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There is also a Reflections flyer from Grace Yu that I sent to Becky.

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Dear Terman Community,

Welcome to all of our new families and students who will be starting as Terman Tigers in August. It was fun to see so many new families for the Hawaiian Luau at our Annual PTA Spring Social a few weeks ago. The new school year will be here before you know it. And sadly, we will soon be bidding adieu to our 8th graders and their families as they move up the street to Gunn High School or to Paly or other high schools. We wish them great success in their new adventures and hope they always remember being a part of the Terman family.

I would like to extend many thanks to the PTA for their ongoing support for many activities here at Terman. This year the PTA contributed to Terman technology by placing an LCD projector in every classroom. PTA and Site Council also finished providing replacement laptops for staff and some memory upgrades. The PTA annual Direct Appeal Campaign helped us make significant improvements in the acoustical systems in the café. Our drama and music productions have already benefited from this gift.

We are grateful for the countless volunteer hours in the library, on field trips, school dances and other special events organized by the PTA. The 8th graders will be very surprised and delighted at the magical event of the Promotion evening dance, all organized by the parent committee. We are blessed to have such a warm and positive PTA.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Sharon Dally as she steps down from being PTA president. She has masterfully stewarded us through several major projects over the past two years as executive vice president and this year as president of PTA. We will miss her quiet manner on bringing us along the PTA path. Leslie Fiedler and Jan Rossi will be taking over these roles for next year. Thank you to all of the parents who are stepping into new jobs with PTA next year.

Many thanks to our Site Council Chair, Linda Lingg for her tireless efforts on the school improvement plans for the past three years. She has actively represented Terman at various District meetings and kept our council moving forward with curricular issues. The Site Council has been a forum for many discussions with positive action resulting thanks to Linda's leadership. We appreciate her thoughtfulness and involvement with our school and the site plan.

Next year's site council will have three parent members continuing, Lisa Schmidt, Bob Sandor and Joy Yu. There are two 2-year terms open. Leslie Dorosin and Lynn Kidder have volunteered to serve on Site Council for these terms. Later in this issue you may read about their statements and vote. Please look for the Site Council Ballot in this issue and return it to the school office before June 12.

Our Site Council bylaws provide election of new members in June so as to

have a full Council over the summer and at the beginning of the school year. Much of the work on the Site Plan Final Report and new annual plan happens during the summer and is presented to the School Board in early fall. Site Council meetings are open to all parents. We encourage you to attend and be involved.

We will kick off our new school year with a “Terman Back to School Day” on Monday August 25, 2008. So save this date and watch the summer mail for a large packet of necessary papers and then bring those papers with your checkbook on Monday, August 25. Students will have school pictures taken and Terman locks issued as well as some other fun activities.

We will have two Back to School Nights next year. The first one will be for 6th grade parents only on Wednesday August 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. A week later on September 3, 2008 we will have the 7th and 8th grade Back to School Night. We hope that this will help parents who have students in 6th grade and in 7th or 8th. We know that those first few weeks of school are critical for learning how to help your student. Mark your calendars now. **The first day of school is Tuesday August 26, 2008.**

I know you will all join me in thanking our highly qualified and dedicated staff for making the 2007-08 such a successful year for our students. Thank you to all the volunteers that support us in providing a creative and challenging program here at Terman. And thank you to all of our parents for sending us the wonderful students that make up the Terman family.

Enjoy the summer time; share the warmth with families and friends and experience new adventures. Cherish this time with your students and relax. We look forward to a Tigerriffic 2008- 09 School Year.

Sincerely,
Carmen M. Giedt

PTA President's Letter

Greetings to the Terman Class of 2011! We hope you enjoy this issue of *TigerTalk* and that it provides a glimpse of the exciting times ahead in middle school. Some of you are already receiving our weekly Terman eNews on Thursdays. If you're not in that group,

follow the instructions on Page 2 of this newsletter to subscribe. By subscribing now, you ensure that you will receive the most current information about Back-to-School procedures and events via eNews in August. Also, be sure to check the Terman website for more information about the school: HYPERLINK "<http://www.terman.pausd.org>"
www.terman.pausd.org.

What a productive year it's been! Our PTA priorities for the year were:
Community building for parents and students
Providing support (both financial and hands-on) for school needs
Improving communications between school and home
Having fun!

Our Community Builders spanned a wide range from all-school socials (Back-to-School Dinner and Spring into Summer Luau) to Principal's Coffees, Parent Education events, and Parent Network. For students, the PTA offered the annual Carnival in September, Cotillion, and support for school dances.

