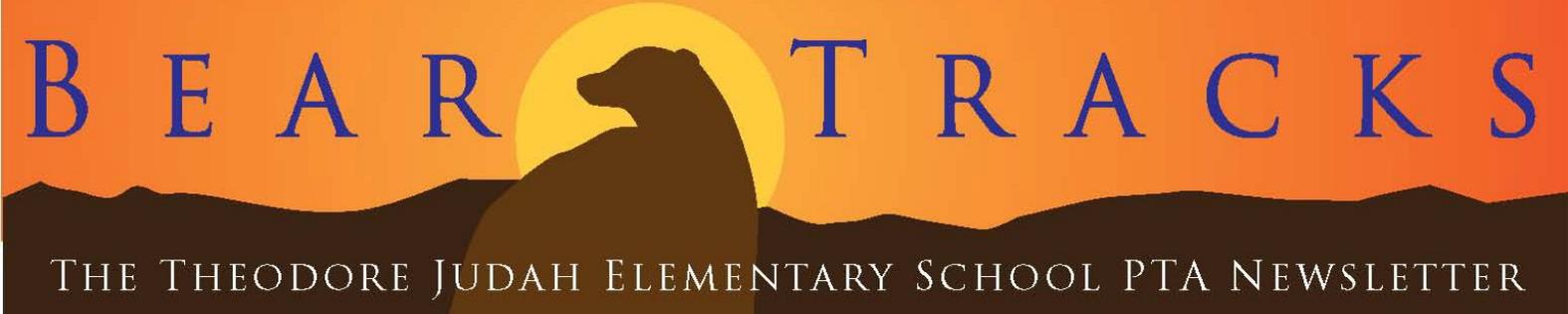


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THE THEODORE JUDAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

Current Events

10/4 - Taste & Toast - off-site fundraiser at Compton's Market, 12-4pm

10/8 - National Walk to School Day

10/14 - Pick up Spirit Wear T-Shirt Orders

10/24 - Harvest Festival, 4:30pm

Next Month's Events...

11/12 - General PTA Meeting

11/11 - Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL

11/14 - Jog-A-Thon

11/24-28 - Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

12/4 - Santa's East Sac Adventure

October 2014

			1	2	3	4 <i>Taste & Toast @ Compton's</i>
5	6	7	8 <i>National Walk to School Day</i>	9	10	11
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Arts Alive!

Hi Art Lovers & Friends,

The art world had jumped into action with the amazing working artists workshops. You have probably seen the funny faces, superheroes, spectacular fall leaf sketches and the oh-so colorful clothes your students have returned home. Wrapping up September, the Arts Alive team hosted four working artists to kick-off the foundation of our art program. Much to the delight of many students and life-changing for some parents. Thank you for your continued support and fundraising to allow these opportunities at Theodore Judah.

Rounding out the fantastic artistic assembly (assemblage as art enthusiasts would say) Rob-O from Sugar Skull Art brings the meaning and cultural tradition of Dia de los Muertos to the 6th Graders. Our wonderful students have had to reach deep and find an inspirational person or non-human within our community to pen their musings and then dedicate their Sugar Skull Art. You will find these inspirations may be every day ordinary people or they guy next door, but they are our students' inspirations and the students are taking notice of random acts of kindness.

So, how do we follow the spectacular September and outstanding first weeks of October? ART DOCENTS!!! Get ready! Set! Go! Shelves are stocked, paint is categorized, paper is waiting for little fingers to get messy and minds get silly creative. October is all about the color of emotion with Frida Kalho, Diego Riviera, Kandinsky and more...

Next art docent meeting: **Oct. 21st 8:30-9:30, Room 14**
Subject: *Painting with Palette Knives* Sounds fancy? Well it's texturing with plastic picnic knives :)

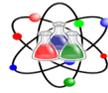


A "Note" from Miss Holly

Happy Autumn, Theodore Judah families!

Music is off to a great start! In beginning recorders (3rd grade), we are using our rhythm reading skills from last year to decipher music reading. When we get our recorders we will be ready to play right away! Fourth and 5th grade are reviewing the difference between note names and note values (ask your child if you are curious). Sixth graders are becoming songwriters and 2nd graders are exploring and creating sounds. Kindergarteners are settling into school and 1st graders are learning the intricacies of how to hold the violin bow (it's not easy).

