ Gunn
May 21	Terman Orchestra/Choir Concert	7:00 @ Terman
June 3	Terman Band Concert	6:30 @ Terman

The Music Teachers' Scholarship Concert and faculty Art show is coming soon. Check for ticket information in this edition of TigerTalk or call the music office at 329-3944.

Thank you again for your continued support of our program.

Mark Dungan, Band Director
Lisa Lawrence, Band Director
Rachel McGuire, Orchestra Director
Naomi Temes, Choir Director

Nancy Coffey
Music Coordinator

MARCH 16 at GUNN HIGH SCHOOL

PAUSD MUSIC & ART TEACHERS' COLLABORATIVE

FACULTY CONCERT and ART SHOW

Art Preview ~ 3:30

Concert begins ~ 4:00

Reception and art sale ~ 5:15

This is the 17th year for the Palo Alto Unified School District music teachers chamber music concert. Don't miss this opportunity to hear your teacher perform in this fundraising concert.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be awarded as scholarship money to be used by PAUSD students to further their music education. Any student in grade 4-8 who is currently participating in a school music ensemble may audition for a scholarship.

Proceeds from the sale of the art will be awarded to a PAUSD art student.

Audition information will be sent home with students.

Students will sign up at the concert for an audition time.

Auditions DO NOT take place at the concert.

After the initial sign-ups at the concert (the following Monday), open spaces will be filled on a first come first serve basis, by calling 329-3944.



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TICKET ORDER FORM

Adult: \$12.00 (\$15.00 at door)

Name

Student/Senior: \$5.00

Address

Adult tickets

___ \$ _____

City,

Zip _____

Student/Senior

___ \$ _____

Phone (____)

TOTAL \$
Send check (made out to PAUSD) and self-addressed stamped envelope to:

PAUSD Music Office, 25 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306

For more information please call: (650) 329-3944 or e-mail: **HYPERLINK**

"mailto:psmith@pausd.org" psmith@pausd.org

PLEASE SEND REQUEST BY NO LATER THAN
MARCH 7, 2008

**Thank-you to all who have
donated to
Partners in Education
this school year!**

The Palo Alto Partners in Education (PiE) fund-raising campaign for this school year is now finished and two lucky Terman families have won \$1,000 each to pass on to their favorite Terman club or academic subject. I have to submit this article on February 5 and you will read this TigerTalk on February 21, so in between the 2007-2008 campaign will have ended on Valentine's Day and the drawing for the "Spread the Love" campaign will have happened. The winners will be announced in the next TigerTalk, as will our final participation percentage and the dollar amount raised by PiE for all the schools in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD).

As of February 5th Terman's participation rate has exceeded our last year's final rate – we are at 33.3%, and over \$519,000 has been donated to the secondary schools fund by families all over the PAUSD. This money will be divided up amongst the 5 secondary schools on a per student basis and Terman will receive at least \$70,000 to spend, for example, on extra instructional staff during the next school year.

If you would like to see how a well-organized fundraising campaign using many volunteers spread over multiple institutions works and gain some experience in fundraising, then I recommend you volunteer to be Terman School's representative to PiE for the next school

year—the job starts in May 2008 and I can provide some coaching to get you started!

Cherrill Spencer, Terman's representative to Partners in Education Foundation.

The Sustainable Schools Committee (SSC) hereby invites you
to a meeting on
**HOW TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE
GREEN TEAM**

Wednesday, March 5, 7-9 pm, District Board Room

What is a Green Team?

A group of students, assisted by parents and staff, who work to reduce the environmental footprint of a school—through energy conservation, recycling, composting, etc.—thereby both saving scarce school funds and gaining education on critical environmental issues like climate change.

What is meant by a "Sustainable" Green Team?

At the initiative of enthusiastic parents, a number of schools have organized the equivalent of a Green Team and achieved significant results, only to have the team dissolve when key parents moved on with their children. The SSC has developed a plan for eliminating this problem by grooming successors and engaging key staff in addition to parents.

Is any help available in forming a team?

Yes! Wendy Hediger, who works on recycling for City Public Works, has obtained funding to hire a consultant to facilitate the organizational process at interested schools.

What are the purposes of the March 5 meeting?

