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The Perfect Gift

by Marina Rush, Co-Chair

Last month, I ran into my son's 4/5s Teacher from the previous school year. As we were talking about schools, she said Mountain School is a gift. I started thinking about gifts, how can you not especially during this gift-laden time of year. Gifts... my mind starts racing, oh my god I haven't started shopping yet... what should that special gift be for my 5 year old (Dylan) and 2 year old (Aidan)?

The childhood gifts I remember are the annual night-gowns my mother sewed for my sisters and me; going to Oma's house where she hung apples and oranges in the Christmas tree along with real candles lit long enough for us to sing Silent Night in German; and playing with my cousins in the nooks and crannies of the house where the grown ups wouldn't go. Gifts, gifts, gifts... I wish I could wrap up Mountain School and put it under the tree for my nieces, nephew, and friend's children. Yes, Mountain School is a gift that has given to my family so many times over the last three years.

Mountain School Gift #1 – Reminding me at the December circle meetings that the traditions I start with my children are more important than the gifts they open. No candles in our tree, but we made and decorated a gingerbread house, visited the house in Sunnyvale with the dueling banjo lights, attended the Tech Museum Pajama Party in our pajamas, and had everyone over to our house on Christmas day. Traditions.

Mountain School Gift # 2 – Teachers that love and nurture Dylan through his developmental stages; whatever they may be at the time. Last year, the first day back at the Red School House, Dylan was getting reacquainted with the play structure and frustrated that other children were doing the same. He accidentally hit one friend,

who cried, then Dylan cried and then Dylan hit him again, and then seemed to go through the play yard and hit most of the other children. Teacher Laura took him aside and Teachers Joan and Cindy took care of the rest, and they started the process of teaching Dylan to find the words to express himself and not use his fists. It was a year long, loving process.

Mountain School Gift #3 – Self-confidence. Two years ago, during the Saturday 2s class Dylan would throw rocks into the creek and look at the bunny hill, but would not go in or climb it. He is contemplative, and would not risk falling. Now two years later, he climbs the rocks to get to the best part of the creek, climbs the bunny hill 20 times in one day (a Dylan record Teacher Charlotte said), and this week went sledding for the first time and confidently went down areas I wasn't sure I would go.

Mountain School Gift #4 – Time. Just one day a week, I slow down from my full-time work and home schedule and watch my child. I just watch, and sometimes I cry too. What a beautiful place and time to be.

Mountain School Gift #5 – This is the last one that I will list (but there are so many more), I have to say, our Mountain School families. They include the children in our carpools that have become the best-best friend; the parents who work so hard volunteering their personal time to take care of the running of the school, and the parents and teachers who work so hard each school day. The parents help provide that safe environment that has fostered my family's imagination, creativity and self-confidence; and they do some great cooking projects too.

My perfect gift - yesterday, Dylan came with me to work and ate lunch with my coworkers. One of them politely asked, "Dylan can you read yet?" He said "No, I can't read." She continued in a sweeter, but louder voice,

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(The Perfect Gift, continued)

“Can you read books?” He said again, “no, I can’t read books, Mommy reads them to me.” You see, her daughter is four and proudly has been reading for a few months now. She asks, “Dylan, what do you like to do?” “I invent things.” “You invent things?” “Yes” “What have you invented?” Dylan thinks for a bit, “I don’t know, I haven’t invented it yet.”

I was so proud of him! No he can’t read yet, but he can converse with an adult, make people laugh, and yes he does invent...a few weeks ago I came home to quite a mess. “Look Mommy, my invention.” He used the junk drawer twine and ran it from one chair to the kitchen cupboard to another chair to the refrigerator back to the cupboard and ending at a second chair; he pulled one end of the string and opened the left cupboard and pulled the other end and opened the right – a pulley system to open the doors from the other room.

Mountain School, what a wonderful, wonderful gift indeed!



Winter Workday...

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays! It doesn’t seem possible but 2008 is here and it’s time for our Winter Workday soon. This one will be on Saturday, January 26th from 12:00 -4:00pm and is for the Friday 2s & the 4/5s. The next day is the School Open House so we’ll be focusing on getting things clean and tidy for that.

Each family is required to participate for 4 hours*. Please sign in when you arrive so we can keep track of your attendance. Be prepared to bring these types of items: Shovels, wheelbarrows, rakes, garden tools, clippers, gloves, rags, sponges, extension cords, paintbrushes, electric drills, power tools and tool kits (if you’re handy we may have special projects for you). Please mark your items with your name so there is no confusion when it’s time to take things home. Meet at the schoolhouse and wear old clothing and sturdy closed shoes.

