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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday Gala Meeting
March 11 8:30 am - Development Office

Friday **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
March 12 **DAY NO CLASSES—NO DAY CARE**

Saturday Drifthenge Sneak Peek
March 20 9:00 am– 11:00 am– Nature Works

Wednesday Chevy's Del Mar Dinner Night
March 24 5:00 to 8:00 pm

Tuesday Gala Meeting
March 30 8:30 am - Development Office

Wednesday Parent Association Meeting
April 14 9:15 am– Development Office

Summer Program 2010

For The Toddler Community

Two, three week sessions:

Session 1 ~ June 21 - July 9
and

Session 2 ~ July 12 – July 30
Both sessions - Ms Maria and Ms Lesley

For The Children's House

Three, three week sessions:

Session one, June 21 - July 9

Session two, July 12 - July 30

Both sessions with Ms Dawn, Ms Sibylle and Ms Soraya
and

Session three, Aug. 2 - Aug. 20

With Ms Estella and Ms Maike

Applications for the sessions listed above can be printed out from our website,
www.SantaFeMontessori.org.

Just click on the link for the level you're interested in on the home page.

SFMS Alumna, Julia Pian Announced as First Place Winner At Awards Ceremony

"The Bishop's School senior and Carmel Valley resident **Julia Pian** and two Bishop's students were strong competitors in the Coastwise Prize for Investing Excellence, a scholarship program underwritten by Coastwise Capital Group, LLC. The purpose of this annual competition is the promotion of financial literacy among today's youth.

It was announced at the Awards Ceremony held on Feb. 23, that **Pian, daughter of Dr. Donald and Kar Beck Pian, was the first place winner in the division designated for high school juniors.** Also recognized were finalists in the 12th grade division, Frannie Tyner and Oliver Feune de Columbi.

Essay topics varied between grade levels, but overall queried students to answer questions around why and how they plan to prepare mentally and financially for the costly expense of college, what resources they have explored, what their goals are, and how attending college will assist in achieving those goals.

The winners received over \$10,000 combined in the form of a 529 College Fund which will be immediately invested so they may use the money for college expenses." Reprinted from the Carmel Valley News, March 4, 2010

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SFMS- Parents' Association News

March 2010

Wow!! What an overwhelmingly great response we have had to our new school T-shirts. We had no idea we would be selling out of some sizes so soon! The PA would like to apologize for running out of some of the sizes. We have reordered them and they will be in soon. Once in, Kathy Stenger and I will be having a day where we are at drop off in the morning selling the shirts. Be on the lookout for that day soon. The PA is so excited that so many families want to participate. It really shows us how our community has grown. Thank You!!

Friday, March 5th was our kick off Spirit Day. Thank you to all who were able to participate. We are going to continue Spirit Days each Friday. Remember our profits from our T-shirt sales will go towards the school playground.

Coming Up

Chevy's Family Dinner Night will be on March 24th. Please remember to make your reservations for that evening. Watch for the flyer with more details that will be sent to you soon.

SFMS-PA Meeting will be on April 14th at 9:15 am in the office of Jennifer Busick, located directly behind Walter's office in the elementary building.

Teacher Appreciation Week– April 19th-23rd– Be on the look out for more information!!

Next Year

Looking ahead to the next school year, 2010-2011. The PA is starting to talk and think about parents who would like to join the board and serve on the Parents' Association.

Kathy Stenger, who is our Vice President this year, will be taking over as PA President next year. Kathy has been a wonderful addition to our board. She has started the community events that we have been a part of from the collection of bicycles at the holidays, Valentine Cards for our Seniors in the community, and better recycling habits for our school. Kathy was instrumental in our T-shirt making process working diligently with our designer, picking out colors and logos, getting opinions from school staff, and ordering. Kathy has definitely made our community better and we are very excited to have her take over as PA President. We would love to have some new faces be on board as she takes on this wonderful endeavor.