With regard to Communications, we employ a multi-pronged strategy including the monthly *TigerTalk* and weekly eNews. The PTA website, the school directory, and old-fashioned posters, flyers, and postcards also play a vital role. We strive to keep every parent well informed about school events, programs, and issues.

Of course, School Support is the heart of the PTA. Parent generosity in our very successful direct appeal campaign enabled us to purchase over \$36,000 worth of computers, digital projectors, and other technology items, as well as \$8000 worth of equipment for acoustic upgrades in the café to enhance student concerts, drama performances, meetings, and other gatherings. Other significant expenditures included scholarships, educational grants to teachers, library acquisitions, and support for Adolescent Counseling Services.

Impressive as all this financial support sounds, the many thousands of hours of volunteer time contributed this year are an even more important form of school support. PTA volunteers stuffed packets, processed Back-to-School paperwork, ran carnival booths, organized school socials and staff appreciation events, manned the book fair, science fair and Breaking of the Bread celebration, handed out prizes at Bike-to-School Days, supervised drama rehearsals, prevented chaos on school picture days, assisted with vision and hearing screenings, processed magazine subscriptions, chaperoned dances, and much more. Not to mention time volunteered in classrooms and the library.

I have tried to publicly thank these innumerable volunteers in the pages of *TigerTalk* throughout the course of the year. If I have inadvertently omitted anyone, I apologize. Each of our volunteers is important and is appreciated. But I have saved one particular group to thank in my final column as PTA president. Our dedicated and wonderfully

supportive PTA Executive Board has provided guidance and leadership all year long. This year would not have been nearly as successful, or half as much fun, without them:

Bruce Jaffe	Executive VP
Robin Boselli	VP Community Activities
Tracy Stevens	VP Ways & Means
Tina Tang	VP Communications
Duncan MacMillan	Secretary
Daisy Zook	Treasurer
Lou Ann Winchell	Auditor
May May Miller	Historian
Richard Dickens	PTA Council Representative
Cindy Carpien	PTA Council Representative
Leslie Dorosin	PTA Council Representative

Congratulations to our incoming 2008-09 PTA Officers! Tina Tang, Duncan MacMillan, and Daisy Zook are continuing in their current positions for another year. They will be joined by Leslie Fiedler and Jan Rossi (co-presidents), Pamela Diken (VP Community Activities), Catherine Hendricks and Françoise Debost (co-VPs Ways & Means), Bonnie Liang (Auditor), Carolyn Cooper (Historian), and Wynn Hausser and Tracy Stevens (PTA Council Reps). There are still opportunities for **YOU** to get involved. A number of committee chair positions are still open. We especially welcome participation by our incoming 6th grade families. See the article elsewhere in this issue for more information.

Thanks to each and every one of you who have worked to make Terman a terrific school for our children. You have made it a pleasure to serve as PTA President this year! We'll miss those of you moving on to high school next year but look forward to seeing the rest of you at Terman's Back-to-School Day on August 25th. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,
Sharon Dally
PTA President
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Terman Update

Cross-Town Colleagues

Terman and JLS Electric Vehicles Join Forces

The May Fete Parade has been the staging ground for a bond between Terman and JLS Stanford Middle Schools. On May 3rd, and for the fifth time in Palo Alto history, the two schools joined forces to demonstrate transportation solutions designed and built by middle school students. The students, normally rivals during sports matches, drove side by side, proudly presenting their cars, as crowds along the street cheered. In all there were 8 electric vehicles in the joint armada that drove the parade route that ended at Addison school.

The electric vehicle club started 12 years ago at JLS when Industrial Technology teacher Brad Booth and an energetic group of six students wrote the first Palo Alto Foundation grant to launch the project. In the years that followed there have been more than 300 JLS students who have participated in the “Electric Moose Club” who have come from all over the world. For the last five years, Terman, under the leadership of Industrial Technology teacher Eileen Chang, has happily joined JLS in continuing this engineering program.

Over the past school year, teams of four or five students carefully constructed vehicles from scratch, with creativity and ingenuity. Students created various designs with different steering mechanisms, brakes, switches, and frames. Each team faced many engineering challenges that they had to overcome.

Additionally the two schools get together on a less formal basis at JLS for a rally and potluck where they race and share food and expertise. This year the teams met on May 20th outside of Room 80 at JLS. The teams competed in four events; drag racing, slalom, braking, and an event that tested the smoothness of their driving skills. Each school had vehicles that excelled in one or more of these events. It was truly a marvelous experience where students from both schools freely helped each other and shared knowledge. All involved had a wonderful time.

