



Students, families show appreciation for staff

Many students are seen struggling to school under the weight of backpacks, snacks, lunch (and other items that only *they* know about), but on May 8, the kickoff day for Staff Appreciation Week, they had an extra haul. Maybe it was a special plant that they had grown or bought, a flower arrangement, a personally designed card, an artistic rendition or something on the end of their tongue that just had to be said right there and then.

Our students were preparing to overwhelmingly express their thanks to very special people who work tirelessly to provide superior elementary education; not only our teachers but the numerous support staff who make a school whole.

While the week very much emphasized student gratitude, the parents of the PTA were not to be found absent: female staff members were presented with a corsage and male staff members an inscribed pen; many received a novelty candle holder and a staff picture taken and processed by Lisa Petrillo and Bob Scally. An early morning boost was provided with specialty coffee, tea and cold drinks and a buffet lunch was made available each day in the specially decorated staff lounge.

The PTA thanks David Wigmore for organizing this most important recognition of our school's fine staff. We also thank Gaye Brisson, Marian Bueno, Lori Evans, Patti Heinz, Monica Hepburn, Angie Joralemon, Cindy Krask, Pam Logemann, Heather Lovsted, Paula McGuire, Sondra Newton, Dana Plum, Kim Stadler and Shelby Stafford, who provided the scrumptious daily menu items, and Mercedes Wigmore, who helped decorate the staff lounge and campus.

Thanks, yearbook helpers

The yearbook staff this year enlisted the help of parent volunteers to create personalized classroom collage pages. The PTA thanks its Yearbook Chairs, Karen Keefer and Julia Eaton, and the parents who took and collected candid photos and created some very awesome collage pages for our school yearbook. As Karen and Julia noted, "We couldn't have done it without you." Some 238 books were ordered and will be distributed during the week of June 19. The parent volunteers were:

Room 2, Elaine Wilson; Room 5, Tamara Seiter; Room 6, Debbie Cerruto; Room 7, Michelle Baker; Room 8, Angela LeMaster; Room 9, Sheri Peters and Monica Sturhann; Room 10, Angie Joralemon; Room 11, Karen Pater; Room 13, Paula McGuire and Nancy Seffron; Room 15, Monica Hepburn; Room 16, Beverly Ronningen; Room 18, Laurie Lisicky; Room 19, Julie Demarest; Room 20, Sara Derbique; Room 21, Marian Bueno; Room 22, Donna Pierzina; Room 23, Pam Logemann; Room 24, Leslie Gabocy

Mrs. Herman and her daughter did the page for Room 14 and Barbara Hamilton did assorted pages.



The writing was on the wall! From left, Pam Hsu, Linda Smith and Masi Davoudi prepare to tuck in to the daily buffet, held in the decorated staff room, before starting yard duty.

Final PTA meeting June 15

All members of the Rolling Hills Elementary community are invited to attend the last Rolling Hills PTA Association meeting of the school year and help determine whether the PTA should make any gifts of funds to the school.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 15, in the Family Center (Room 17). Anyone may participate in the meeting; dues-paying PTA members are eligible to vote.

Along with the decision about gifts of funds, members also will be asked to approve extended terms in office for several committee chairpersons (as required by PTA rules) and hear a report by Treasurer A-Quan DeShano on PTA finances since the last Association meeting in April. For more information, please contact PTA President Mark Stadler at rhptaprez@earthlink.net or 672-1481.

Awards presented at volunteer luncheon

The Rolling Hills staff will recognize and honor the school's volunteers at the annual Volunteer Luncheon on June 2 at 1 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

The staff will provide a light lunch and refreshments and the PTA will present its honorary service awards to some of the school's most valuable volunteers. For more information about the luncheon or childcare arrangements (for Rolling Hills students, only), please contact the school's community liaison, Lori Garcia.

Bingo! Join in fun June 9

Compete for cool, strange and mysterious prizes as the PTA holds White Elephant Bingo Night on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is invited to attend and play; admission is free. We will sell hot dogs, beverages and other treats at a nominal price. If you would like to help or seek more information, please contact Kim Stadler, the PTA's vice president of community programs, at 672-1481 or stadlerfamily@earthlink.net.

