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### Night at Oscars

## Gala Awards LJES Students

By **Haleh Bolour**  
*President of Friends of LJE*

What an absolutely glamorous and dazzling evening! LJES families donned their best Oscar looks, walked the red carpet, bid on amazing auction items, and danced the night away to the band Goldfish.

A huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, sponsored, attended or bid on the wonderful items. We truly appreciate your support which helped make "A Night at the Oscars" a success, raising much needed funds that will directly benefit our children at LJES, by providing a better quality of education for them despite the cuts in school budgets. Your continued support makes so many programs possible at LJES: additional teacher(s) (for lower class size); technology instructor and pro-

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"A Night at the Oscars" gave parents a chance to dress up and walk down the red carpet, literally. See page 5 for more photos.

## Office Staff Makes Things Happen

An Interview with **Susie Payne** and **Carilyn Bosworth**

They are the dynamic duo that run the front office. You see and talk to them all the time. But how well, really, do you know Susie Payne and Carilyn Bosworth?

Tidings caught up with Ms. Payne and Ms. Bosworth via email to get some details about the lives and loves of these two hard-working staff members.

### **Susie Payne**

Ms. Payne was born in Oregon City, OR. Her family moved to California when she was two and then to Washington state when she was

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### Testing, 1, 2, 3...

## Students Show Off What They've Learned

By **Donna Tripi**, *Principal*

It is **TESTING** time once again and all of the students in our school in grades 2-5 will be taking the CST's (California Standards Tests) or STAR Testing at the end of the month. These standardized tests, given in reading/language arts and mathematics (and an additional test in science at fifth grade) are part of the state's accountability system and are used to assess how well our students are learning the California State Standards at their grade levels.

I know that all of you recently attended parent conferences and that

you are very much aware that we work through the year to ensure that our students are proficient or advanced in the standards in all subject areas. This expert instruction through the year will prepare your students well for the state testing.

In addition to aligning our curriculum and instruction to the standards, we also teach the students the strategies that they will need to do well on the tests. Unfortunately, testing will be a part of their lives through to AP exams, SAT's for college entrance, and MCAT's, LSAT's and GRE's when they pursue graduate studies!

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Susie Payne is back at her desk in the school office.



# Cluster Board Seeks Return of Funds

The La Jolla Cluster Association has asked district administrators to reconsider a mid-year budget cut that reduced funds for necessities such as instructional support for struggling learners.

The association sent a letter March 22 to Interim Superintendent William Kowba and the five board members outlining the impact of the mid-year 2.5 percent budget cut. La Jolla public schools lost over \$148,000. La Jolla Elementary lost \$26,538.

"These cuts will reduce or eliminate instructional support at most of our schools, and will weaken the ability of the schools to provide additional help to (English language learners) and others who are struggling to keep up," wrote the cluster board in its letter to Kowba and district board members.

In theory, the so-called "sweep" of funds was supposed to share budget cuts equally across all schools in the district. But schools in poor communities receive additional government funds, so they have more money to run their schools.

Phil Stover, the district's "money man," delivered the district's response at the cluster board's first meeting, held April 6th at Muirlands Middle. He agreed that the cuts were poorly implemented. He said he could not return all of the money -- but he asked us to let him know how much money the schools need to continue existing instructional programs.

"I think I can fix it," he said.

Later at the meeting, cluster board members discussed creating six commit-

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## Get Ready for Kindergarten

Parents of 5 year olds who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall need to return their registration packets to the school office this month. The official Kindergarten registration day is scheduled for April 14, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To enroll your child at LJES, you need the following items:

- A birth certificate or passport.
- Proof of required immunizations (California law requires all students under age 18 be immunized against polio; diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, (DTP); haemophilus influenza type b (Hib); measles, mumps, rubella (MMR); and chicken pox).
- Two proofs of residency (utility bill, phone bill, rental or lease agreement, military housing orders, or documents addressed to you from the Department of Social Services).