Eileen Chang
Industrial Technology

(Choice of 4 electric car photos to put here)

French at Terman:

As the year comes to a close, it is quite satisfying to see what students have done in French class. The seventh graders had a chance to learn Halloween vocabulary in October and play games using the new vocabulary words. They got to make small books showcasing their knowledge of French expressions for likes and dislikes. All language students get to play games and write letters and it was especially fun to write holiday letters in the new language. Then came Valentine's day with spectacular Valentine's cards being made by these 7th graders. When we learned about school subjects, students got to create their ideal schedules and also made comic strips about how to ask for and obtain school supplies. Learning the colors through a song was exciting. The sports and activities chapter, along with weather, made way for fantastic weather reports on video. The latest unit was about Paris and the Parisian cafe. Students learned about all the famous landmarks of this beautiful city. On the 20th, they will create and hold an authentic French cafe in the classroom, with parents also joining in. The students are looking forward eagerly to using their French in the setting of a café, complete with real French food and drink! Before the year draws to a close, we will be making cootie catchers in class to tell each other's fortune using the future tense. And when we get back next September, it will be on to making family albums to start off the year!

The eighth graders started with family albums, then went on to fabulous "Rachel Ray" style food shows. To start the unit off with a bang, Madame Raman brought out madeleines for all from the oven, "Oh La La!" They got to eat delicious French food in the process. After the food unit, students learned how to use the past tense in French. To integrate a lot of culture into this unit, they got to read authentic Francophone literature meant for French speaking children. They then adapted the stories into simpler language to make cool hardcover books. These were wonderfully creative, well written and nicely illustrated. They were on display in the library for everyone to read. The next topic was clothes, and students got to really give full play to their imagination by putting up stunning fashion shows. Now we have just finished a unit on travel and vacation and will close the year with a unit on giving directions and talking about the city. Students usually get to play with tiny cars and "drive" them around town

for fun! Then it will be time to say Au Revoir and Bonnes Vacances!

Madame Raman

“I don’t think bullying will ever stop; it’s just life.”

-words of an 8th grader

Disturbing as this view is, it is not really surprising. Newspapers and television news are saturated with stories of war, violence and cruelty in the world, in the country and in our community. Many, many, popular movies, songs and video games reflect violence as commonplace. Our kids are surrounded by visions of cruelty. In addition to these external influences, we know that due to insecurity and a desperate need to belong, the tendency to cruelty is an adolescent characteristic. Creating belief in a more caring paradigm is a challenge.

At Terman, we continue to work to meet this challenge. This year, sixth graders watched the powerful anti-bullying film, “Let’s Get Real”. Students reacted to the film, empathized with the victims, and grew in their understanding of the effects of social cruelty. Every sixth grade class was visited three times by a select group of 8th grade students. These TASC (Tigers Against Social Cruelty) students talked to the sixth graders about their Terman experiences and helped them identify characteristics of a safe classroom.

The focus of our seventh grade social cruelty program is empathy. In advisory classes, students participated in team-building activities, interviewed one another about experiences with social cruelty, and demonstrated a personal skill to their classmates. In English classes, students wrote and shared poems about their individual lives. Compassion is a major theme of core literature in seventh grade, and, as a culminating project, students created memorials to commemorate an event that has particularly moved them.

Eighth grade students are asked to be leaders in setting a positive tone for the school. Lessons in eighth grade advisory focused on how to be an ally to younger students. A group of 40 students were chosen to be members of the TASC group. These students met throughout the year with sixth graders. In the spring, the eighth grade teams reorganized so that girls could have a

block of time to watch a film, “It’s a Girls’ World” while boys did team-building activities. The film, a frank discussion of the consequences of relational aggression, clearly resonated with our eighth grade girls.

As a school, we believe we are making progress toward creating a Terman culture of kindness and respect. Parents must also join the effort. They can model speaking out against unkindness. When parents hear stories of cruelty at school, they can encourage their child to get involved – either directly or by seeking help. They can encourage students not to ignore unkind behavior; contrary to what we may have thought, ignoring behavior of this sort will not make it go away. And parents must not collude in the myth that “telling makes it worse”. If kids have been victims of social cruelty, parents must empathize and problem-solve a solution. They must emphasize that there **is** a solution.