- (1) To explain the concept and process in greater detail;
- (2) To answer questions;
- (3) To find out which schools are interested.

We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity by sending one or more interested people. RSVP to Walt Hays, wkhays@igc.org.

PTA UPDATE

Terman Loves Our Volunteers

This month we want to focus on some volunteers who quietly do important jobs in the background, month after month, without much public awareness of their efforts. A big “Thank You”, and pats on the back for jobs well done to the following volunteers:

Leslie Fiedler, membership chair, was so successful in promoting PTA membership this year that we achieved our highest membership numbers ever—695 members, just over one member for every student! This helps California state PTA meet its goal of one million PTA members, a number that lends great weight to PTA’s lobbying efforts in Sacramento.

Leisa Waschura, Volunteer Database Manager, compiles the information from the blue volunteer surveys that were in the Back-to-School packet in August and creates a resource available to PTA event chairs and staff as volunteer needs arise throughout the year. Leisa assists with contacting and scheduling volunteers, and often is first on the list of volunteers. Her willingness to help wherever needed is much appreciated.

Nitay Gill and Homa Yazdani coordinate monthly staff appreciation events ranging from holiday tins filled with homemade cookies to a visit from the Latte Guy. This is the PTA’s way of recognizing all that the staff does, above and beyond the call of duty, for our children. The staff greatly appreciates these small tokens of thanks.

Aarti Johri and Gaile Gordon co-chair the Terman Parent Network. They act as moderators for the parent network Yahoo group and arrange monthly informal meetings for parents who wish to exchange ideas and concerns with one another—a wonderful service to our parent community.

The PTA Wardrobe is a community resource operated by the Palo Alto PTA Council. Terman's wardrobe liaison, **Lindsay Joye**, does a great job keeping the Terman community informed about the wardrobe's operations and services.

Special education liaison **Pamela Diken** helps keep our special education families informed about district and community programs relating to special education and advises the PTA on special education needs we might address.

Finally, **Cherrill Spencer**, Terman's PiE representative, has single-handedly done a job that is shared by two people at most other schools. While this is not technically a PTA function, we recognize the importance of PiE funding at Terman and greatly appreciate Cherrill's efforts to ensure the success of the PiE fundraising campaign.

Sharon and Bruce

Science Fair

The 2008 Terman Science Fair was held on the evening of Wednesday, January 24th, and featured 46 projects by 66 students. The amazing quality of work and wide variety of topics in both the science and engineering categories were a vivid demonstration of the creativity and commitment of our students and teachers.

This year's fair was made possible by a wonderful group of parent judges who volunteered on very short notice (including some who were recruited as they arrived at the fair with their kids!) and did a great job of interviewing the student presenters and rating their work (on an Outstanding, Good, Satisfactory scale) for Project Selection/Design, Analysis of Data, Accuracy of Conclusions, Display Poster Clarity, and Creativity. Judges were also asked to nominate projects for Special Merit Awards, in acknowledgement of extraordinary effort or results.

Here's a complete list of all participants, with projects awarded three or more "Outstanding" ratings identified with "***" and "Special Merit Award" winners indicated with "SMA".

6th Grade Students

Vivaan B.

Madeline B.

Drew B. *** SMA

Gabriel C. ***

Laura G.

Caroline H.

Mario K.

Avner K. ***

Joelle K.

Sabrina L.

Lauren L.

Marley M.

Meredith M. *** SMA

Riya N.

Victoria N.

Joseph N. ***

Catherine N. ***

Eric N. *** SMA

Nathan P.***

Giulianna R.

Jenny S.

Natalie S.

Chris S. *** SMA

Amy S.

Sivian S. *** SMA

Rebecca V. *** SMA

Anton Z. *** SMA

Cindy Z. ***

7th Grade Students

Anita C.

Andrew G.

Marcus G.*** SMA

Harrison H. ***

Sarah H. *** SMA

Aamir J.

Helen J. *** SMA

Jeremy L.

Kira L.

Gen M.

Karissa O. *** SMA

Rani S. *** SMA

Adam U.

Anne Z. *** SMA

8th Grade Students

Amy A.

Eamon B.

Karen C. SMA

Sarah C.

Nathan C. *** SMA

Grace F.

Fiona F.

Malik G.