The Kindergarten packets also contain forms that need to be filled out, including the incoming Kindergarten parent questionnaire, the health history, the oral health assessment form, the report of medical examination for school entry, the enrollment form and a verification of residency form.

The packet also has a fact sheet that you can use to assess your child's readiness for Kindergarten.

If you want your child to meet some other children who will be entering Kindergarten at LJES in the fall, contact Sharon Jones, who has organized a Kindergarten 2010 playgroup. Her email is [sharonlj@san.rr.com](mailto:sharonlj@san.rr.com).

### Haiti Relief Project

## Scripps Health to Come To Campus

By Cynthia Kronymer, Service Learning Chair

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted." Aesop

One of our February Service Learning projects was a spur-of-the-moment response to the need for earthquake relief in Haiti. In just 9 days, our students made \$550 selling Valentines. We decided to give what we had been able to raise to Scripps Health, which has been actively involved in disaster preparedness and had been sending medical teams to Haiti.

The people at Scripps were so impressed with our students' volunteer efforts that they offered to make a presentation at our school. On April 23rd, Scripps President and CEO Chris Van Gorder as well as Chief Medical Officer Brent Eastman, M.D. will come to LJES to talk about the humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti. Please read your emails for more details about this presentation as the date approaches.

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EarthFair 2010 will take place Sunday, April 18 in Balboa Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Maybe your family would like to check it out...or maybe even volunteer to help! For more info. or to do some fun activities go to [www.earthdayweb.org](http://www.earthdayweb.org)

**YOU and Your Treasured Children DESERVE A PLAN**

As a fellow parent of students at La Jolla Elementary, I know the concerns of caring for minor children. Planning for them and yourself in the event of a major life change can be daunting. *I can help.*

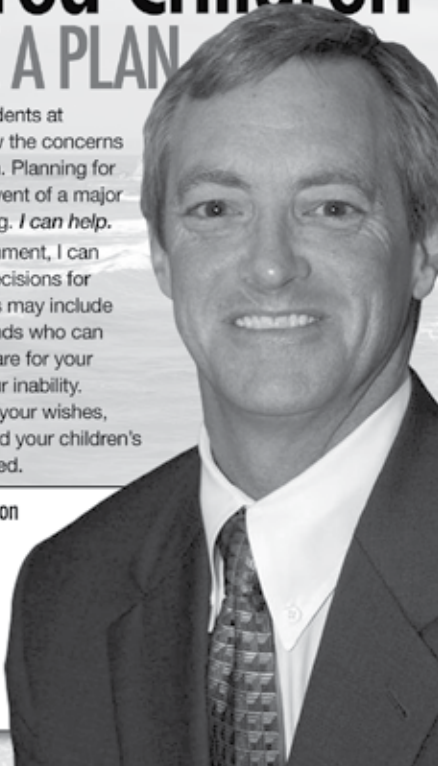
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## ► Testing

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Test passages and questions truly are a “genre” of reading like no other. The strategies involved in completing standardized tests are very different from those the children are asked to use in their classrooms (and in life) each day.

They are taught to read in class and at home for

*Unfortunately, testing will be a part of their lives through to AP exams, SAT's for college entrance, and MCAT's, LSAT's and GRE's when they pursue graduate studies!*

enjoyment as well as to gain information. They use strategies to help them read and understand the text. **The purpose of reading test passages is to answer very specific comprehension, grammar or word usage questions.** Some of the questions ask them the main idea of their reading. Some ask for specific information in the text. Some ask how sentences should be written, how paragraphs should be started or ended, etc. **For some children, reading the question before reading the passage is helpful. For others it is more helpful to do a careful read of the passage and then to carefully read the questions and go back in the text to find the answer.**

In testing, students should not rely on their own background information or inference to answer a question, but must instead identify direct evidence in the text.

Students will be taught the language of standardized tests – terms, questions, or language that may be unfamiliar to them. They will be taught to be mindful of trick language in test questions, i.e. “Which statement is NOT true about . . . ?” Once they think they have an answer, they should reread the question to ensure that they have answered it correctly.

