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Word of the Week: responsible

Dear Parents,

Thanks to the many of you who came to our Back-to-School Night last week to show your support toward your child's education. You are a valued member of the Baywood School team—and any chance you have to volunteer at our school, attend a PTA meeting, or participate in any school-sponsored event is greatly appreciated!

A big THANK-YOU to all of you who have supported your child in the PTA's Great America gift sales (sales end this Monday, September 21). I know fund-raising can be a hassle at times; however, knowing that the money raised goes to our own Baywood PTA, which turns around and does so many great things for our school, is encouraging! Did you know that our PTA funds all the field trips that go on here at the school? Also, they are strong supporters of the fine arts and provide for our Artist-In-Residence program, Baywood School Choir, "Clay Days with Mr. Scott," our "6th Grade Art Legacy" project, special cultural assemblies for our students, not to mention our wonderful NEW playgrounds! We love our PTA! Thanks for helping our PTA do so many things that directly affect our students' education and experiences here at Baywood!

The Cal Poly Men's Soccer Team will join us for an assembly on Wednesday (1:00 for K-3 and 1:30 for 4th-6th). They will do some demonstrations, and also talk to the kids about the importance of doing their best in school. In addition, they will donate a free ticket to each child to be their special guest at the Cal Poly vs UC Davis soccer game on Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. (We will pass these tickets out the Friday before the game). For the past 3 years we have had this special relationship with the soccer team, and it has been a fun event for the Baywood community to attend one of these local games.

...Doug Jenison

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SLCUSD Board Meeting at LOMS, 7:00 Sept. 15
6th Grade Trip to Camp Ocean Pines meeting, 7:00 Sept. 15
Picture Day Sept. 24
School Site Council Meeting, 3:00 Sept. 28



SUBSTITUTE NOON SUPERVISORS AND CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED - Interested in being a substitute for Noon Supervisors, Kindergarten Noon Supervisors, and Crossing Guards here at Baywood (these are paid positions)? Noon Supervisors work 11:45 - 1:00; Kindergarten Noon Supervisors work 11:45 - 12:30; and Crossing Guards work 7:25 - 8:25 and 2:25 - 3:25. We often need someone to fill in for one of our regular employees, and we would love to have a pool of people to call when the need arises. It is a great way to get involved with the school, and to stay in touch with your children and their friends as well. Give Mr. Jenison or Mrs. DuBois a call at 534-2856.

POPCORN ALERT! - We are in Urgent need of one or two popcorn helpers. This involves coming in about 8:30 Friday mornings to finish popping the corn and cleaning up. Then popcorn is sold between 10:00 & 10:30 recess. If you think you can help PLEASE call Denise Boddeker at school 534-2856 or home 528-5740. The popcorn lovers thank you!

B4 BRIGADE (THE BODACIOUS BAYWOOD BEVERAGE BAG BRIGADE):

Beginning Monday September 14th you will have the opportunity to not only help the environment, but Baywood School as well. Every year 4.6 billion drink pouches are disposed of and end up in our landfills, because they are not recyclable. But an amazing company called Terracycle has come up with a way to "up cycle" drink pouches and keep them out of landfills. By collecting drink pouches from civic organizations and schools all around the country, washing them, and making them into new products or "up cycling" them, Terracycle has collected and used 1,236,777,141 drink pouches since 2007 when they began their program. Terracycle uses these drink pouches to make all kinds of new products like backpacks, pencil pouches, messenger bags, purses, and shower curtains.

How can you help? Become a part of the **B4 Brigade (The Bodacious Baywood Beverage Bag Brigade)** you can help by bringing your Capri-Sun, Honest Kids, and other drink pouches to school and putting them in the collection bin in your classroom. Terracycle will pay our school .02 cents for every Capri-Sun or Honest Kids pouch and .01 cent for every pouch from other makers like Minute Maid or Kool Aid. It may not sound like much, but when you start looking at the big picture, it really starts to add up. So far Terracycle has paid out \$205,911.76 to collection groups all around the country. We are hoping that this can be another easy way to raise funds for our school. So if you are a buyer of drink pouches and would like to participate in this exciting "up cycling" program please bring those pouches into Baywood School.

Thank you for your help and support. If you would like to know more about this exciting program or to take a look at the wonderful new products made through "up cycling", please visit the website at Terracycle.net. Any questions about the B4 Brigade, please call Mrs. Wampler at 528-8925.

PTA CORNER

SEPTEMBER IS PTA MEMBERSHIP MONTH! - Forms or official PTA envelopes for membership 2009-2010 are available by the PTA display in the main office. A letter and attached envelope will soon be coming home in your Monday blue folders. Just fill out requested information, enclose \$5.00 per person, and return to your child's teacher. Everyone...parents, teachers, support staff, students, family members, caregivers, and friends can be an advocate for children through the Baywood PTA.

WHY JOIN PTA? - Top 10 reasons: 1) to benefit your child; 2) to get connected and know what is going on at your school; 3) to discover great resources for parents, as well as students; 4) to tap into a network with other parents and teachers; 5) to watch yourself grow; 6) to effectively suggest change and share ideas; 7) to witness improvements and be part of the solution; 8) play an important role in the fundraising needed to provide programs at Baywood; 9) be a role model; 10) to enjoy exclusive PTA membership benefits; 11) to be cool! For more information go to www.pta.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOG INTO THE VOLUNTEER BINDER, LOCATED IN THE MAIN OFFICE -

Baywood values its volunteers and knows your time is precious. An hour here and hour there...it adds up! Imagine the hours added up collectively, through out the year, say, multiplied, at the least, by minimum wage. It is our goal this year to "create checks" representing the hours Baywood PTA volunteers have given to our children, our community, our school district, and to the state by getting involved at our school. These "checks" will then be presented "Publishers' Clearinghouse style" to legislators, the superintendent, the Board of Education, etc. in the spring. Remember...."**Volunteers don't get paid because they are worthless, but because they are priceless**".

GIFT WRAP FUNDRAISER - Don't forget to turn in your 3-items coupons for prizes and your \$50 bill (for 1 item sold) for a chance to win \$100. Last year we raised almost \$14,000 for our PTA. I know we can do it again this year. Besides winning prizes, this year, the class with the highest dollar-amount-sold **average per student** will get an ice cream sundae party. Be sure to submit your orders by **Mon. Sept. 21st**. Call Julie Brady at 528-5693 if you have any questions.

A BIG BAYWOOD BEAR THANK YOU To Matt at Copa de Oro for donating the coffee for the Parent Breakfast on Sept. 4th, and for all the parents who stopped by. Another Big Thank You to all who brought a dish to share. This is going to be a great year!