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## **Greetings from The Learning Choice Academy!**

### **Lost and Found**

Please check the Lost and Found at your site to make sure that your students have not left anything at the site. Our Lost and Found boxes are getting full. Any items that are left here at TLC the end of the year will be donated to charity.

### **Curriculum Preview Day**

Mark your calendar for **Monday, March 8** to see TLC's entire curriculum in one place. Many families start planning now for the next school year and we can help you with that process. Instead of just reviewing our curriculum catalog, this event will have all the curriculum on display. Curriculum will be set up by subject with samples for each grade level so you can see what is covered and how the program works. You can spend the time you need to consider your choices and make the best decision for your child. All TLC Educational Partners will be at the event to answer your questions or discuss options. Register and order your new curriculum at your April or May monthly meeting so it will be ready at the start of the year.

We will have a movie and some quiet activities for students during the preview with TLC administrative staff chaperoning. The preview will be available in the morning from **9 am – 11 am** and then in the afternoon from **1 – 3 pm**. In between you can bring your lunch and enjoy the TLC Irish Dancing assembly from 11 am – 1 pm at the International Cottages Stage. This event will take place at Balboa Park.

### **Assembly: Irish Dancing Performance**

On **Monday, March 8**, come celebrate St. Patrick's day with a good old-fashioned Irish dance party called a Ceilidh (pronounced KAY-lee). Watch Jigs, Reels, and Hornpipes, wear something green or blue, and sing along with us! We'll perform dances, sing songs, and tell some stories from the Celtic peoples of Ireland, Scotland, and Wales to celebrate the life of St. Patrick and give you a taste of Irish culture. After the assembly stay for a workshop as you learn these dances in groups. RSVP by February 23, 2010. This assembly is the same day as Curriculum Preview Day.

Location: International Cottages State, Time 11:00 am-1 pm

### **Field Trip: Narnia**

On **Friday, March 12**, join us as students from South County CYT present Narnia. With memorable music, creative choreography, and colorful costumes, this show combines the enchanting tale of another land with the magic of a child's imagination. The four siblings stumble upon this magical kingdom through a wardrobe in the spare room, and instantly find themselves embarking on an adventure. Their Narnia odyssey teaches them lessons of courage, unselfishness and wisdom. After all, once a king or queen of Narnia, always a king or queen of Narnia.

**Time:** 7:00 pm, 6:30 pm check-in. **Location:** Mater Dei Catholic High School, 1615 Mater Dei Dr, Chula Vista, CA 91913. **Fee:** \$8 per person. **RSVP:** March 4, 2010.

### **Free Scoliosis Screenings**

A nurse from the school district will be at the La Mesa site on **Friday, March 12** from 9 am to 12 pm to provide scoliosis screenings to all 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. The district has mandated these screenings, but if you don't want to participate, your EP can provide you with a waiver you can sign and return to your site. Please talk to your EP if you have any questions.

### **Free Vision Screenings**

Vision screenings have been scheduled for **Friday, March 12**, from 9 am to 12 pm at the La Mesa site. These screenings have been mandated by the district for grades K, 3, 6, and 9, but all students can participate! Take this opportunity to get your student's vision screened at no cost to you.

### **Teen Club: IMAX: Journey into Amazing Caves**

On **Monday, March 15**, "Journey Into Amazing Caves" with an IMAX film at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park. Join Nancy Aulenbach and Dr. Hazel Barton as they explore unusual caves, including ice caves in Greenland and underwater caves in the jungles of Mexico. [40 minutes]. After the film, you can explore the museum exhibit galleries. Bring a sack lunch or money to purchase food at the café for the lunch break. Grades 7-12

**Time:** 10:45 am – 11:30 am Imax and 11:30-2 pm lunch/exhibit galleries. 10:15 am check-in. **Location:** 1875 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101. **Fee:** \$6 per person. Min. 10. **RSVP:** March 1, 2010

### **San Juan Capistrano Mission**

On **Monday, March 15**, join us for a docent-guided tour and branding class at the historic San Juan Capistrano Mission. The building and grounds are partially restored to their original glory. Prepare lessons for your students by visiting <http://www.missionsjc.com/teachers/lessons.php>. Grades K-12.

**Time:** 11 am – 12:30 pm Tour and 1-2 pm Branding Class. 10:30 am check-in. **Location:** 26801 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675. **Fee:** \$8 Tour per person. \$3 Branding. Min. 15/Max 40. **RSVP:** March 1, 2010

### **Sea World Sleepover**

On **Sunday, March 21**, sleep over at Sea World! The SeaWorld Sleepover program is a indoor camping experience that is a private TLC event. This event is chaperoned by SeaWorld education staff and TLC staff. Students will sleep on the floor next to the underwater viewing of the Beluga Whales in Wild Arctic. Campers will discover how dolphins and whales keep warm and will be introduced to the Scientific Method as they participate in experiments. Conservation issues will also be covered. Students will get to explore the park after hours with unique animal interactions, songs, crafts and educational activities. Check-in and sleepover are on Sunday, March 21; the day in the park is Monday, March 22. Grades: K-8. 40 Min/60 Max.