They have also been taught how to pace themselves and how to check their answers when they complete the test.

We use test preparation booklets that are approved by the state to give us good examples of the types of questions students will see on the testing. We also utilize released test questions, from prior tests, obtained on the California Department of Education (CDE) web site. We also do a practice test, provided by the state, before the actual test administration.

We hope that our students will be able to show what they have gained in the year. Test results are not released by the state until late August. We use them to plan individual and school wide academic needs for the fall.

## School Police Share Tips That Help Protect Children

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are a top priority. In response to the Chelsea King and Amber Dubois tragedies, School Police has compiled a list of simple, common sense tips that can help protect children and adults against stranger abduction or attack. Please read these tips carefully and share with students, staff, parents and community members:

- Don't walk or run alone, when possible. Go with a family member, friend and/or a dog.
- Always tell someone where you are going and how long you'll be gone.
- Walk or run in highly-visible, well-populated, well-lighted areas. Avoid alleys, canyons, wooded areas and other isolated areas.
- Be aware of your surroundings and pay attention to your instincts. If an area or a situation doesn't feel right, leave immediately.
- Don't become so distracted by your iPod or radio that you lose focus of your immediate en-

vironment. Keep the volume low so you can hear everything around you. Using only one earbud/headphone and keeping one ear free is strongly recommended.

- If you have a cell phone, bring it with you.
- Have personal identification with you that contains a phone number of an emergency contact as well as information about any allergies or other conditions that may be needed by a paramedic.
- If you find yourself in trouble, scream loudly to attract attention. Run towards people, a school, or open business.
- Be extra cautious at night.

Additional tips on child safety can be found on the San Diego Police Department website at <http://www.sandiego.gov/police/prevention/childsafety.shtml>.

For more information or with questions, please contact School Police Lt. Paula Rivera at (619) 725-7002 or [privera@sandi.net](mailto:privera@sandi.net).



### A Seussian Time

Kindergartners had a fun time recently on Dr. Seuss day, which honored the late La Jolla author, Theodor Geisel, with activities inspired by his stories. Photo by Holly Lyons.

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# A Night at the OSCARS

We would like to extend a big heartfelt THANK YOU to all the families and businesses that sponsored the 2010 LJES Gala. Your generosity is appreciated by everyone at LJES!

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gram, choral music instructor and program; art instructor and program; library/media technician; EveryDay Math Program; classroom support; and instructional supplies.

On behalf of Friends of LJE, I'd like to extend our sincere thanks to the Gala chair, Christina Andrews, and the wonderful, talented individuals on the gala committee who worked tirelessly and so passionately behind the scenes to bring you such a fabulous event. And thanks also to the following individuals for leading specific tasks... Auction Chairs: Cindy Hickman and Stephanie Sweeney; Check-in/out: Fran Shimp and Cindi Stratton; Decorations: Angie Goodwin, Kelly Dougherty, Michelle Figueiredo, Valerie Juboori, Catherine Rehm; E-blasts: Barbara Hagey; Graphic Design: Carrie Morris of Smashing Designs; Opportunity Drawings: Erinn McCormick; Preview Party: Dina Buckley, Liz and John Roemer; Photography: studio m by Michael Spengler and Leon Chow of Nelson Photo; Sponsorships: Katie Riveroll; Technology: Sigurd Kallhovde; Treasurer: Donna Scurio of Scurio Consulting, and Wine Cellar: Susan McCasland

Apologies if anyone was inadvertently omitted. We are truly grateful for your continued support in making our kids' education a priority. Thank you!