If you have any questions please contact:
Tessa Arguijo Workday Coordinator (408) 395-2892

*4 hours for 1 person or 2 hours for 2 people. Families may elect to buyout for \$150.00. Please notify the Workday Coordinator at least 7 days beforehand if you intend to buyout or are unable to attend your workday or you will be required to pay an additional \$15.00.



FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, February 9th from 9AM – 3PM

By Priscilla Amend
Go Green Chairperson

Do you have a box, garage, basement, or attic full of electronic equipment you'd love to get rid of? Then mark your calendars for a free electronic waste recycling event sponsored by Mountain School and managed by Earth Care Recycling. The event will take place on Saturday, February 9th from 9AM – 3PM at the Akeena Solar parking lot on the corner of Los Gatos Boulevard and Blossom Hill Road.

Accepted items include televisions; monitors; battery-powered plastic toys, desktop and laptop computers; CPUs; hard drives; RAM chips; CD, DVD, zip, and floppy drives; printers; ink and toner cartridges; power supplies; sound, video, network, and modem cards; PDA's; scanners; UPS' and their batteries; mice; keyboards; computer speakers; motherboards; palm accessories; stereos; speakers; amps; Mp3 players; radios; boom boxes; copiers; fax machines; VCRs; DVD players; telephones; cell phones; pagers; cameras; wires; cables; paper shredders; electronic staplers and pencil sharpeners; power tools; typewriters; satellite dishes and receivers; microwaves; toasters; toaster ovens; electric can openers, toothbrushes, and shavers; blow dryers; curling irons; vacuum cleaners; sewing machines; clocks; fans; and waffle makers.

Earth Care Recycling offers free erasing of your hard drives using software that wipes the drives completely clean. Hard drives are then shredded down to quarter size pieces during the actual recycling process.

Please be sure to gather up as many televisions and monitors you can find since these items will raise the most funds for our school.

Items not accepted are fluorescent bulbs, household batteries, large appliances, car batteries, or anything with motor oil. Feel free to contact Earth Care Recycling at (408) 943-9943 or check out their website at www.earthcarerecycling.com if you have a question about whether

or not an item will be accepted.

Earthcare Recycling works closely with ECS Refining (www.ecsrefining.com), the company that will do the actual recycling of the items collected at our event. ECS Refining has been named one of the few companies to actually keep all items from landfills, and they will not send items overseas. You can find out more about the philosophy that ECS Refining subscribes to at www.ban.org and www.svtc.org.

Please help spread the word about this great event for the environment and our school. If you work for a company that has computer and electronic equipment it wants to get rid of, please contact me. Earth Care Recycling will pick up e-waste at any company 1-2 weeks before the event and 1 week after for free. The company donating just needs to tell Earth Care Recycling to donate proceeds to LGSONS.

I could also use help with forwarding information about the event to your friends and family as well as disseminating flyers around town. The more people who know about and participate in this event, the more we can help keep e-waste out of our landfills, teach our children the importance of recycling, and earn funds for Mountain School. Please contact me if you want to pitch in with the marketing of this event.

So come by, drop off e-waste taking up space in your home or business, and leave green.

If you are interested in helping Mountain School get more green, I have some small projects that need attention. Please contact me for more information at

or gogreen@lgsons.com

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“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

Martin Luther King Jr (1929 - 1968)

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Mountain School Community Service Drives

Submitted by: Stevie Caceres
Community Service Liaison

I'm delighted to report how successful our community service drives have gone this year.

During our first drive, we collected a total of 38 pajamas and 43 books for the pajama drive. These items were distributed to our local emergency shelters just in time for the cold weather!

The Watsonville Gift drive was also a huge success. We were able to fill all gift tags, donate 24 Five Dollar gift cards and 97 stuffed animals! I was so happy to see the large box of new books donated with Mountain School scholastic points. A few items were donated past the deadline. I am planning to donate these to our last community service drive, the shelter. If you got your item in late and would like it donated elsewhere, please contact me.

I'm so very excited to be a part of all your amazing generosity this year. It's been a very fulfilling and rewarding position. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for all you have done to give back to those less fortunate.

Here is the information for our last two service drives. I hope you will all plan on participating!