First grade parent meeting: We are having a parent meeting



Science

Science and Garden

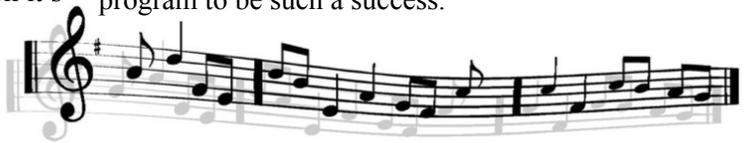
Our garden is returning to its normal routine with many feet and hands caring for all our zones. Sometimes I think the garden blooms are in full force just before the students get back just calling for them to come and participate again. Many classes have already started their work in the garden and the remaining will start soon. We have had a great response to garden docent training and we welcome anyone else who would like to get involved in Science Alive.

The students this month will be learning about- or refreshing their minds - on the subject of tool safety and use. In addition, they will be cleaning out our garden beds, replanting, composting and tasting. The students have decided to name our new area the "TJ Farm". One student asked "when are we are going to get a tractor?" and I told him, "I couldn't make any guarantees but I would work on it."

Science Carts are working well. We have already done some tests and are working as a team with teachers and volunteers to make this new system work.

On October 8th the Green Team will start. We will be hosting Green Team every other week this year. All students 1st - 6th grade are eligible to participate but must complete a project to become a part of the team. If you didn't receive the information about this please contact the office and get a flyer. Our theme is "Alternative Transportation" this year and we plan to have some great activities to encourage our students to bike to school.

Thank you to all that have made a commitment to help our garden program through maintenance, docent work, preparing materials and helping with science. It takes a village for our program to be such a success.



for paper violin on **Wednesday, October 8th**. We will discuss the paper violin program in general and specifically learn about paper violin construction, which is a big job in the next couple months.

String program: After school string classes start **October 6th**. We still have a couple spots in beginning violin and Intermediate string orchestra.

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering in your child's music class, or in supporting the music program outside of class, please let me know! We can use your help and knowledge. Contact holly-harrison@scusd.edu.

Miss Holly

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Walk to School Day: Oct 8th

Walk or Roll to School on National Walk to School Day.

Plan to meet up with a friend or a neighbor and walk to school! There will be a group gathering at Compton's Market meeting at 7:45 and 8:00am (Compton's is so excited they will have coffee) and another group meeting on Mckinley at Shepard Art and Garden Center- 7:45am and 8:00am meet times. We challenge you to make it a habit and stretch yourself for "Walk to School WEEK!"

Good for your mind, body and the earth!



It's Time for Green Team!

We will have our 1st meeting on October 8th.

A major focus of this year's team will be Alternate Modes of Transportation.



We will be meeting **every other Wednesday** during lunch in room 5 (Mrs.Ly's kinder room). This is different from previous years when we met once a week in the science lab.

We know the students are busy and have lots of choices for extra curricular activities. We understand that lunch recess is an important time to run around and burn off some energy. We want to be sensitive to these things by toning down the commitment to Green Team on a regular basis.

However, there will be several opportunities for those wanting to do more throughout the year.

Consistent with previous years, there will be a **project required for membership**. We are asking students to create an **Advertisement for an Alternate Mode of Transportation**. This ad can be in the form of a video commercial or a poster. The poster ads need to be roughly 11x14 in size. It can be hand drawn or have printed images. Students can use paint, markers, or create a collage. Please feel free to look at other ads for inspiration. These ads are *due Oct 8th*. Students will be breaking up into small groups to present to one another on Oct 8th. Some ads may be posted around the school.

We are asking for a **\$10 to \$15 donation** for each student to cover the costs of the program. Thank you in advance.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact Yolanda Milliken for more information at millifamily@comcast.net.



October 24th, 4:30-7:30 at Judah!

This is sure to be the best year ever. Food Trucks, Carnival Games, Hay Maze, Cake Walk, fun, friends and great community all to support the teachers classrooms! Don't miss one of the biggest events of the year, costumes encouraged!

Pre-sale Unlimited Wrist Bands \$15 are on sale now! Price includes: all carnival games, 2 tickets for cake walk and hay maze entry. Discount given for two or more wristbands. Individual tickets are .25¢ each!

Volunteers needed, please email: hellotjpta@gmail.com if you can help for an hour with set up!