# A Night at the OSCARS

## The Gala Was Fabulous, Dahling

*By Donna Tripi, Principal*

Our "A Night at the Oscars" gala was a huge success! We so appreciate the efforts of Christina Andrews, Gala Chair, and her gala committee for the hours of planning and preparation it takes to put on a successful event. The event décor designed by Angie Goodwin and Kelly Dougherty made the Marriott come to life in a star-studded way. The auction items were wonderful and we appreciated the work of Cindy Hickman and Stephanie Sweeney in procuring them all for us. Thanks to Dina Buckley for a fun and fabulous donor party at the Roemer residence. Thanks to Erinn McCormick for all of her help with the raffle tickets. There are so many thank you's to all of the volunteers involved in set up, clean up, check in/check out, promotion, photography, etc. An event like this certainly takes a village to execute – but we also appreciate all of the people of our village who support the event through attendance, sponsorship, and donations of gala items. A world of gratitude to Friends of La Jolla Elementary, Inc. who run the event and whose members all help to ensure that the event is successful.





# 4th Graders Go To Old Town

By Audrey Tsai and Cindy Lin,  
4th Grade Reporters

The 4th-grade students jumped off the bus. A cheer rose from the kids, all lucky 4th graders from four elementary schools: Fletcher, Garfield, Golden Hill, and La Jolla. We had come to Old Town to learn about our state's history for the whole week.

The Old Town program is provided by the San Diego Unified School District to help students learn about how California was founded. The program divides the historical timeline into five eras: Native Californians, Spanish Colonial, Mexican Ranch, American Expansion and New Town. The teachers of each group brought us to many historic buildings or sites and told us stories about these buildings or sites.

One of the earliest eras we experienced was the Native Californians. The friendly Kumeyaay tribe lived in San Diego long ago. We saw the prickly pear cactus they used and touched the thorny plant. We pretended to rub the sage on our bodies as hunters did so prey couldn't smell their human scent. We learned that the Kumeyaay were resourceful and caring. They only hunted animals when they needed to. When they killed an animal, the Kumeyaay used every part of the animal's body. They used bones, skin, horns, and other body parts. If one person had two of a tool, somebody who needed it could take it without asking!

During the Spanish Colonial time from 1542 to 1822, the Spanish King wanted to expand his country's land. So, he sent Juan Rodriguez Cabril-

lo and his ship to find land, riches, and the Strait of Anian, a shorter passage to get to Asia. Cabrillo arrived at what is now San Diego and claimed the land for Spain. He named the land San Miguel and then left. Years later, Sebastian Vizcaino from Spain sailed to San Miguel and claimed it again for Spain. He named it San Diego, and this time the name stuck. We visited a nice, quiet park and stood at the very place where the first mission was built out of twigs and leaves. Many Kumeyaay lived near and had many conflicts with each other. Also, the land was hilly and difficult to farm. We went further and sat at the site of the first presidio. We saw the cross for Father Junipero Serra, a priest who came on a long journey to help build missions.

The Mexican Ranch era is from 1822 to 1847. The first adobe chapel in San Diego was built during this time period. If you can look at the chapel from a bird's eye view, you will find that its shape is like a cross. The chapel is very old and its insides look dull, the paint is peeling off and the pews and walls are cracked. You can immediately figure out that this building has a very long history. However, it also carried many interesting stories. Don Jose Aguirre established the chapel. He was Spanish and moved to San Diego during the war between Mexico and Spain in order to avoid prejudice from the local people. He bought this house after he became rich by importing merchandise to the local area using his trading ships, and eventually he changed the house into the first public church in San Diego. When he died, based on his desire he

expressed to his friend, he was honored to have his grave in the floorboards of this church.

Another place we went was the Roman Catholic El Campo Santo cemetery. It was established about 120 years ago, and almost 500 people were buried there. We looked at gravestones and tried to learn more about their ages, careers and contributions. This is the place you may feel oppression, but also you may feel the heavy San Diego history and appreciate these pioneers around you.

The American Expansion era followed the Mexican Ranch era. We visited the Mormon Battalion Museum. The museum holds a very large collection of historical treasures including authentic muskets, journals, and a cannon. One of the most interesting activities the museum provides is panning for gold. To do it, you put a pan in gravel, sift it thoroughly and open your eyes wide to look for something like gold. You could keep only one piece if you were lucky enough to find some. Of course, it was not real gold, but pyrite, known as fool's gold.