Since Terman School opened, we have told ourselves and the world that we are a different kind of community – one of inclusion and acceptance. Maintaining a respectful culture is a goal we must work on every day. Kids can’t do it. Staff can’t do it. Parents can’t do it. Only our community, working together and supporting one another, can create the culture we want and our kids deserve – one of kindness and respect.

The Terman Counselors

Suggested Reading List for Parents: Social Cruelty

Kevin Brown

[Bullying: What Can Parents Do?](#)

Barbara Coloroso

[The Bully, the Bullied and the Bystander](#)

Michele Elliot

[101 Ways to Deal with Bullying: A Guide for Parents](#)

Dan Kindlon and Michael Thompson Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys

Dan Olweus Bullying at School: What We Know and What We Can Do

Mary Pipher Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls

Rachel Simons Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression In Girls

Rachel Simons Odd Girl Speaks Out: Girls Write about Bullies, Cliques, Popularity and Jealousy

Michael Thompson Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children

Rosalind Wiseman Queen Bees and Wanna Bees

Jan Yager When Friendship Hurts

7th Graders Honor Current and Past Events in History

On April 29th, seventh grade students from Ms. Berliner and Ms Duffy's English classes showcased a beautiful display of monuments memorializing children affected by numerous events in history ranging from the Black Plague to Rwanda. This project culminates the work of many months in English class where students have read a variety of materials focusing on multiculturalism and its major themes. Students recently read Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl and Farewell to Manzanar, where they examined themes such as hope, perseverance, justice, and the struggle for freedom. Throughout the year, students studied a range of works emphasizing these and other similar themes common to multicultural literature. The memorial project grew as a natural extension of the seventh grade English curriculum.

The goal of The Children's Memorial Project is for students to use symbols and symbolism to represent and remember (commemorate) an important event or time period in history. Students truly rose to the occasion in completing this assignment, showing creativity, thoughtfulness and insight in paying tribute to the individuals affected by the various events. A multitude of materials were incorporated into the over two hundred memorials produced by this year's seventh graders, including natural elements such as rocks and water, to more craft-like items like clay, paper or Styrofoam. One element they all had in common was a display of compassion and empathy for individuals outside of themselves. They truly deserve the highest praise for articulating these expressions so well.

Tracey Berliner

(2 photos of memorials go with this article)

Terman Students Win 2008 Tech Challenge Awards!

Two Terman teams participating for the first time in the San Jose Tech Museum's *Tech Challenge 2008: Water Works* brought home 2 of the 20 coveted awards. Both teams worked on their projects for over three months, and the culmination of their efforts was realized on May 3 when they competed against 174 other teams from throughout the Bay Area in the 5th to 8th grade category. For those who are not familiar with this annual event, the Tech Challenge is based on solving real-world problems. This year's contest involved finding a solution to help a village in Northern Kenya whose women and children struggle each day to carry water from a downhill stream back to their uphill homes. The challenge was to create a device, powered by a river, to deliver water to the village's water tank without using electricity. The flow of the river had to generate power. Aside from the village in Kenya, creative solutions showed the participants that their inventions could potentially help thousands of people throughout the world.

The *Best Overall Solution 'First Place'* award (the top prize) was given to *Team Avalanche's* "Poseidon" water pump. The *Avalanche* team included Terman 6th graders Nathan P., Nicolas D., Matan B., and Neel T. This award is based on excellence in the team's efforts in three categories: Device Performance, Engineering Process, and Style and Presentation.

The other award-winning Terman team was the *Water Wizards*, which included 6th graders Carolyn H., Meredith M., Elke R., and Stephanie Z. The *Water Wizards* was one of the few all-girl teams competing in this event, and they brought home the *Inspirational Award for 'Best Team Spirit.'* The Silicon Valley Chapter of the Alliance of Technology and

Women voiced an interest in sponsoring the girls' team again next year, which is very exciting.

Terman was the only school with two winning student teams, and considering the tremendous competition, this is really a fantastic accomplishment for these students and a feather in Terman's cap!

Leslie Fiedler

Team Avalanche (L to R: Matan B., Neel T., Nathan P., & Nicolas D..) pose with their winning entry, the "Poseidon" water pump.

The *Water Wizards* team (L to R: Meredith M., Carolyn H., Stephanie Z., & Elke R.) pose with water wheel pump.