For more information on how you can help please contact
LeAnn at parkerandjjsmom@pacbell.net or
Kathy at katherine.stenger@cox.net.

News from the Development Office

Getaway to the Junkanoo is coming!!

Thanks so much to all of you who made 2009 happen with donations like the condo packages, the unique experience packages, and the kid experience packages. That's the stuff of SFMS success.

Things are developing quickly for a really fantastic gala! Did you know that we already have three flat-screen TVs for our auction--courtesy of the generosity of Terrill and Karri Smith, parents of Cooper and Camden in Children's House??!!

Donating, underwriting, and sponsoring our gala will benefit all--school and donors alike! SFMS is a great community--anybody, individual or business organization, will gain from partnering with us! Just as last year, we will be putting up links on our website to connect our school with our vendor donors.

This year, our sights are set on continuing the playground enhancement effort we began a year ago. Last year, with your donations and fund-an-item pledges, you made our sculptural, artistic tire swing happen. The kids love it!! Just walk by our playground any day of the week and you can hear the giggles and squeals as SFMS kids build the memories of their childhood on this new playground amenity.

This year, we are asking for your help again! Drifthenge is our 2010 project. It's a natural climber--made to look like driftwood--we described it in the February Chronicle. This project is awesome--something no other school has--and sure to enrich the lives of SFMS students for decades to come. We invite all of you to help make Drifthenge a reality by your donations and gala participation.

For now, we are busy putting our event together! This is only our second gala. But, already, under the leadership of Anna Danes, our gala chair, we are a well-oiled machine--an event organization you will be proud to join. Join us for the fun before the fun. We still have fabulous ways to be involved--like helping us with organizing our gala volunteers or our gala clean-up system, or with our gala entertainment program. Entertainment is a highlight of the evening, and we need creativity! Help make our gala a success by signing on for one of these important jobs!!

Our theme this year is *Getaway to the Junkanoo*. What's a Junkanoo? As our banners state (in the fine print), it's a Caribbean Celebration--island food, drinks, and Steel Drums without the long plane trip!! It's going to be fun. Returning this year is our outstanding auctioneer, Sean Kelly. Did you know he's had spots on David Letterman since his gig at SFMS last year??

We are working hard to reenlist our last year's vendor donors. Michelle Bunch is chairing this effort and will be contacting them. Our small business donors did so much to help us last year--you made our effort, and we hope you are "in" for this year.

We are also looking for new partners--Simy Pearson, along with Anna Danes and Kathy Stenger (and everyone at SFMS) is working to expand our vendor connections. If you have donation leads--big or small businesses, or know individuals who might be interested in donating, let Simy or Anna or Kathy know, or contact Karen Berger in the Development Office at book-nurse@aol.com.

So, bottom line, come to our next gala meeting, Thursday, March 11th at 8:30 am in the Development Office, Elementary Building. A few hours of your time supports our effort, and together we will do great things for our school. Our March 11 meeting is an important meeting. We are taking our gala committee website portrait picture, and we'd like to see you in it!! Also, that's the day of our "Save-the-Date" parking lot gala season kick-off!

Most of all this year, we are looking to repeat and expand on the energy of last year. See you at the meeting, March 11, 8:30am.

Sneak Peek

on Saturday, March 20, 2010

9:00 am to 11:00 am



All SFMS parents and children are cordially invited to visit Nature Works in Escondido to see the almost ready, new elementary climber that artists Valerie Salatino and Nancy Moran are creating especially for SFMS.

When we visit, we will see very little of the steel pipes seen in the photos because they will be covered in a special epoxy mixture artistically crafted to resemble genuine driftwood.



Mr. Walter will bring hot coffee, juice, water, bagels and fresh fruit

Nature Works is located at 1991 Don Lee Place, Suite K
(near E. Mission Rd. & Vineyard Ave.) in Escondido, CA 92029.

Nature Works, Inc. website address is, <http://www.natureworksinc.net>.