

## Annual PTA Election April 27

The Rolling Hills PTA will hold its annual Election Meeting on April 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. All members of the school community are invited to attend; everyone who has been a PTA member for at least 30 days as of the meeting date is eligible to vote.

At the meeting, the PTA Nominating Committee will present the PTA's election slate for officers for the 2006-07 school year. The slate comprises: Mark Stadler, president; Karen Arvin, vice president of programs; Cindy Krask, vice president of membership; and Concetta Matosian, secretary.

The Nominating Committee is seeking volunteers for six other elected officer positions: treasurer; vice-presidents of ways & means and community programs; financial secretary; auditor and historian. Candidates for all officer positions may be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

In addition, the Nominating Committee is looking for people for a number of chairperson positions that are appointed by the PTA president. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions, so the PTA can continue to support our school as fully as possible.

You do not have to be a current member of the PTA Board to join next year's Board (unless you want to be president, in which case you must have been a member for at least one year).

Combined, the officers and chairpeople compose the PTA Board, which establishes policies and recommends to the membership priorities for how the PTA will raise funds, spend them and otherwise use its resources to improve our school.

Contact one of the Nominating Committee members if you are interested in serving on the PTA Board in 2006-07. The members are Karen Arvin ([kisharvin@san.rr.com](mailto:kisharvin@san.rr.com)), Karen Keefer ([Karenkeefer@hotmail.com](mailto:Karenkeefer@hotmail.com)) and Kim Stadler ([stadlerfamily@earthlink.net](mailto:stadlerfamily@earthlink.net)).

## Come to Multicultural Fair March 17

Celebrate the many cultures represented at our school at the first Rolling Hills Multicultural Festival, which will be March 17 from 5-8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

The event, sponsored by the PTA, will feature games and crafts, face painting, dance lessons and snacks from around the world. Everything is free, except the snacks, which will cost \$1 per item. For more information or to volunteer, please contact PTA Community Programs Vice President Kim Stadler at either 672-1481 or [stadlerfamily@earthlink.net](mailto:stadlerfamily@earthlink.net).

## All students are artists at Foundation exhibit

Support your student-artists and art education at the first Rolling Hills Elementary art exhibition March 30 at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

The exhibit will display student artwork from all classes participating in the Arts Attack program, which is made possible by the Rolling Hills Foundation. The curriculum is taught by trained artist Sondra Newton, the art instructor sponsored by the Foundation, with lots of help from parent-volunteers in the classrooms.

The Foundation, a non-profit volunteer organization, raises funds through such events as the art exhibition, Casino Night and Fun Run to make art, music and physical education available for every student at Rolling Hills.

These educational staples have been lost to budget cuts statewide, but educational researchers show how vital they are to learning. While research shows measurable increases in test scores for students learning art and music, the bigger motivation for the Foundation is: Let's let our kids have fun, too.

So come see your kids shine. You can even immortalize their art onto mugs, t-shirts, greeting cards and other items, to be ordered at the exhibit. The event is free for all children, and a \$5 donation for adults. All proceeds go into art, music and physical education programs.

## Rolling Hills Chorus to perform March 23

The Rolling Hills Chorus will hold its Spring Concert, "United We Sing – A Celebration of Music," on March 23 in the Multipurpose Room.

The Chorus, which comprises students in grades 3-5 under the direction of Cheryl Quackenbush, will perform in student assemblies at 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. and in an evening performance at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free; the concert is sure to be entertaining for young and old alike. The Chorus is made possible by the PTA and the generosity of everyone who participates in PTA fundraisers.

## Spring Book Fair in April

Mark down the dates: The PTA will hold its Spring Book Fair during the week of April 3-7 in the Learning Resource Center (also known as the Library). The theme will be "Camp Read A Book — Let the Book Bugs Bite!"

The Fair will be open during the school day for visits by classrooms and parents and also during the annual school open house during the evening on April 6.

More information will be provided in the next Puma Tracks. If you want to help out, please contact Book Fair Chairperson Concetta Matosian at [cettaboo@sbcglobal.com](mailto:cettaboo@sbcglobal.com).