January 28th – February 15th
(3 weeks):
Second Harvest Food Bank
<http://www.secondharvest.org>

Collect much needed food items to support this organization. The Sec-

ond Harvest Food Bank Network is the nation's largest charitable hunger-relief organization. Each year, the America's Second Harvest Network provides food assistance to more than 25 million low-income hungry people in the United States, including more than 9 million children and nearly 3 million seniors.

March 17th – April 4th (3 weeks):
Shelter Drive
<http://www.innvision.org>

InnVision, is the Silicon Valley's largest provider of housing and services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals. More than 16,000 people are served annually at 20 sites throughout the region. We will be collecting gently used clothing and other items needed by this organization.



Tuition

Submitted by: David Casper,
LGSONS Treasurer

If you've already paid your tuition in full, then thank you! You can ignore this reminder.

For the rest of us, the third LGSONS tuition payment is just around the corner. According to the payment schedule, it should be delivered or postmarked by January 15th. Please make your check payable to LGSONS and send it to me at the address below.

If you have any questions about your tuition balance or any special circumstances, please let me know.
Cell: (408) 309-8542

Thanks!

Make Checks payable to: LGSONS

Mail to:
David Casper, C/O LGSONS
P.O. Box 33091
Los Gatos CA 95031

Tuition by Class:
2s 1/3 tuition payment is \$244
3s 1/3 tuition payment is \$430
3,4s 1/3 tuition payment is \$600
4/5s 1/3 tuition payment is \$600
S3,4,5s 1/3 tuition payment is \$244

Tuition Policies:

Tuition fees may be paid in one single payment or in three equal installments due on or before May 15th, October 15th and January 15th.

Returned Check Policy: Any payment not received or postmarked by the due date shall result in a \$15 late fee, over 15 days late, then an additional \$25 late fee shall be assessed for the first returned check. If a check is returned a second time, there is an additional \$15 charge. After return of a second check, cash, cashiers check or money order in person will be required for all further payments during the current school year.



The Ooey Goey Lady® is coming to Mountain School!

Submitted by: Linda Aggarwal,
Programs Chair

Come see Lisa Murphy doing her popular Ooey Goey® workshop at the February Circle Meeting on Wednesday, February 27th. More details to follow. If you are interested, she will also be speaking on Feb 26th at the Campbell Community Center through a Las Madres sponsored event about the Importance of Early Experiences: How Playing IS Kindergarten Readiness.



Calendar

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 8th
7:00 pm at Van Meter Elementary
Clubhouse Portable

PIZZA MY HEART FUNDRAISER

Monday, January 14th
For more info see page 6

END OF 1ST SEMESTER

Tuesday, January 15th

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Tuesday, January 15th
For more info see page 4

MINI COURSE, "HEALTHY HAPPY KIDS – FAMILY NUTRITION MADE SIMPLE"

Tuesday, January 15th
7-9 pm at Los Gatos High School
Room 101
For more info see page 6

2ND SEMESTER BEGINS

Saturday, January 19th

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

Monday January 21st
No School

WORKDAY FOR FRIDAY 2s & 4/5s

Saturday January 26th
12-4pm at the SchoolHouse
For more info see page 2

LGSONS OPEN HOUSE

Sunday January 27th
11am-2pm at the SchoolHouse
For more info see page 6

PRIORITY REGISTRATION

Sunday January 27th-Sunday, February 10th
Applications at the SchoolHouse
Parent Room

HARVEST FOOD BANK DRIVE

Monday, January 28th-Friday, February 15th
For more info see page 4 and check
email

BOARD MEETING POTLUCK

Tuesday, February 5th
7:00pm at Van Meter Elementary,
Clubhouse Portable

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 7th
7-9pm at Location TBD
For more info check email

FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, February 9th
9am-3pm at Akeena Solar Parking Lot
For more info see page 3

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETING- ALL CLASSES OOEY GOOEY® WORKSHOP

Wednesday, February 27th
For more info see page 4 and check
email

FIREHOUSE BREWERY FUNDRAISER

February TBD
For more info check email

WINTER BREAK

Monday, February 18th-Saturday,
February, 23rd
No School

Open House

Sunday, January 27th, 11-2pm at the Red School House

Submitted by Annette Nystrom
Marketing Communications

Mark your calendars!

Do you know someone that is looking for a preschool, or just interested in learning more about Mountain School? Please let them know that our Open House is a perfect opportunity for them and their children to experience the Little Red Schoolhouse firsthand. The whole family is welcome. They will have an opportunity to meet teachers and families, tour the school, and see what makes the Mountain School a unique educational experience for children and their parents.