Terman's Site Council

Terman Site Council would like to thank the volunteers who have served the Terman community this year. Teachers Beth Carlson, Maureen Duffy, Tammy Juarez, and Becky Rea have been representing staff this year. Parent representatives are Tanya Henderson, Bob Sandor, and Lisa Schmidt. We sadly say goodbye to Tanya who is moving back to the Boston area this summer. Lisa and Bob, our Secretary, will be returning again next fall. Our ELD representative, Joy Yoo, will also be returning. In addition, we'd like to thank Assistant Principal Steven Gallagher for joining with the Site Council each month to help formulate the Site Improvement Plan and manage our Terman Site Council survey. Thanks also to Helen Yu and Catherine Anderson, our Student Council Reps.

In June, I will be rotating off Site Council after four years as a parent representative. It has been an honor to serve the Terman community and I am proud to have been a small part of the school's growth. As Lisa put it recently, "Terman just keeps getting better and better." In my last three years as chair, it has been a pleasure to work directly with our principal, Carmen Giedt, from whom I have learned so much.

Please take a moment to check out the ballot in this edition of the Tiger Talk and vote for Leslie Dorosin and Lynn Kidder, who are running to fill the two vacated parent representative positions. They will be the voice of families in upcoming revisions of the School Site Plan, the School Safety Plan, and the Final Report to the Community. Along with the rest of the Terman Site Council they will be advising the Principal on spending of

SIP, PiE funds. For more information, contact Site Council chair Linda Lingg (HYPERLINK "mailto:magnons@pacbell.net" magnons@pacbell.net) or Principal Carmen Giedt.

School Site Council Candidates

The following two people have been nominated to serve on the Terman School Site Council. Please take time to vote for them on the ballot found later in this issue.

Lynn Kidder:

I am interested in serving on the Site Council at Terman because I would like to become more involved with the school, and because I enjoyed serving on the Site Council at Juana Briones. My previous volunteer experience includes two years on the Site Council at Briones and six years on the PTA Executive Board at Briones, including 2 years as PTA Co-President. I have also served as a PTA Council Representative, PIE Representative, and as a member of the District Attendance Area Advisory Group in 2006-2007. I have twin 8th graders and a 6th grader at Terman.

Leslie Dorosin:

I am running for a position on Terman Site Council. I am the parent of two children and have been involved with the school district for over 10 years. The youngest will be a 7th grader at Terman and the oldest will be a Sophomore at Gunn. I have a strong interest in education and having two very different children has made me aware of the need for a breadth of educational opportunities and teaching styles. My previous volunteer experiences at Terman include: PTA Grants Chair, PTA Historian and PTA Council Representative. In addition, at Barron Park Elementary School I was Site Council Co-Chair, PTA Co-President, Secretary, Historian and Parliamentarian. I also recently analyzed high school student comments as part of the District strategic planning process. At Gunn I am currently Co-Historian.

Lisa Schmidt and Bob Sandor will continue to serve the second year of a two year term. Joy Yu will continue to serve as our ELD representative.

Terman Summer Reading

Students Are Invited To:

Read...one book or as many as you wish.

Record...the books read on the attached sheet, or any sheet of paper. Have your parent initial each book read.

Write...about one book. For instance, what did the book mean to you? How did it connect to your life? What is your opinion of the book?

Reward...celebrate your summer reading in September with a party and prizes.

Remember...

Have your parent initial your reading list.

Turn in your list when you return to school in September.

Check out books from your local library.

The summer reading list is also posted on the Terman

School Library web page: **HYPERLINK "http://staff.pausd.org/" http://staff.pausd.org/%7Edbarnhart/termanlibrary.html**

Have a great summer!

Carmen Giedt, Principal

Dede Barnhart, Library Media Teacher

(Becky will add the reading list and reading log to these directions)

**Thank you to all who have
participated in
Partners in Education's
activities
this school year !**

PiE has a variety of ways of raising money for our schools and my thanks are extended to those of you who patronized a local business during our Spring Fling, or ate at a local restaurant on an evening when they gave 20% of your bill to PiE, or honored one of your kid's teachers with a donation to PiE, or went bowling at the Palo Alto Bowl. (They donated 25 cents per game to PiE and gave YOU a discount rate.)

Now PiE is gearing up for the next school year and I'm very pleased to announce that we have one new PiE representative for Terman: she is Michelle (Morgan) Bullwinkle and I hope you will support her efforts on behalf of PiE even better than you did mine. Each school is supposed to have TWO PiE reps and we are still looking for a parent volunteer to be our second rep and share the tasks with Michelle. Please contact me, Cherrill Spencer at 650-926-3474, to learn about this relatively easy volunteer job through which you will have a considerable effect on our children's education. There are tasks to be done in June and August, so contact me before June 12 please.