**Location:** 500 Sea World Drive, San Diego, CA 92109 **Fee:** \$125 per participant (2 hot meals, educational activities and all day admission to Sea World). \$95 Gold, Silver or Platinum passport member. \*\*Passport must be current and activated. A copy of the passport should be included with the reservation. This discount does not apply to Fun Cards. Students may allocated extended units over several months to assist with payment.

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

TLC Chula Vista will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** to **March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 am – 2:30 pm at TLC Chula Vista (861 Harold Pl. Ste. 301, Chula Vista CA 91914). Stock up on books for the spring break and summer. All of the books purchased will help build TLC's Parent Supplemental Library at each site. Adult volunteers are needed to help run the book fair. To donate 2 hours of your time, please contact Mary Leeds, TLC EP, at 619-656-4231 or [mleeds@learningchoice.org](mailto:mleeds@learningchoice.org).

### **Breast Cancer Walk—TLC for a Cure Team**

TLC EP Cherokee Eddy is the Team Captain for the **TLC for a Cure** team, who will participate in the San Diego Walk to Empower Breast Cancer 1 day- 3 mile walk in Mission Bay on Mother's Day Morning, **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. TLC would like to make this walk an annual Event and hopes that you can make it a Mother's Day Tradition for you & your family and join us. Please see the attached memo for more details on how to sign up for the team and help us with fundraising. We hope to see you there!

### **Sign-up Deadline Approaching: students must sign-up by March 23, 2010 for Washington D.C., New York, Boston and Philadelphia trip!**

Only **96 days left** until TLC departs on the trip of a lifetime! The Washington D.C. trip departs on **June 6, 2010** for 7 fabulous days. We will be touring Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. Go to the website to check out the great historical places we will be visiting. The cost is \$1538 per person and it includes flight, room, and two meals daily. Visit <http://www.myexplorica.com> (tour center id: Gooding-6583) to enroll for the Washington D.C. trip. For further questions, please contact Debi at [dgooding@learningchoice.org](mailto:dgooding@learningchoice.org)

### **Ireland, Wales and England Spring of 2011**

Sign up now and start saving for your trip of a lifetime, the longer you wait the more the price goes up so lock in your price today and sign-up. Cost is currently \$2126.00 or 10 monthly payments of \$203.10 if you sign up today. See the Itinerary for Ireland at [www.myexplorica.com](http://www.myexplorica.com) (tour center id: Gooding-3393) . For further questions, please contact Debi @ [dgooding@learningchoice.org](mailto:dgooding@learningchoice.org)

### **Spelling Bee Winners**

Congratulations to all the spelling bee winners! The bee was an impressive display of TLC's great spellers.

Here is the list of winners:

*2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:* 1<sup>st</sup>-Katherine Hempton, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Brianna Lee, 3<sup>rd</sup> –Sydney McMakin and Roan Correa.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:* 1<sup>st</sup> -Marco Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Isaac Attinger, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jordan Kessler.

*4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:* 1<sup>st</sup>- Christina Martinez, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Matthew Angquico, Leonardo Rosiles-Chavez.

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade:* 1<sup>st</sup>- Laura Hempton, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Madeleine Angquico, 3<sup>rd</sup>- Nina Hanon.

*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:* 1<sup>st</sup>- Sarah Hempton, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Corey Kessler, 3<sup>rd</sup>- Erica Ortiz.

### **BizTown Resource**

San Diego County Educational TV (Channel 16 or 1116 on Time-Warner Cable) airs a great series called "Biz Kid\$." The show airs at 8:30AM & 7:30 PM (or use the magic of your DVR.) The summary on the <http://www.sdcoe.tv> website explains "Biz Kid\$ is a new PBS show created to help youth become more financially conscious and sponsored by credit unions. The show aims to promote financial literacy by teaching kids how to earn money and manage expenses." Supplemental material is available at <http://www.bizkids.com/>. Thanks to TLC Parent Dawn Wright for pointing out this great resource!

### **T-Shirts- Show your school spirit**

Get your new TLC Jaguars T-Shirt, Only \$10.00. They are great to wear on field trips, or to classes -- show your school spirit! Be proud of your school and show it off. Fill out order forms at your site.

### **Important Dates to Remember**

March 5:	Counselor Hours, Chula Vista and La Mesa
March 8:	Curriculum Preview Fair
March 8:	International Cottages Assembly
March 8:	Picture Day Makeups
March 12:	Field Trip: Narnia
March 12:	Vision/Scoliosis Screenings
March 15:	Teen Club: IMAX Caves
March 15:	Field Trip: San Juan Capistrano Mission Tour
March 21/22:	Field Trip: Sea World Sleepover