May ACE students

Thirty students were acknowledged by Principal Kathleen Marshack and their parents when the monthly ACE (Academic achievement, Citizenship or outstanding Effort) Awards were presented May 16 in the Multi-Purpose Room. The ACE students for May were:

Kevin S.(Wusthoff), Sarah H. and Scott P. (McNaul), Katrina L. and Brandon Y. (Harvey), Doug D. and Savannah L. (Sturhann), Kristen J. and Ryan J. (Mallory), Anthony S. and Isiah T. (Young), Claire K. and Anthony P. (Coate), Olivia A. and Rohith S. (Watson), Armon O. and Melissa W. (Golden), Breanna D. and Tyler Q. (When), Nathan R. and Mercedes W. (Kajita), Zachary S. and Mariam T. (Herman), Alexis S. and Catherine Y. (Lopez), Evan C. and Emily K. (Lawless), Marcus R. and Kenice W. (Gray) and Machel S. (Cupples).

3 chosen for Honor Band

Three Rolling Hills fifth-graders — Sara S., Tyler Q. and Austin D — were among the musicians chosen for the 2006 Poway Unified School District Honor Band. All told, 90 students from the district's 22 elementary schools were singled out because of their superior musical ability, instrumentation and all-around good citizenship.

Austin, Tyler and Sara joined the rest of the honor band in a performance at the Old Poway Park on May 13. The students opened the 112th annual Poway Community Band Festival with *The Star-Spangled Banner* and then performed nine more classical selections, movie themes and jazz tunes.

PTA urges "yes" on 81

The California State PTA has voted to support Proposition 81, an initiative on the June 6 ballot that would provide \$600 million in bond funding for public library construction and renovation. Despite the internet, circulation and patron visits are increasing. Opponents point to bond debt and reexamining priorities.

Please study this issue and vote on June 6.

Olympic Field Day set

Students will be running, jumping and otherwise performing athletic feats when the annual Olympic Field Day takes place June 9. Please mark the date in your calendar. Also, please volunteer to help out if you can. Contact Community Liaison Lori Garcia to volunteer.

Writing skills recognized

Twenty-one students were recognized by the school and their teachers for their writing skills and presented with a Golden Quill Award in April:

Julian G. and Austin H.. (Cupples); Marcus R. and Eric S. (Gray); Rey A. and Triana M. (Lawless); Derek B. and Melissa M. (Lopez); Griffin O., Michael R. and Jonlyn V. (Herman); Franz A. and Megan M. (Kajita); Joseph C., Madalyn M.. and Hannah R. (When); Claire K. and Tekla S.. (Coate); Shad B., Brittany B. and Estefania G. (Young).

Fifth-grader earns service award

Austin Derbique, a fifth-grader who is very active at Rolling Hills and in the larger community, was chosen to receive a community service award. Mayor Jerry Sanders presented the award to Austin and students from other local schools on May 7 at the Penasquitos Street Fair.

Austin, this year's Student Council president, earned his award in many ways. He helped plant trees and flowers and painted playground equipment at Mission Trails Regional Park. He joined in efforts to pick up trash at local parks and beaches. Every year, he and his family and/or the Scouts observe Memorial Day by placing flags next to the tombs of military personnel. He and his family also volunteer with the Angels Family Foster Care Program.

The fifth-grade teachers selected Austin to be Rolling Hills' recipient of this year's award based on an essay he wrote on his community service.

World Book online

Rolling Hills families can access the award-winning World Book Online Reference Center on their home computers thanks to our school's new subscription to the website. This website includes all the text from the 22-volume World Book Encyclopedia print set, plus thousands of other articles, pictures, maps and media.

To access the reference center, go to the World Book website, <http://www.worldbookonline.com>. Type "rollinghills2" in the login ID box and "pumas" in the password box and press enter.

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Rolling Hills Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Quackenbush, performed at the annual Rancho Penasquitos International Faire May 6 at Black Mountain Middle School. The Chorus sang three multicultural songs: "Rounds Around the World," "A La Puerta del Cielo," and "A Song of Peace."

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