Thomas H.

Asuka I.

Olivia K.

Naemi K. SMA

Sierra L. *** SMA

Ellis L. *** SMA

Anika M. ***

Arul P.

Elizabeth R.

Antonia T. SMA

Jasmine V. *** SMA

Keenan V.

Daniel W. *** SMA

Priscilla W.

Atticus W.

Alvina Y.

All students will receive Certificates of Participation, which will be distributed by their science teachers. Thanks again to all the parent volunteer judges and Terman Science Department staff for their dedicated work with our kids, and if you're interested in helping with next year's science fair, please let me know.

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"mailto:tani_sys@ix.netcom.com" tani_sys@ix.netcom.com

PTA Science Fair Chair

Calendar Update

Please update your calendars with a few changes to previously announced dates:

The **Principal's Coffee and PTA Meeting** originally scheduled for Friday, March 14 has been moved to **Thursday, March 13**, 7:45 a.m.

The **Spring Dance** has been moved from Friday, April 4 to **Friday, April 18**, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The **April PTA Meeting and Parent Education Evening** has been moved from Wednesday, April 9 to **Wednesday, April 16** at 7:00 to avoid a conflict with the April 9 Madeline Levine event. Look for more details in the next Tiger Talk.

The **Spring Social and PTA Meeting** originally scheduled for May 21st has been moved to **Wednesday, May 14th**. Hope to see you there!

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Principal's Coffee

Thursday, March 13th, 2008

Come and meet the Principal, Carmen Giedt at the Principal's Coffee,
7:45 – 8:30 a.m. in the Café.

It is a great way for parents to meet other families informally, and enjoy hot chocolate and donuts with your kids!

Kids are more than welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent. Remember they have to be in their classrooms by 8:10 a.m. so come early!!

Coffee will be followed by a short **PTA meeting** at 8:30 a.m.

All are welcome to attend!!!

HOLD THE DATE! COTILLION classes to begin in Spring!

Responding to popular demand, Barry Woodruff will return to Terman beginning April 10 to offer social dance to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Waltz, swing, salsa, and fox-trot are some of the fun and useful dances that students will learn. With over 30 years teaching experience with adolescents on the mid-Peninsula, Barry teaches dance with humor, patience and skill. Your child will improve his or her physical coordination, etiquette and social confidence as well as enjoy a break from the demands of the spring schedule.

The seven-week class session will be held Thursdays, April 10 through May

22 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Terman cafetorium. Enrollment forms will be available in the front office beginning March 1 or in the next edition of *TigerTalk*. For more information, and/or if you are interested in volunteering as a parent to serve snacks and assist with class supervision, please call Francine Freeman at 650-493-7967.

Bike Safety

The most exciting biking news we had this month was, of course, the world class AMGEN Tour of California, which brought “the drama and excitement of a professional bicycle stage race to the California coast. The world's top professional teams are competing over an eight-day, 650-mile race on a route that includes the California redwoods, wine country and the Pacific Coast.” The tour kicked off on February 17th with a trial run from City Hall to the Oval on Stanford Campus. It was a great honor for Palo Alto to have been chosen as the starting city for this 8-day tour. We hope many of our Terman families enjoyed the pre-race entertainment and activities including the community bike ride on February 16th and other events sponsored by Mitchell Park Teen Center. What a great way to encourage biking!

We are so fortunate to live in a community where biking is prized. According to former Palo Alto Mayor, Yoriko Kishimoto, “Palo Alto has a world-class biking culture and community ... [with] families who bike to the local farmers market... and an enthusiastic Safe Routes to School group to train our next generation of bicyclists.” For those families looking to follow the AMGEN Tour more closely, the race will continue through Sunday, February 24th. There is a Health Net Lifestyle Festival where Terman families can view and purchase cycling gear, receive bike safety instruction, enjoy the food and entertainment, and see each day's tour finish. For more information, log onto HYPERLINK <http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/> <http://www.amgentourofcalifornia.com/>. It sounds like it is worth the drive and is at each of the following cities:

Friday, February 22 in **Solvang** (Stage 5 Time Trial), Hours : 10:30am to 4:pm.

Saturday, February 23 in **Santa Clarita** (Stage 6 Finish), Hours : 12:30pm to 4:30pm.