Directions, applications and information are available at: www.lgsons.com or by calling the schoolhouse at (408) 395-2892.



Support LGSONS and Feed Your Family in January and February

by Amoreena Lucero
Fundraising

Monday, January 14th - Pizza My Heart, downtown Los Gatos

I hope to see you all at Pizza My Heart in Los Gatos on January 14th! A thin crust, fresh ingredients and a surf motive make PMH a favorite for kids and adults. Dine-in or take-out, lunch or dinner. More details and flyer to arrive via email.

February TBD - Firehouse Brewery, downtown Sunnyvale

Support a Mountain School family (the Youseff's) and enjoy a fantastic meal with your family. The date has changed due to conflict with the General meeting, but I will update everyone soon! I hope to see you all there!



Upcoming Adult Ed Program

Submitted by Linda Aggarwal
Programs Chair

All families are required to attend one mini-course per semester.

Healthy Happy Kids – Family Nutrition Made Simple

Speaker: Bernadette Frager, RN, MN

Come and learn about the state of our health as a nation and how we can be sure to find the best sources of nutrition for both adults and children.

Bernadette Frager, RN, MN, will tell us about “good” carbohydrates, fats, and proteins, and the importance of fruits and vegetables. She will include information about where to shop for these foods, organic vs. not, tips on reading labels and the comparisons of real vs. fake foods. She will also include information about supplements and fortified foods and what to be aware of with children. The presentation (divided into home, school, and community) includes some concrete activities that can be put into practice to improve our family's health. At the end of her presentation, Bernadette will do a food preparation demonstration for parents to enjoy, and she will tell us about Juice Plus +, which has been one way she has incorporated fruits and vegetables into her family's diet.

Bio: Bernadette Frager, RN, MN, has a Masters Degree in Maternal-Child Nursing from UCLA. Her work experience includes caring for chronically ill adults and children in university hospital settings such as UCLA and Stanford. She also is a part-time Pediatric Nursing Instructor at DeAnza College. As a nurse and a mother of three wonderful teenagers, nutrition has always been a key factor to Bernadette both professionally and personally. Bernadette will inspire us to make simple lifestyle changes that will result in improved health for our families. Her suggestions are both practical and possible for our fast-paced, hectic lives.



eScrip

Easy Fundraising for
Mountain School

What is *eScrip*?

eScrip is a hassle-free way to raise funds for Mountain School through everyday purchases made at *eScrip* merchants. Once you have registered your grocery and debit/credit cards, a percentage of your purchases will be automatically donated to our school.

Simple Registration.
Just 3 Steps!

1. Logon to www.escrip.com and go to “sign up”

2. Designate our group to receive contributions-

Group ID is #3593396

3. Register any or all of these cards-

Grocery Club
Debit
Credit

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From the Editor

The deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday, February 5th. Please send request for the eNewsletter and all submissions for consideration to

newsletter@lgsons.com

Warmly,

*Theresa Bond
Editor and Publisher* ☞

Auction March 8, 2008 at Redwood Estates Pavilion

Submitted by Jane Johnson
Fundraising Chair

One of my favorite events each year is fast approaching - our silent & live auction! It's such a fun night of visiting with parents, teachers, alumni, extended family members and friends. It's a unique event for our school in that its just adults so it gives us the opportunity to see each other and complete a conversation at the same time :) And, it's a fun way to raise funds for our school allowing us to get things we want or need or would have purchased anyhow (and maybe even some surprising splurges!). I can't wait to see what our amazing Solicitations & Buy-A Spot Teams have in store for our bidding options this year!

This year's theme is Reflections. Feel free to dress casually, formally, or in costume: however you want your reflection to be seen that evening! It's about being comfortable with who we are, who we want to be and having fun doing so.

For those new to the auction, the evening starts with your registration as you enter the building. Here you get a packet with a bidder number to use while placing your silent and live auction bids. After registering, move over to the Cashiers to preregister a credit card for faster checkout. Then, help yourself to refreshments before surveying the tables. All tables will be showcasing the items for bid with sheets on the tables next to each item showing the starting bid and the increments in which each bid needs to be subsequently placed. Use your bidder number, last name and the bid \$ amount you'd like to place. Each table of items will close (not allow any further bidding) at a specific time so make sure to get your bids in early on the 1st table to close. Times for table closing will be listed in the evening's program.