We also visited Mason Street School House. Built in 1865, this dark red house is the home of a restaurant, a hotel, a school and other purposes. It has a classroom from long ago, which looks not only very old but also very small. We could imagine how students had their classes in this simple and crude space. We learned that this school had very strict rules and students who broke the rules got lashings and whippings from their teachers. Fortunately we don't have these rules in our school today.

The one-week time spent in Old Town was an enjoyable and impressive experience for all of us. "It gave me an opportunity to learn about San Diego's history. I thought the field trip was very interesting," said Jon Chen. We saw a lot of things and heard many stories that are not in our textbooks. "I felt like I was time-traveling to the past, except in a faster way," exclaimed Madeline Devitt. The trip extended our knowledge about San Diego history and then California history, and helped us to develop an appreciation of our ancestors for their contributions.

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tees: finance, curriculum, safety, technology, legal, and public relations/communications.

For more information about the La Jolla Cluster, to volunteer or to join the mailing list, visit [lajollacluster.org](http://lajollacluster.org).

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# Shop the Market, Help our Kids!

**Open Aire Market**

All proceeds fund programs for LJES

The Open Aire Market occurs every Sunday from 9am-1pm on the upper playground. Featuring Certified Organic fruit & veggies, farm-fresh eggs, a variety of breads, pasta, olive oil, hummus, jams, baked goods, a delicious food court, unique artisans, live music, and room for the kids to play.

Your support directly benefits programs funded by Friends of LJES.



*Kelly's Corner*

# Bring Sun Protection to School

By Kelly Wiskus, P.E. Coach

Spring is here! As the weather begins to heat up again, please remember to wear a hat, sun block and sunglasses. On a student's PE day, they may have almost two hours of sun exposure between recess play and PE. Students may also want to bring a water bottle on PE days to help stay extra hydrated. The students have been working hard on developing their basketball skills as well as striking with implements including hockey, golf and baseball.

Now for some amazing research results: We all know there is a connection between academic performance and physical activity, but now there is concrete evidence to clearly show that connection. In a recent study done by West Virginia University, fitness test scores and academic test scores were compared using a control group of students when they were in 5th grade and again in 7th grade. Here are the results in order of highest academic achievement:

- Fit in 5th grade, Fit in 7th grade
- Not fit in 5th grade, Fit in 7th grade
- Fit in 5th grade, Not fit in 7th grade
- Not fit in 5th grade, Not fit in 7th grade

So the most fit students got the highest scores. This is just another great reminder of one of the many benefits of exercise—now get out and play!

# Amigos Fiesta Coming In May

By Katie Riveroll and Mary Perrine,  
*Amigos Fiesta Co-Chairs*

Please save the date of May 7th from 3:30 pm. to 6:30 pm. because our entire campus will host a Mexican fiesta. All LJES families are invited to enjoy this PTO community-building afternoon of games, refreshments, food and live entertainment. Mariachis will stroll around campus, Aztec Dancers will perform, and attendees can munch on tasty Mexican food like the popular mango with chile and limón, churros and other mouth-watering snacks.

Well-known dance instructor Aida Flores is once again offering free after-school lessons to students who would like to learn typical Mexican dances and perform at the event. Classes will take place on two Wednesdays, April 14 and April 21. If your child would like to participate please contact Mary Perrine at 858-459-6514 or email her at js13@san.rr.com. Children must be signed up before April 14th.

To participate in games at the event, each child will need a game bracelet. These will be sold online at the school store for a discounted price of \$5. Dinner tickets and concession tickets will be available through the pre-sale too. Concession tickets will be used instead of cash to purchase all

*Amigos Fiesta*  
 May 7  
 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Purchase game bracelets online for \$5  
 at [ljes.org](http://ljes.org)

the yummy treats, piñatas and Mexican toys available. Some of the booths will require a small fee to participate as well.

