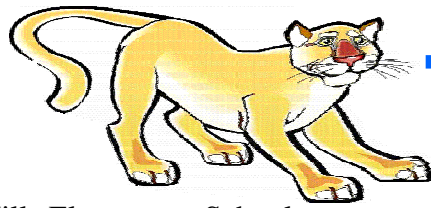


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Next Week: Sep. 17-21

Mon.	Assemblies: 9 & 10:00 am. MPR San Diego Philharmonic Quintet
Tue.	
Wed.	
Thu.	
Fri.	Minimum day. Grades 1-5

Future Important Dates

Tue. Sep. 25	Picture Day.
Wed. Sep 26	Dining Out Night 5-9 pm Islands Restaurant.
Fri. Sep. 28	Professional Growth Day. No school for students.
Mon. Oct. 1	Make-up Picture Day.
Mon.-Fri Oct. 8-12	Scholastic Book Fair
Thu. Oct. 11	Polar Party
Fri. Oct. 26	Halloween Party.
Wed. Oct. 31	Minimum day. Grades 1-5

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Good Press! Our school has received more recognition: this time in an article by Marcia Manna in this month's edition of San Diego Magazine. She reported that thirty nine elementary schools, in nine school districts in the San Diego area exceeded state and federal benchmarks in the 2006-2007 academic year.

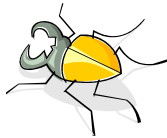


In the Poway Unified School District, Rolling Hills ranked sixth among the ten schools that exceeded the benchmarks with an Academic Performance Index of 913. Congratulations students, teachers and parents: the three essential ingredients for academic achievement!

The article may be found at <http://www.sandiegomagazine.com/media/San-Diego-Magazine/September-2007/Making-the-Grade/>.

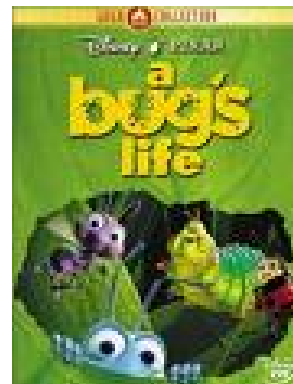
BUG OUT!

to the Multi-Purpose Room
Tonight, September 14
for Family Movie Night



Bring a blanket
and a pillow

Snacks served at
a nominal price!



See you @
6:30 pm in
the MPR

Get comfortable.
Wear your pj's!

And on a classical note...

The PTA is pleased to present the San Diego Philharmonic Quintet on Monday, September 17 at two assemblies in the Multi-Purpose Room. Grades K-2 will attend at 9:00 am and grades 3-5 at 10:00 am.

If you have questions or need further information, please call Concetta Matosian, VP Programs at 672-4000.

Coming in October: SlamJAM!

Correction

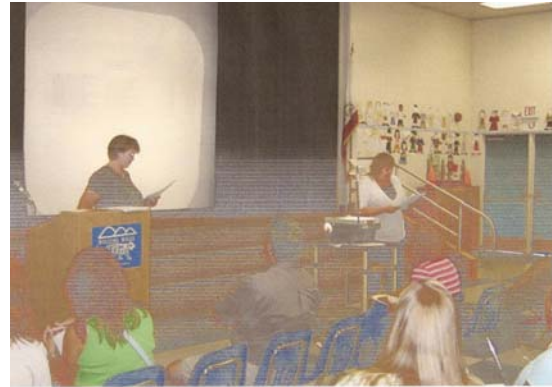
In page one of last week's issue, the date and issue number in the banner should have read: **September 7, 2007 · Volume 6, Number 3** and the weekly outlook column should have been entitled: **Next week: Sep. 10-14**. The editor regrets these errors and any confusion they may have caused.

High participation at Back to School Night

Productive meeting of the PTA Association also held

Last Thursday saw a large turn out of parents and guardians to attend the annual Back to School Night program put on by the faculty to outline its approach to instruction, organization and class management. While the sessions were only a half hour long, many had the opportunity to ask questions and get to know the teacher a little more.

Most parents must have been impressed by the high expectations that the teachers have set for their students and how the *Character Counts!* program is an integral part of class operation and school life. Indeed, four years after adopting the program, some clear benefits are being witnessed by the school administration. Parents will also have noticed how



Yes, it was rather dark! PTA President Carmelle Remillard (left) and Treasurer Erin Gilchrist (right) present financial data to the at-large membership of parents and teachers during a fast-paced meeting in the MPR.

the emphasis by the District on reading literacy has permeated to the class level.

With the relentless drive for academic improvement, comes increased work load on our teachers and staff and the call for classroom volunteers did not go unanswered, with many parents signing up to help in and outside of the classroom. If you didn't have a chance to sign-up, please see Lori Garcia in the school office and she will discuss the procedure for joining scores who already enjoy helping at school or home.

Sandwiched between the two classroom sessions was the first of five at-large meetings of the PTA where the membership is able to look at the financial health, operation and budget managed by the elected Board. This year's meeting was well attended in the MPR by parents and teachers and, in the space of fifteen minutes, the year-end financial report, the auditor's report, next year's budget and a slate of programs were ratified and/or approved. Thank you all!



Fourth grade teachers, (standing left to right), Ms. Sturhann, Golden and Mallory, took the team approach and met all parents in the LRC.

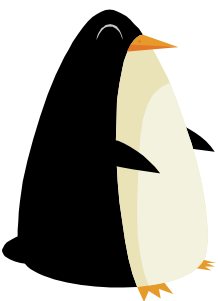


PUMA TRACKS at the Speed of Light!

The electronic, color version of the newsletter was e-mailed last Thursday to the 81 subscribers whose permission and email address had been received by the editor before September 1. If you signed up

and didn't receive it or if you want to join our e-mail list, send your child(ren)'s name and your email address in confidence to the editor, (see page 1). Thanks!

Chill Out! We're having a Polar Party!



On Thursday, October 11th, in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair being held all week in the Learning Resource Center (LRC), the PTA is hosting a Polar Party in the Multi-Purpose Room from 6:00-8:00 pm with games, crafts and other fun activities. Wear your gloves or mittens, it's going to get coooold!

For more information, or to volunteer, please call Kim Stadler, Chair, Family Events & Grants at 672-1481 or stadlerfamily@earthlink.net.

School Directory Deadline: September 21



If you want your contact information in this year's school directory, please ensure the bright-pink Multi-Purpose Form, that was included in your registration package, is completed and returned to the office by September 21 in time for the PTA's printing deadline. Additional forms may be obtained from the office. If you have lost your form, have questions, or require further information, please contact PTA Directory Chair Robin Panattoni at rudypinmin@yahoo.com.

First Dining Night Out announced

Wednesday, September 26



We will kick-off another new school year with our ever-popular Dining Out Night, the first being at Islands Restaurant on Wednesday September 26 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Watch out for a flyer with more details and a coupon that will return to the PTA a portion of what

is spent. Those who joined us last year will remember that it's a tasty fundraiser for the whole family.

Do you have an article for *Puma Tracks*?

It's your newsletter and we'd like to hear from you! How can we improve it? Do you have a school function to announce? Please let us know by contacting the editor at newsletter@rollinghillspta.org. Thanks!