New this year! Our live auction at the end of the evening will also showcase some of the items in which the bidder sheet filled. That way, Live Auction will have items ranging from potentially very inexpensive to the traditional more expensive items. Something for everyone to watch and hopefully find something on which to bid!

Your Auction Committee Chair will contact you in the next few weeks if you haven't received notification already. It truly takes a community to make this happen and we're blessed to be part of this community.

I look forward to meeting those of you whom I haven't yet met and working together towards a very fun and successful auction!

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“Tides of Life”

Dear Families,

I hope you've thoroughly enjoyed this holiday season and experienced special times with your families and friends. My favorite two days were both spent exploring the beach and tide pools during an extremely low tide at Natural Bridges State Park in Santa Cruz. After spending Friday afternoon, December 21st, there with the 4/5s class, I returned the next day with my husband and four grandchildren for another glorious adventure looking for sea anemones and crabs and urchins and all the wondrous inhabitants of our central coast. If you haven't ever experienced this special place don't miss the next low tides which occur during daylight hours: January 17th – 21st; February 2nd – 7th; February 16th -21st. You can find the exact times online by googling “Monterey Bay Tide Tables”. Give me a call if you'd like more specific information or check at the visitor center at the park. With young children you need two adults to maneuver the ups and downs of the rocks and cliffs but it is definitely worth all the scrambling and you will all love this exciting experience.



I'm very sorry to report that “Cinnamon”, one of our school guinea pigs died at the beginning of our school break. The Cockcroft family, our animal caretakers this year, found her dead in the cage when they arrived to take them home for the holidays. We think she was about 4 years old which is a normal life span for guinea pigs. Nico Cockcroft's 3/4s class will be able to bury her in the woods below the chicken coop and all the classes can help decorate her grave. Though Cinnamon will certainly be missed and mourned by everyone, the teachers also appreciate the opportunity for the children to experience the death of an animal at school. Children learn about life and death through concrete experiences. And because we know that eventually we all will have some experience of human death it is wonderful to be able to learn first through the death of a pet or another familiar animal.

We welcome the children's sadness and also their very matter-of-fact questions. It is a good opportunity for you to read a few books to your child about this topic which will encourage your conversations at home. We have several books at school that you can preview or children's librarians can also suggest simple, appropriate stories about death. Big, heavy topics like this aren't so big to children but just another part of life. So if we take our cues from them, Cinnamon's death can become a very interesting and valuable lesson. In fact, the liveliest discussion that my class has had all year was about the death of a pet chicken in a story about traveling by wagon train to California. So, if you should find a dead mouse, or fish, or lizard or chicken, you'll be ready to celebrate its life and discuss its decomposition.

A few good books on animal deaths but there are many more great ones as well:

Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

The Tenth Good Thing about Barney by Judith Viorst

The Forever Dog by Bill Cochran

The Dead Bird by M.W. Brooks.

Love, Marie 

Have fun Making Play Dough at Home

2 cups flour*

1 cup salt

2 Tbs. cream of tartar

4 Tbs. oil

2 cups hot water (add natural food coloring to it)

Mix well the first four ingredients. Then, add the hot colored water. Once it's cool start mixing with your hands. Store when cool in a plastic ziploc bag. Rolling and kneading with your hands (without tools) helps develop those fine motor skills.

*Gluten Free recipe email Editor

Are You Interested?

We're thinking of providing a new service this year based on interest: Transportation for our auction to and from Redwood Estates Pavilion and LGHS area.

If interested please email jcwjohns@yahoo.com with potential number of passengers by January 16th - thanks!



Turkey Trot a Success

Submitted by Annette Rau
Turkey Trot Chair and mom of Gabriel (3s) & Daphne

The clouds hovered just long enough to make us appreciate the glorious autumn weather that followed; Claudia and Tom grilled up a storm to satisfy appetites big and small; Chris was master of the course and pulled off the race like a pro; Sandy effortlessly handled registration with a smile; the children's activity tables were phenomenal and a magnet for the little ones; our course volunteers were bright and lovely in their orange vests...

http://share.shutterfly.com/action_welcome?sid=8CbsWzls1cu-g

I don't yet know the total amount this event raised for the school, but there is no doubt it was a huge success in terms of FUN-raising! One need only view the sixth photo of all our kids grooving to Andy Z to see a definition of delight.