Game bracelets purchased before May 5th will be sold at a discount price of \$5. The day of the event they will be \$10. So get yours soon! You can buy game bracelets and all tickets online through the school store at [ljes.org](http://ljes.org). If you purchase online, game bracelets and tickets will be delivered to your child on the day of the event.

Game bracelets and tickets also will be for sale at Pizza Wednesday on April 28 and May 5. Or you can fill out a form in the office with your payment and place it in the file folder labeled "Amigos".

Lots of parent volunteers are needed to coordinate activities, help sell tickets and man the booths. Please contact your Amigos Fiesta classroom representative if you'd like to volunteer or call Katie Riveroll at 858-551-6061 [atieahumada85@hotmail.com](mailto:atieahumada85@hotmail.com) or Mary Perrine 858-459-6514 [js13@san.rr.com](mailto:js13@san.rr.com) if you have questions. Muchas Gracias!

# A Taste of Science

**KIDS + ADULTS + SCIENCE = FUN**

**Family Science Night 2010**

**Friday, April 23, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at LJES**

Put your chef's hat on and explore the science of food and cooking with these and other hands-on, family-friendly activities:

- Mix, knead, and bake your own miniature loaf of bread

Explore the science of taste, smell, and the human digestive system

Learn why roses are red and violets are blue

Make your own chocolate from cacao beans

See where spices come from and why we use them in food

Milk a real cow



Other highlights include a presentation on the health benefits of chocolate by U.C.S.D professor of medicine Dr. Francisco Villareal; a demonstration of how to make light bulbs out of dill pickles by LJHS physics professor Martin Teachworth; and a demonstration of molecular gastronomy by our very own LJES parent, chef Larry Michaels. This very special FREE family event is part of a national educational outreach program that provides parents and children an opportunity to explore science together. Funding provided by LJES PTO. For more information, please contact Lisa Goodin at [lisastarr@cox.net](mailto:lisastarr@cox.net).

## 2010 LJES ART Show

### May 19-21

### in the Auditorium

All students will have art featured in the show. Volunteers needed.

Please contact, Erica Wortham ([ewortham@mac.com](mailto:ewortham@mac.com))  
 or Elise Kjos ([elisekjos@gmail.com](mailto:elisekjos@gmail.com)).



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nine. She attended several elementary schools. All she remembers about Kindergarten was napping and playing on the playground. "My 'least' favorite elementary school teacher was my fourth-grade teacher because it was the first year I clearly remember not being the 'teacher's pet,'" she said.

Ms. Payne has an identical twin sister who lives in Phoenix. The twins are very close and get together at least four to six times per year.

She moved to the Los Angeles area for college at the age of 19 and met her husband, Bruce. They have been married 30 years and have three grown children. Their oldest, Amy, 25, is a sommelier in Chicago. Their two boys (Nathan, 23, and Jeremy, 22) live at home. Also part of the family are two "ragdoll" cats, whom she rescued a year ago. "I LOVE cats, and I told my husband when I married him that we would always have cats," she said.

Ms. Payne also loves to cook. She always cooks from scratch and enjoys watching the Food Network. During the summer, she tries to read one "health-related" book. "I've never really been much into sports, but since my husband is an avid cyclist, I also usually cycle on Sunday afternoons for an average of 15-20 mile rides," she said, noting that a favorite place to cycle is Mission Bay.

She and Bruce moved from the Los Angeles area down to San Diego for a Snap On Tools franchise in July 1985. She was a stay-at-home full-time mom for nine years. When their youngest entered Kindergarten, she began looking for a job that offered health benefits. "I applied with the school district," she said. "La Jolla Elementary was the first school I interviewed at, and I was offered a job immediately."

She started working at LJES in October 1994 as a part-time clerk. She became the school enrollment clerk in 1998, and became the school secretary in September 2002.