Sponsor Our Judah Events

Local businesses can generate visibility and promote their services throughout the community – all while supporting their neighborhood school – by becoming a sponsor of Theodore Judah Elementary School's signature special events. There are a number of sponsorship levels and opportunities.

Theodore Judah Elementary hosts five signature fundraising events throughout the school year that businesses can sponsor, including the **Harvest Festival** (October 24), the **Jog-A-Thon** (November 14), **Santa's East Sac Adventure** (December 6), the **Arts & Music Festival** (March 19, 2015) and the **6th Annual Gala** (April 18, 2015).

There are three primary sponsorship levels:

- 1) Title Sponsorships, which run \$1,000 to \$5,000 (limited to one title sponsor per event),
- 2) Community Sponsorships are \$250 to \$900 and
- 3) Business Sponsorships from \$50 to \$200.

Sponsorships come with a host of promotional opportunities and benefits, including advertising, marketing collateral, public relations, social media and public recognition at events.

For detailed information about the Theodore Judah Elementary Event Sponsorship Program, click to the official Theodore Judah Elementary PTA website at www.TheodoreJudahPTA.org and then the "Support Judah" tab. To book your sponsorship and to learn about specific sponsorship opportunities for each event, contact Paige Schulte, Theodore Judah Elementary PTA vice president of fundraising/events, at hellotjpta@gmail.com or 530-902-3767.

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After School Programs

ReadWriteLaughLearn Enrichment Classes SAC Girls (Strong and Confident Girls)

A class for girls in grades 4-6 where, in a supportive, positive, and accepting group, we will discuss such topics as body issues and changes, moods, dealing with siblings and family issues, friends, confidence, finding your voice, acceptance, courage, facing fears and worries, keeping fit and healthy, making a difference, etc., to help girls navigate the sometimes rocky waters of preadolescence and grow into healthy, confident, strong, and compassionate members of society.

Dates: Tuesdays - 9/30-12/9 (8 weeks)

Time: 2:10-3:10

Location: Room 1

Fee: \$120 (Check made out to Lori Ward due on the first day of class.)

To register, call/text: 916-206-7006 or email: readwritelaughlearn@gmail.com. For more information, visit readwritelaughlearn.weebly.com.

The Art and Play of Math

A class for grades K-2 that focuses on the relationships between art, patterns, play and math. It will be full of projects and games to nurture the realization that there is much fun in math!

Dates: Thursdays – 10/16-12/11 (6 weeks)

Time: 2:10-3:10

Location: Room 5

Fee: \$90 (Check made out to Lori Ward due on the first day of class.)

To register, call/text: 916-206-7006 or email: readwritelaughlearn@gmail.com. For more information, visit readwritelaughlearn.weebly.com.

The classes will be taught by Lori Ward, veteran public-school teacher and homeschooling mother, who has over 20 years of teaching experience, an MA in School Counseling, and a Pupil Personnel Services credential. I have a love and enthusiasm for learning that I strive to nurture in the children I teach. Along with nurturing a love of learning, my goal is to help children realize their unique gifts.

TJ Landscaping

Neighbor Steps Up to Fund Judah Landscaping

Paige Dunsmore, a 19-year resident of McKinley Park and children's book author, frequently walks her dogs past Theodore Judah Elementary. It was on one of these summer strolls that she realized she could have an impact on her neighborhood.

"The front of the school obviously needed help," said Dunsmore. "Although I don't have kids, I have a vested interest in Theodore Judah. This is my community. I wanted the children attending to feel proud of where they went to school."

So Dunsmore got busy – really busy. With school starting in just a matter of days, Dunsmore reached out to Greco Landscaping, of Sacramento, to overhaul the school's entrance. The team, including Dunsmore herself, quickly got their hands dirty



planting low water, low maintenance perennials, shrubs and bushes, as well as overhauling the school's sprinkler system.

"The project was contagious," said Dunsmore. "When Greco found out that I was personally funding the job, they were so impressed that they discounted their services. Neighbors seeing the work that was done, picked up shovels eager to help, came by with cameras – all wanting to take part."

The results are impressive.

"The front of the school has been cherished and worked on by the community for many years," said Principal Corrie Celeste of Theodore Judah Elementary. "Approximately four years ago, the community worked together to design and enhance the landscaping of the front. Volunteers subsequently contributed hours by pulling weeds and pruning. This summer we were due again for a spruce up. As we were assessing the need, a generous donor came forth. We are incredibly grateful to Paige for her contribution."