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Greetings from The Learning Choice Academy!

Baseball Game: Padres vs. Dodgers

TLC is heading to Petco Park for a family fun night on **Friday, May 14** at 7:05 pm for a game against the LA Dodgers. You can get up to 30% off ticket prices. Update: Pavilion Seats are no longer available for this game. Another mid-level seating area may be available—check your weekly bulletin for updates. **Time:** 7:05 pm, **Location:** Petco Park

Fee: field box reserved \$31, Upper reserved \$9.50. Min. 50 tickets RSVP by: April 16, 2010. **This field trip may be cancelled due to low enrollment—if you are interested in attending, please RSVP ASAP.**

Six Traits of Writing Workshops

Join Sandee Bach, one of TLC's most experienced teachers and writers, for a series of parent/student workshops on teaching writing. At our next workshop, we are going to be looking at the trait of Sentence Fluency. We will be learning how to make sentences dance and gracefully flow with rhythm, how to strengthen sentences with variety of length and complexity, and how to make sentences sing lyrically when read aloud.

The workshops will be hosted at the La Mesa site on **Thursday, April 15** and Scripps Ranch site on **Tuesday, April 20** from 9-11am. They are geared to students 3rd - 8th grade, yet may be helpful and appropriate for all students. Sign up by filling out the RSVP form at your site. There is limited space, so be sure to reserve a place you and your student ASAP.

Babysitting not available.

ASIAN STORY THEATER - Return of the Monkey King

As we visit on **Friday, April 23**, the Asian Story Theater's imaginative staging of folktales from Asia or the Pacific Islands will delight students through traditional music, costuming, dance and martial arts. Connects with grade level content standards for grades K-7. **Time:** 11:30 am. 11 am check-in. **Location:** Lyceum Theatre, 1250 Weaver Street, San Diego CA 92114. **Fee:** \$6 per person. RSVP by Friday, April 9.

Knott's Berry Farm

On **Monday, April 26**, visit America's first theme park for a day of fun and adventure. Enter the park at a discounted group rate and enjoy the day on your own! Group general admission is available for \$23 per person. Children 3 and under are free. The park is open from 10 am – 6 pm. Educational Program has been cancelled, but you can still enter Knott's as a family and enjoy the park for a discounted rate.

Time: 10 am – 6 pm. 9:30 am check-in. **Location:** Knott's Berry Farm, 8039 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, CA 90620. **Fee:** \$23 per person admission OR \$15 per person education program. Parking is an additional fee of \$12 per car. RSVP by Monday,

April 12.

Bravo Art Studio

On **Monday, May 3**, visit a brand new professional art studio located in Liberty Station! All students will receive instruction from professional artist and leave with two-high quality art projects to take home. Some of the choices for art activities include: clay sculptures, paper craft - making masks and head dresses, nature creatures, small sculptures, watercolor painting, or pastel still life painting. Classes will be grouped by grade K-2 and 3-5. This is an opportunity for the parents who are there to learn some new strategies they can take and use on future projects. It is a combination of education and entertainment. Please bring a sack lunch to enjoy between 11:30-12 pm. Be happy, make art, have fun!

Time: 10 am – 1:30 pm. **Location:** 2690 Historic Decatur Rd, Studio 206, San Diego, CA 92106. Grades K-5. **Fee:** \$23 per student. Min. 15/Max 20. RSVP by: April 16, 2010

Stars on Ice

The Stars of Vancouver are coming to you LIVE on **Saturday, May 22** for Smucker's Stars on Ice. Fresh off the ice in Vancouver, the Stars will bring the excitement of their performances directly to you. The Smucker's on Ice Tour captures their spirit as it visits cities across the USA, each for one night only. Don't miss your only opportunity to see Olympic Silver Medalist Sasha Cohen , World Champion and Olympic Gold Medalist Evan Lysacek, Olympic Silver Medalists Tanith Belbin & Benjamin Agosto and MORE of the world's best skaters in this magical combination of artistry, athleticism, and great music - all in one show!

Time: 7:30 pm **Location:** San Diego Sports Arena **Fee:** \$39 (end lower level) OR \$14 (end loge or Terrace). **Parking:** \$20.00 Min. 10. RSVP by Monday, May 3.

BizTown Field Trip

At The McGrath Family JA BizTown, the students (grades 4th-7th) are in charge!! Students work in a life-sized interactive city that is designed to reflect San Diego in the businesses, landscape, and architecture. The students leave The McGrath Family JA BizTown feeling personally successful after spending the day working hard at their jobs. They also leave with a greater understanding of the value of a dollar, the importance of team work, and how to be a contributing citizen in the community.

Time: 10 am – 2:30 pm. **Location:** 4756 Mission Gorge Place, San Diego, CA 92120. **Fee:** \$18 per student (free for full day students). Min. 80. RSVP by: Completing Biztown orientation and curriculum. **Only students who complete the curriculum and orientation may attend this field trip.**

Marine Science Floating Lab—Bioluminescence

On **Monday, May 17**, students will board a charter research boat for a cruise in San Diego's Mission Bay. After an orientation the vessel heads out of the bay into the Pacific Ocean for a feel of the ocean waves, a sampling of some Giant Kelp and possibly a sighting of dolphins and sea lions. On the way back into the bay, staff

discusses the Giant Kelp and the ecology of the kelp forest. Once back in the bay, the trawl net is deployed and retrieved by the staff, with the help of the students. **Time:** 5 pm – 9 pm (4:30 pm check in). **Location:** H&M Landing, Point Loma, 2803 Emerson St, San Diego, CA 92106. **Fee:** \$22 per person. 30 Min/40 Max. Grades K-12. RSVP by: April 16, 2010.