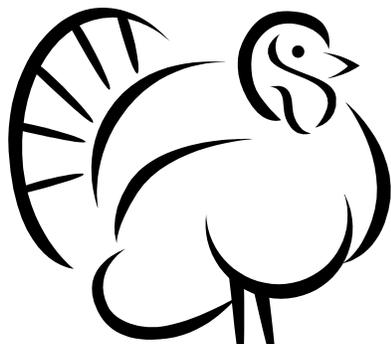
An enormous thank you to my fellow Turkey Trot team members Sandy Hatzis, Chris Dyrby, Claudia Yore, Marina Rush and Sonia Casper (who, although not technically on the team, helped in so many ways!)...these people all gave 110% despite busy lives and schedules.

And we cannot forget our sponsors (without whom this event would not have been possible), including from our school: Tom Yore – Alain Pinel Realtors, Barbara Lonsbury – Aldo's Ristorante, Kristi Rupprecht – Silpada Designs, Youssef family – Green Vehicles.

Enjoy the photos, there's obviously some emphasis on my two, but I couldn't resist sharing all these with you. (If you're not used to Shutterfly, click "view pictures", click "slideshow", click "view fullscreen").

Thank you to everyone – volunteers, parents, teachers –

for a spectacular day!
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Mountain School Spring Camping

Portola Redwood State Park
Friday, May 9th-Saturday, May 10th

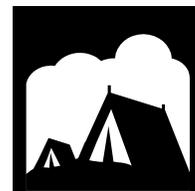
Two group sites are reserved at Portola Redwood State Park on May 9th and 10th, 2008, for families in our school who wish to go camping together. There is room for 100 people altogether and it will cost \$9.50 per person. The park is located in the Santa Cruz Mtns off Skyline Blvd and Alpine Road, about 45 minutes from Los Gatos. Each family needs to bring their own tent, sleeping bags and food although we will coordinate the meals somewhat just before we go. Families can arrive anytime after 2 pm on Friday (most come between 4 and 6) and we must vacate the sites by noon on Sunday, although you are welcome to stay and play in the park longer of course. When making your plans for this event don't forget that Sunday, May 12th, is Mother's Day. The cost is the same for 1 or both nights and for children and adults. We had a camping trip at this same park the last weekend in September which was really fun and we want to offer more of you the opportunity to try it out.

To register send to our treasurer: \$9.50 for each member of your family along with your names, email, class, and whether you will camp only Friday night, only Saturday night, or both nights.

David Casper, C/O LGSONS
P.O. Box 33091
Los Gatos CA 95031

When all the places are filled David will keep a waiting list in case people's plans change. If you have any questions please contact me at (408) 395-2892.

Sincerely,
☺ Marie Imai



ART is a pART of Everything

Submitted by Jane Krejci, Director and Teacher

I recently went to the San Jose Art Museum in downtown San Jose. There was one exhibit that I think is especially appropriate for young children. It is "Joan Miro: Fantastic Universe" (through February 2, 2008).

Joan Miro was one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. He used memories and childhood experiences to express whimsical imagery through shapes and forms of the natural world and the cosmos. (He was influenced by the Surrealists; but refused to identify himself with any one movement.)

The exhibit showcases about sixty original prints that feature drawn lines, curlicues, geometric shapes and bold primary colors. In addition to the exhibit, there is a children's table and chairs with colors and shapes that can be arranged on a palette. It is a wonderful chance for children to explore color and manipulate shapes. The children I observed "playing" at the table were totally engrossed and animated.

I suggest a few guidelines for taking young children to any Art Museum.

- Talk about it ahead of time.
- Limit the time (and/or number of exhibits) in the Museum.
- Be sensitive to your children's pace - they are active and like to move!

Here are some questions that might help them focus on the exhibits.

- What do you see (shapes, patterns, color)?
- How does it make you feel?
- Does it remind you of something else?
- If you were in the painting, where would you sit?
- What would you see, do, feel?
- Do you think there is a story in the artwork?
- What is the artist trying to show us?



I love taking the light rail from the Winchester Station down to the Convention Center and then walking to the Museum (and other points downtown). It is a great outing!

Someone wrote:

The ARTS are a pART of and integral to everything.

Look inside the word earth. Find ART in the center of eARTH.

Look inside the word heart. Find ART in heART.

Look inside the word hearth. Find ART in heARTH.

Find ART warming hearth, earth, and heart.

Let's make sure the ARTS are in the hearts and hearths of the children of the earth.

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