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

Do Tigers Have Green Stripes?

Maybe they will– starting this fall when the Terman Green Team kicks off.

The Green Team is part of a district wide effort to increase environmentally responsible actions at all the schools. Terman was one of seven schools chosen to have consulting help from Strategic Energy Innovations in getting our Green Team started. It will work with students, teachers, parents and staff to select and implement projects that will make a difference on the Terman Campus.

At the beginning of the year Green Team plans to start by working on reducing the amount of trash the school generates. Did you know the school will save money if we can reduce the number of dumpsters we fill? And that money can be spent on educational programs. Oh yeah, it is also good for the environment!

If this is interesting to you, get involved, the more green tigers the better! And to help us all get started here are three green tips that any family can do:

Tip #1 – Get your library card. This is green because it will cut down on the number of DVD's and other media items you buy. Now if you love a creative work, by all means buy it. But I am afraid I will never watch my copy of “Freaky Friday” ever again.

Tip #2 – Buy recycled paper products. If every home in the US replaced one 12 pack of virgin paper bathroom tissue with 100% recycled ones we would save 1.7 gallons of water and 4,220,000 trees!

Tip # 3 – Recycle every scrap of paper you can. Recycling 1 ton of paper saves, on average, up to 17 trees and prevents air and water pollution. The 17 trees saved can absorb a total of 113.6 Kg of carbon dioxide from the air each year. Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 4.2 MWh, or enough energy to power a computer for almost one year.

The sky is the limit; the Terman Green Team will achieve great things for the school and the environment. Get involved!

Kirsten Flynn
kir@declan.com

PTA UPDATE

Jump Right In, the Water's Fine!
Volunteer Opportunities

Take the plunge—volunteer for Terman PTA!

If you are an incoming 6th grade parent, we encourage you to jump right in! Your child will be at Terman for only three years, so don't lose any time. Getting involved right away is the very best way to get to know the staff, get to know other parents, and learn your way around a new school. And it's fun!

If you've been here for a year or two but have not yet gotten your feet wet, remember that volunteering at school truly enhances your child's experience at Terman and shows your child the value that you put on education. You will expand your network and maybe even develop some new skills that will look good on your resume!

Below are the PTA jobs we are still trying to fill for next year. There are jobs to suit every schedule and every interest. If you can fill one of these positions or would like more information, please contact Sharon Dally at [HYPERLINK "mailto:sharon.dally@gmail.com"](mailto:sharon.dally@gmail.com) sharon.dally@gmail.com or 494-7155. Thank You!

PTA Council Representative - represent Terman at monthly PTA Council meetings and report back to Terman executive board. Terman has 3 reps, who usually take turns attending the meetings.

Social Norms Chair - work with school staff to "advertise" the results of the annual social norms survey to the students (via posters, pencils, etc.)

Traffic Safety Liaison - coordinate with principal, city of Palo Alto, and PTA Council regarding traffic safety issues and concerns. Keep Terman community informed about traffic issues. Act as contact person for any bus issues that arise. Promote and facilitate carpooling. This job does NOT involve directing traffic in the parking lot!

Children's Theatre Co-Liaison - Liaison with Palo Alto Children's Theatre regarding the annual Outreach Show performed by Terman students (Oct-Nov.). Publicize auditions and performances. Coordinate volunteer help for rehearsals and performances. (One of last year's liaisons is returning, but needs a co-)

Back-to-School Dinner Co-chair - organize volunteers to help set-up, sell tickets, serve, and clean up annual Back-to-School Dinner (mid. Sept.). Assist with publicity and planning for the event. (One of last year's chairs is returning, but needs a co-)

Parent Education Co-chair - make all arrangements for 2 parent ed. events at Terman (fall and spring), including scheduling, finding speakers, and publicity. Keep Terman parents informed about other parent ed. opportunities available in the community. (One of

last year's chairs is returning, but needs a co-)

Family Outreach Chair - Welcome new families to Terman and encourage their participation in Terman programs and events. Be a contact person for underrepresented or underserved members of the Terman community. Increase minority participation in school and PTA programs and events.

School Dance Liaison - coordinate volunteers and chaperones to assist at school dances.

Spring Social Chair - Recruit and chair a committee to organize the annual spring social, including food, publicity (to both current Terman families and incoming 6th grade families), ticket sales, entertainment, and volunteers.