## Counselor's Corner: Caring

*The best portion of a good person's life is the little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love.*

– William Wordsworth

Caring is the heart of ethics. Caring is being kind, helpful and generous to everyone. It is being considerate and thinking of the other person's feelings. Caring is compassionate and empathetic. It is doing good without thought of reward. Discuss these questions on caring with your family:

- What does it mean to be a caring person?
- Share some acts of kindness. What other things could you do as a family?
- How do you feel when people show they really care about you?
- When someone is uncaring, how does it affect your family, friends, school and community?

Talk with your children about the importance of doing kind things for others. Remind them often that they have the power to brighten another person's life through a simple act of kindness.

Each of us has the power to make a difference in the world by an act of kindness, a smile, an encouraging word, sharing what we have or being compassionate. Take the opportunity to make the world a better place.

— Jackie Cardinale, Counselor

## Order yearbooks soon!

PTA Yearbook Chairpersons Karen Keefer and Julia Eaton and their helpers in the classrooms are putting together the book of the year — the 2005-06 Rolling Hills Yearbook. They will take orders for the yearbook *only in March*. In order to get a copy of the yearbook, you must purchase it in advance, for \$17 apiece, by March 31. ***The PTA will not print additional copies.***

Avoid disappointment in June by ordering one or more yearbooks with the order sheet going home in the students' information packets every Friday in March. Yearbooks will be distributed by classroom at the end of the school year.

## Students recognized for penmanship

Twenty-five Rolling Hills students were recognized by the school and their teachers for their handwriting skills in February. Each student received a Golden Quill award for his or her efforts.

Congratulations to the following Golden Quill award recipients: Karina C. and Isaiah F. (Cupples); Pearl L. and Erika P. (Gray); Chloe H. and Kyle J. (Lawless); Yasmin A. and Zion S. (Lopez); Mackenzie P. and Ezra Z. (Herman); Olivia H. and Derrick T. (Kajita); Juan A. and Alexis J. (When); Isaiah I. (Golden); Joann G. and Sarah W. (Stahler); Kele F. and Hanus L. (Watson) Sofia C. and Jessica C. (Coate); Grace D. and Miriam S. (Mallory); Melissa C. and Savannah L. (Sturhann).

## Top runners for February

The Rolling Hills Run Club, sponsored by the school's Foundation, congratulates our top runners for February:

Kindergarten: Julian G., Room 5, Cupples; first grade: Kenice W., Room 11, Gray; second grade: Clayton J., Room 10, Stahler; third grade: Anthony S. and Francisco G., both in Room 9, Young; fourth grade: Joseph S., Room 18, Mallory; fifth grade: Martin D. and Thomas S., both in Room 20, Wustoff.

In our January Top Runners article, we made these mistakes: the top second grade runner was Clayton J, Room 10, Stahler. The three-way tie between Nick G., Room 11, Gray, and Chase S. and Evan C., Room 6, Lawless, was in first grade. We regret the errors.

## Old labels, cell phones, cartridges support school

Please send in your "Labels for Education" soup labels, used ink cartridges, and any cell phones that you no longer use.

Labels donated to Rolling Hills are sent to "purchase" equipment for our school. The ink cartridges and cell phones are recycled with the proceeds going to Rolling Hills. The latest recycling effort earned \$65 for the Learning Resource Center!

## Nominations sought for volunteer awards

It may be hard to believe, but the end of the school year is just three months or so away, and it is time to honor those volunteers who have gone "above and beyond" to help our students and school.

Do you know someone who fits this bill? If so, please take a moment to nominate him or her for one of the PTA's awards: the Honorary Service Award, for outstanding service to children and youth; Continuing Service Award, for outstanding service over time; Golden Oak Award, for significant contributions and exceptional service; and Very Special Person Award, for service. All members of the Rolling Hills community are eligible for these awards. You may download a copy of the nomination form on the Rolling Hills PTA's new website, <http://www.rollinghillspta.org/>. (You can find lots of other valuable information about the PTA on the website, too.)

The deadline for nominations is April 1. For more information, please contact Honorary Service Awards Chairperson Patricia Tracy at 484-4822.

## Middle School seeks PTA volunteers

Parents of fifth graders take note: The Nominating Committee for Black Mountain Middle School PTSA is seeking people who are interested in serving on the PTSA Board for the 2006-2007 school year. If you are interested in any of the positions or would like information, please contact Karen Keefer at 672-7749 or Julia Eaton at 672-0338.

### PUMA TRACKS

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