"What I probably love most about my job is all of the different types of relationships I have here: interactions with parents, students and staff," she said. "I love organizing things, so I love taking care of the After-School Science and Knowledge College programs. The favorite part of my day is probably the crazy-busy time in the morning when we are greeting people for the day."

### **Carilyn Bosworth**

Ms. Bosworth was born in Berkeley and grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area. She attended El Portal Elementary School in the San Pablo area. "Since both of my parents worked, my siblings and I used to walk to and from school rain or shine (as all of our grandparents used to say)," she recalled.

"Getting soaking wet and stomping in the puddles was great fun. I remember how excited I was about learning how to read. I remember my first day of Kindergarten and how the teacher used to pin notes on our shirts to take home to our parents."

As a young adult she moved to Grants Pass, OR, where she met her husband. They lived on 80 acres along the Rogue River and spent their time (outside of work) playing on the river and growing a huge vegetable garden. After 10 years in Oregon, her husband's job moved them to San Diego. "Good thing about San Diego is that you can do this year round," she said of gardening. "I was reluctant about leaving Oregon but I think we were very fortunate to end up in the city of San Diego, which I thought would be a great place to raise our kids," she said.

The Bosworths have two daughters, Camille and Melissa. Camille lives in Tiburon, CA, and is a Marin County public defender and a newlywed. Melissa lives in San Francisco and is a journalist for Photon Magazine, a magazine about solar energy.

Reading has always been a passion of Ms. Bosworth's. "I love reading mystery books and historical sagas," she said. "Two books that have made a lasting impression on me are *Pillars of the Earth* by Ken Follet and *A Fine Balance* by Rohinton Mistry. When my daughters were younger we would go to the Josephine County (OR) library and check out stacks of books. I think I read every children's book on the shelves to them. I loved reading to them and they loved listening and I can't wait to read to a grandchild!"

She started working at a school because the hours allowed her to spend time with her daughters. "I started off as a parent volunteer at Bay Park Elementary where my kids went to school and I soon became an aide in a second-grade classroom," she said. "I was a classroom aide for three years and then became the computer lab teacher at Bay Park Elementary School. I worked with grades K-5 on mostly Apple 2E's and a few of the newer (at the time) MacIntosh. It was a fun job, working with the students on something they were excited to do."

When she decided to go to work full time, she sought a job in a school office. "I could then still have some contact with the students and also still be home with my kids when they were home, which again was a perfect situation for me," she said. "I started working at La Jolla Elementary School in 1998. Time flies, I have now been here 12 years!"

Asked what she liked about working at LJES, she said, "I love the kids and I love the feel of community here at LJES. One of the favorite parts of my job is touring the new parents. I love showing future parents all we have to offer their children and to show them how happy our students are to be at school and to be learning. When touring, they are able to see



Ms. Carilyn Bosworth

students, teachers and parents actively engaged in the education of children and enjoying it."

## Attendance Matters

By Donna Tripi, Principal

The district provides a cumulative attendance report for each school site, comparing each month's attendance with the same month the year before. We have had lower attendance in each of the six months this year, an alarming statistic.

We were not hit with a Swine Flu outbreak, though we had the usual colds and strep throat. The factor that brings our attendance down each month is the extra days off from school that families have been taking. Whether it's an extra day to extend a weekend, a birthday outing to Disneyland, or a ski trip – it all adds up. Our attendance directly effects funding to the district, which directly effects funding to our school.

Our aim is for students to be in school each day because of the tremendous amount of learning they miss each day they're absent. With state testing right around the corner, we need students in school to get the last four weeks of new learning and learning about the strategies of test taking. The test scores are looked at each year by the receiving teacher at our school and looked at closely upon entry into Muirlands Middle. We want our students to be able to show how proficient they have become this year.

We are putting in an incentive for students to come to school every day and on time beginning when we return from spring break. We will be giving students a ticket for a week of perfect attendance and another for a week of no tardies. Students will put their tickets in a box for a drawing that will be held every Friday with the Pledge Assembly. We hope it helps!