Tiger Talk Content Editor - Solicit and edit articles for monthly *Tiger Talk*. Consult with principal and PTA president regarding content. Coordinate with layout editor. Be familiar with PAUSD and PTA policies regarding newsletters. (Nine issues per year)

Tiger Talk Layout Editor - Take articles, photos and flyers forwarded from content editor and format them for publication. Send final document to the printer. Prepare revised version suitable for posting on the website (Nine issues per year)

Student Directory (Trainee) - produce student directory using PAUSD database. (Work with current directory chair this year, preparatory to taking over the job the following year.)

PTA Publicity - Create posters, flyers, etc. to publicize PTA events to Terman families. Assist event chairs who need help with publicity.

2nd Annual Hawaiian Luau Spring Social

On Wednesday, May 14, on a warm, Spring evening, Terman PTA held its biggest community building event of the school year. The spring social was a Hawaiian Luau featuring local arts, entertainment, Hawaiian food and delicious desserts! A crowd of over 325 students, parents, teachers and staff enjoyed the food, friends and entertainment.

Sharon Dally, PTA president, kicked off the event by introducing the evening and the entertainment. Entertainment featured period Hawaiian music dating from 1915-2000, our very own Terman Jazz Band directed by Mark Dungan and the Terman choir directed by Ms. Naomi Temes. There was a display featuring our students' prize artwork organized by Mrs. Papanicoulau. School Principal, Carmen Giedt, spoke thanking all for coming and recognizing the tremendous

value that the spring social does for community building at Terman.

For the 2nd year in a row, Hukilau, a local restaurant in Palo Alto catered the Luau. Delicious desserts were also provided.

A committee of Janet Dickens (Chair), Ellen Shay, Marcy Keenan Campbell, Alison Simonetti, Sheryl Humble and Richard Dickens planned and organized the event. A team of focused volunteers pulled off the event including creating the island décor like professionals.

The evening was a perfect opportunity to mingle with friends, chat with Terman staff and to welcome our incoming 6th graders. A huge thank you to the organizing committee and their teams of volunteers for making the 2008 Terman Luau a hugely successful and fantastically fun evening. Thanks to the Terman community, the PTA, faculty and staff and all the entertainers and artists for making this an event to remember for years to come.

Aloha & Mahalo
Janet Dixon-Dickens
PTA Spring Social Chair

Direct Appeal Campaign 2007-08

The Direct Appeal campaign this school year was very successful and our goals were reached early in the school year due to a very supportive parent community.

Your contributions, totaling a bit over \$72, 000. were far reaching in that Terman now has an enhanced and improved sound and lighting system in the Café which everyone (students, staff, and parents) can enjoy whether it is a music performance, a play, or a guest speaker.

The PTA was also able to give a significant donation to the school library. The remaining teacher laptops (not purchased the previous year) were acquired as were a number of other technology components that are used in the classroom.

The number of families (296) who contributed increased from the previous year, once again, with donations of \$25.00 to \$500.00. Every contribution was appreciated and went towards supporting not only the specific goals of site improvement projects but also the ongoing PTA sponsored activities such as: Teacher Grants, Library support, Tiger Talk, Counseling and Community

Services, Student Scholarships, Social Events, Science Fair, Drama Productions, Parent Education and Teacher Appreciation.

Next year the per student request will remain at \$275.00, which will go to support our many ongoing programs but also some new site improvement projects. You will receive more information about this in the Back to School Packet that is mailed to your home in early August.

I am happy to mention that next year Terman will have 2 new volunteers who will serve as Co-VP's of Ways and Means. I would like to say Welcome and Thank You to Catherine Hendricks and Francoise Debost.

Thank you so much for all of your support. Every dollar makes a difference and benefits the quality of education for our students and improves the environment of our facility for our teachers and staff.

Enjoy the summer –
Tracy Stevens –
VP Ways and Means

SAVE THE DATE – BACK TO SCHOOL - 2008-09

Before everyone drifts off to summer please mark your calendars with the following information.

Back to School Packets will be mailed the first week of August.
The packet will contain all Back to School information and instructions. PAUSD will also send out a packet the first week of August.

Terman Back to School Day is Monday August 25th

Incoming 6th Graders: 10 a.m. – 12 Noon
7th and 8th Graders : 2 – 5 p.m.