Sunday, February 24 in **Pasadena** (Stage 7), Hours : 12:30pm to 4:30pm.

On a local note, Richard Swent who teaches bike safety classes and holds bike rodeos for elementary and middle schoolers through the City of Palo Alto Recreation Department, again came to Terman on February 8th to present “Drive That Bike” for a 6th grade assembly. This game-show type presentation, which was given as a prototype in 2007, was hugely popular with our 6th graders last year. It reminded our young Terman Tigers of important bike safety rules. We were pleased to see that most of our Terman kids actually know the bike laws. Hopefully with this reminder, they will be better about following them! If you are interested in attending Richard’s other bike safety classes, the next ones will begin on April 27. Sign up by logging onto www.bikeclass.swent.net or contacting the Palo Alto Recreation Department at (650) 463-4900 or www.city.palo-alto.ca.us.

Kathryn Latour and Ruth Harris
PTA Bike Safety Co-Chairs

Terman Parent Network Meetings

The Terman Parent Network provides a forum for sharing information and ideas relating to parenting middle school children. By joining the network, you can subscribe to the mailing list and will be able to participate in the online discussions or share parenting tips.

The Parent Network also meets about once a month. Attendees set the agenda for the meetings, which take place, usually, in the early morning, after school drop off. Evening meetings, and lunch meetings are also held occasionally to accommodate the needs of the parents. The Parent Network meetings provide a great way to meet other parents informally and find out what's happening at Terman. Parents share their concerns, and topics have ranged from homework issues to adolescent issues. Our next parent meeting will be held on Friday Feb 29. Further details will be announced on eNews and on the Terman parent network.

If you would like to be on our email list and/or would like additional information about the Terman Parent Network, please contact:

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Life Skills, Transition to Work, School, and Vocational Training

presented by **Nicole Heaps**, MVHS life skills teacher, **Kim Jackson**, MVLA Workability Coordinator, and **Scott Blow**, manager at San Andreas Regional Center

What will be the key issues your child will face after high school graduation? Come hear about the high school life skills curriculum. Learn about an array of services that lead to a successful student transition to employment and post graduation programs. This talk will address the needs of students who are unlikely to go to a four year college or who might go to college but will need substantial assistance to make an effective transition.

Wednesday, Mar 19, 2008 - meeting is 7 to 9 pm. Hospitality begins at 6:45pm. Covington Elementary School Multi, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos.

This parent education event is sponsored by the SELPA 1 CAC (HYPERLINK "<http://www.selpa1cac.org/>"www.selpa1cac.org) All of our events are free and open to anyone who feels they might benefit. No registration is necessary.

TIGER TALK CALENDAR

February

Thurs. 28th

Elective Selection Forms due (6th & 7th grades)

Fri. 29th

Concert Band, Orch., Choir tour to elem. schools

March

Tues. 4th

STAR Writing Test (7th grade)

Wed. 5 th , 7:00 p.m.	Choir Concert with JLS & Jordan (at JLS)
Thurs. 6 th , 8:30 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting
Thurs. 6 th , 6:30 p.m.	Molecule Project Parent Night (8 th grade)
Mon. 10 th	Parent Visitation Day
Mon. 10 th , 3:30 p.m.	Site Council Meeting
Wed. 12 th	Deadline to return Book-a-thon record sheets
Thurs. 13 th , 7:45 a.m.	Principal's Coffee
Thurs. 13 th , 8:30 a.m.	PTA Association Meeting
Thurs. 13 th —Sat. 15 th	School Play Performances "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood"
Tues. 18 th , 7:00 p.m.	Terman Orchestra Concert
Wed. 19 th	Book-a-thon Party
Thurs. 20 th	End of 3 rd Quarter
Thurs. 20 th	Terman Minimum Day (Dismissal at 12:20)
Fri. 21 st —Fri. 28 th	Spring Break— No School

April

Thurs. 3 rd , 8:30 a.m.	PTA Executive Board Meeting
Wed. 9 th , 7:00 p.m.	Parent Ed. Presentation: Madeline Levine (at Gunn) "The Price of Privilege"
Thurs. 10 th , 7:30 p.m.	Cotillion begins

(Becky, you don't have to include April if space is tight)