101 Dalmatians

On **Wednesday, June 2**, the beloved classic novel comes to life on the stage in this brand new musical sure to delight the whole family, directed by Broadway legend Jerry Zaks. Pongo and Mrs. Pongo are loving the good life in London with their “pets” Roger and Anita. When their 15 puppies go missing, the canines learn they have been dognapped by the villainous Cruella de Vil – and so, with the help of the dog network, sparked by the “Twilight Bark,” they set off to rescue their pups. There's a happy ending for all with laughter, mayhem and music along the way!

Time: 7 pm. 6:30 pm check-in. **Location:** San Diego Civic Theatre. **Fee:** \$23 per person. RSVP by: April 21, 2010.

Knott's Soak City

On **Friday, June 11**, start off your summer with a splash. There are slides of all kinds for all ages-speed slides, body slides, and tube slides. You can drift around the lazy river in an inner tube. Ride a raft on Pacific Spin or Coronado Express. Catch the surf at Balboa Bay in the wave pool. Height restrictions apply for some rides. Visit Gremmie Lagoon, Dick's Beach House or Tyke's Trough for younger kids play area and slides. Soak up the sun and enjoy the day with TLC families.

You can purchase a meal ticket for \$8 which includes all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, fruit, chips and drinks at the event from 11 am – 1 pm. Extended units cannot be used to purchase food. The food tickets are also only valid on the day of our field trip. However, the waterpark tickets can be used throughout the 2010 season.

Time: 10 am – 6 pm. 9:30 am check-in. **Location:** 2052 Entertainment Circle, Chula Vista, CA 91911.

Fee: \$18 per person. Additional fee for parking. RSVP by: Friday, May 28.

STAR Test Information—Mark Your Calendar Now!

If you are a student in grades two through eleven, mark your calendars! The Learning Choice Academy will be conducting STAR testing over the course of two weeks. The test dates are:

Scripps Ranch, La Mesa & Chula Vista sites
April 27, 28, 29: Check in time 10:00AM
May 4, 5, 6: Check in time 8:30AM

Valle Vista Library

Address:

25757 Fairview Ave, Hemet 92544

April 27, 28: Check in time 10:00AM (Grades two through eight)

April 29: Check in time 12 noon (grades two through eight)

April 30: Check in time 12 noon (grades nine through eleven)

May 3, May 4: Check in time 10:30AM (Grades nine through eleven)

Temecula Site

May 5, 6, 7: Check in time 10:00AM

We hope to see all of you there!

Extended Class Reminders

Please remember that the last day to submit Request for Payment or Reimbursement forms is **May 28, 2010**. All invoices must be received by the last day of school, **June 11, 2010**, or they will not be paid.

College Fair

Visit the National Association for College Admission Counseling's National College Fair on **Tuesday, April 20**, from 9 am to 12 noon and 6–8:30 pm. See more details about the San Diego fair at <http://www.nacacnet.org/EVENTSTRAINING/COLLEGEFAIRS/NCF/SPRING/Pages/SanDiegoNCF.aspx>. Available Workshops include the Nuts and Bolts of Financial Aid, Selecting a College, California Public Higher Education (the UCs, CSUs, and CCCs), and SAT vs. ACT. If you are planning to attend college, this is an invaluable resource for you.

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 9th, 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. To sign up for the TLC team, visit <http://walk.networkofstrength.org/Page.aspx?pid=718>. We hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for a Bunco Night to benefit the TLC for a Cure team. This special night will be on Wednesday, April 21, from 6-9 pm at the La Mesa site. All proceeds will benefit the Walk to Empower Breast Cancer. More details available soon!

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 (tour center id: Gooding-3393) . For further questions, please contact Debi @ dgooding@learningchoice.org

Disneyland Homeschool Event

The Best Homeschool Field Trip Ever! That's what kids say who have participated in the official Not Back to School Days Rally each year. Memories to last a lifetime are made at the Not Back to School Days Rally as homeschool families experience the combination of an exciting academic environment with an unforgettable vacation. It's a conference, a rally, a field trip, and a vacation all rolled into one. Come and join the fun and make Not Back to School Days a tradition in your home education adventure! Early registration ends this month. The official dates of the Not Back to School Days Rally:

September 8 - 11, 2010 at the *Disneyland*® Resort! Get more information and download a conference information packet at <http://www.notbacktoschooldays.com/index.htm>.

Important Dates to Remember

April 13:	Field Trip: Cirque Dreams: Illumination
April 19:	Field Trip: Birch Aquarium
April 21:	TLC for a Cure: Bunco Night
April 23:	Field Trip: Asian Story Theater
April 26:	Field Trip: Knott's Berry Farm
May 3:	Field Trip: Bravo Art Studio
May 7:	Post-Testing Party: Mission Valley
May 10:	Field Trip: BizTown
May 14:	Field Trip: Baseball Game (Padres vs. Dodgers)
May 17-21:	Sixth Grade Camp
May 17:	Field Trip: Marine Science Floating Lab
May 22:	Field Trip: Stars on Ice
May 24:	Post-Testing Party: Murrieta
June 2:	Field Trip: 101 Dalmatians
June 4:	Showcase/Field Day
June 11:	Field Trip: Knott's Soak City