Have a Great Summer Break

VOLUNTEER FOR TERMAN'S BACK TO SCHOOL DAY

Greet old friends, meet new friends, and help us begin the new school year by volunteering during the new improved Back to School Day! Volunteers are needed Monday August

25th for two shifts: 9:15-12:15 and 1:15 to 5:15. The first shift will help register incoming 6th graders, the second shift, 7th & 8th graders. Please contact Leisa Waschura at leisa_waschura@synthesysresearch.com to sign up today!

Back-to-School Packet Stuffers Needed

Even though the current school year is not yet finished, your trusty PTA is already thinking ahead to the 2008-09 school year. One of the first projects will be assembling Back-to-School Packets. The stuffing party (yes, it's that much fun!) will be held in early August. It's a great way to meet new people and to catch up with old friends. Refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Terman PTA. If you'd like to help out, please contact Mary Anne Hanson ([HYPERLINK "mailto:mah2004@gmail.com" mah2004@gmail.com](mailto:mah2004@gmail.com), 856-9718). Even if you're unsure about your summer plans, please don't hesitate to sign up; you can let me know your availability later.

Summer Dreaming

School's ending and all thoughts are on SUMMER! So much potential, so much time, so many great things to do. Visit friends and family, hang out, go to summer school and camp, spend time at the pool. But wait, how am I going to get to these places, especially the places that are just down the street or a few blocks away? Drive? Nah, it is so uncool to waste gasoline on such a short trip. Bike?

Yes! That's the answer! Check my bike, make sure that the wheels and brakes are in working order, and that my helmet fits perfectly. Put on my helmet, hop onto my bike, and off I go! The long days of summer are designed for biking.

See you in August!

Terman PTA Bike Safety Coordinators
Ruth Harris and Kathryn Latour

Lost and Found Cleanout is June 12

Come find the joy of reuniting with your long lost clothing!!

The Terman Lost and Found, located outside the office, will be cleaned out on Thursday June 12, the last day of school. All clothing will be donated to the PTA Wardrobe. Please remind your student to stop by and claim any lost items. **Thank you!**

- Lindsay Joye, HYPERLINK "mailto:ljoye@pacbell.net" ljoye@pacbell.net, PTA Wardrobe Liaison

Community Update

Public Service Announcement 2008 Teen Summer Reading Program Palo Alto City Library

Have fun this summer at the Palo Alto City Library's Teen Summer Reading program. Signup begins early this year, on June 2nd. Read as many books as you like, and when you are done you can win some cool prizes such as a paperback book and a free pizza coupon. Everyone who completes the program will be eligible to enter a drawing to win one of two \$50 iTune gift certificates plus other great prizes such as ice cream coupons and movie passes. You can sign up at any Palo Alto City Library branch or online.

There will be a party to launch the Teen Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Park branch. Make a splash in a gigantic water fight while munching on popcorn and ice pops. Other free summer library programs for teens include 'How To Sell On Ebay', "Transform Your Bedroom", "Art Workshop Making Winged Insects & Cocoons" and "Learn To Draw Anime Faces".

For complete details about the Teen Summer Reading Program, go to HYPERLINK "http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/library" www.cityofpaloalto.org/library or visit any Palo Alto City Library branch.

Terman Middle School Site Council Ballot 2008-09

SLATE

2 year Terms

Leslie Dorosin, 7th grade Parent

Lynn Kidder, 6th and 8th grade parent



Please detach and return to Main Office

_____ Yes, I accept the slate as listed above for the
2007-08 Terman Middle School Site Council.

_____ No, I do not accept this slate.

Parent of student(s) in grade 6 7 8
Please circle appropriate grade level

TIGER TALK CALENDAR

June

Fri. 6 th , 7:45 a.m.	Principal's Coffee
Mon. 9 th , 3:30 p.m.	Site Council Meeting
Mon. 9 th , 7:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Recognition Night
Tues. 10 th	8 th Grade Trip to Great America
Thurs. 12 th	Last Day of School —Dismissal at 12:20
Thurs. 12 th , 5:30 p.m.	8 th Grade Promotion

August

TBD	Back-to-School Packet Stuffing
Mon. 25 th	Terman Back-to-School Day
Tues. 26 th	First Day of Classes
Wed. 27 th , 6:30 p.m.	6 th Grade Back-to-School Night (parents only)

September

Mon. 1 st	No School —Labor Day
Wed. 3 rd , 6:30 p.m.	7 th /8 th Grade Back-to-School Night (parents only)
TBD	Terman Carnival
TBD	PTA Back-to-School Social

Please watch for updated calendar information in eNews and in the Back-to-School packet that will be mailed to you in August.