



From the Director's Office

From time to time we get requests from parents for general information about homeschooling. Although we can discuss the different aspects of homeschooling and answer questions at our meetings, parents sometimes want a resource to get an immediate answer to a question or simple curiosity about a subject. Following are some resources you might consider online. Just be careful because often these web-sites include advertisements through "recommendations" for certain curricula or may have personal or religious content.

www.homeschoolstories.com

Homeschool parents contribute to a wide variety of topics including academic subjects, organization advice or humor:

I overheard my 7 year old daughter talking to the neighbor girl. The neighbor girl was telling my daughter that she didn't have to go to school that day because of parent-teacher conferences. My daughter asked her what that meant and the neighbor girl explained it was when her Mom talked to her teacher. "Oh, we have that in home schooling too," replied my daughter. I was a bit puzzled until my daughter added, "My Mom talks to herself all the time."

www.homeschool-your-boys.com

This website was developed by a homeschool mom with active boys. She offers advice from personal experience and shares other moms' stories. Here is one excerpt:

As I write this, one of my sons is somersaulting across the living room. The other one is running a lap around the house. Our mornings are filled with dancing and silly voices. You might think we were training our sons to be in a circus - but these are helpful techniques we've found in homeschooling boys.

www.letshomeschool.com

This site is full of advertisements but if you can get past that and look at the topics on the left, you can find some real advice about the different styles and methods of homeschooling. Topics include *Why Homeschool*, *Homeschool Schedules*, *Homeschool Socialization* and many more.

If you are looking for academic reinforcement or enrichment resources, please don't forget to ask your EP for the ID and password to TLC's subscription to two favorite sites:

www.unitedstreaming.com

www.enchantedlearning.com


Have fun and keep learning!


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Next Board of
Directors meeting:
Tuesday, March 16,
5:30 pm, La Mesa
site.

STAR Students

 **Joshua Golden**- Great job on learning all the names of the European countries!

 **Nicholas Rhea, Rebecca Holland, Kyla Phillips**- Welcome to these new EAK students! They recently joined TLC and are doing awesome work. They brought in creative colorful posters and are working hard. Keep up the good work!

 Congrats to all of our spelling bee winners!

2nd Grade Bee:

1st place, **Katherine Hempton**; 2nd place, **Brianna Lee**; 3rd place, **Sydney McMakin** and **Roan Correa**.

3rd Grade Bee:

1st place, **Marco Jones**; 2nd place, **Isaac Attinger**; 3rd place, **Jordan Kessler**.

4th and 5th Grade Bee:


1st place, **Christina Martinez**; 2nd place, **Matthew Angquico**; 3rd place, **Leonardo Rosiles-Chavez**.


6th Grade Bee:


1st place, **Laura Hempton**; 2nd place, **Madeleine Angquico**; 3rd place, **Nina Hanon**


7th & 8th Grade Bee:

1st place, **Sarah Hempton**; 2nd place, **Corey Kessler**; 3rd place, **Erica Ortiz**

 **Sarah Hempton** will be able to complete in the countywide spelling bee later this year. Congratulations!

 Wow! **Evelyn Rangel** (5th grade, LM) went above and beyond on her Social Studies for the month! She created a beautiful, scenic backdrop to place her Westward Expansion vocabulary cards on-a wagon train moving west through the deserts of the southwest. What a great way to incorporate art into your studies!

 Congratulations to the following students for completing 6 + hours of reading for the Read to Succeed Program. They will be awarded a pass to Magic Mountain; **Gabriel Miller, Adrian Miller, Lily Halley, Rose Halley, Natalie Medina, Leah Sandino, Noah Rico** and **Keanu Duca** (all Chula Vista Students).

 **Valeria Balderrama**, a 4th grader at Chula Vista, Landed a role as a girl pirate in the play for Theater class! Way to go Valeria! Break a Leg!

STAR Students

★ Ms. Cherokee wants to give a very BIG Thank you to all her STAR parents from the Chula K-2 Full Day for their donations for Kidz Town Buildings, including boxes, paint, brushes, dropcloths, knickknacks for the general store, etc. It was a huge help. Thank you **Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Ashman, and Mrs. Delgado.**

★ A Huge Thank you to **Mrs. Karin Gracia** for always assisting Ms. Cherokee in the K-2 Chula Vista Full Day core class. Class would not be the same without you!

★ Thank you to Chula Vista IA **Sandra De La Torre** for jumping in to help the Chula Vista K- 2 Full Day Core Class last week when they were painting their buildings for Kidz Town.

★ Read, Read, Read! Way to go **Jacob Bell** (3rd grade, LM). He has been reading an average of 250 pages a day for the last month. Keep up the good work!

Zander Heras & Forest Banatao, both EAK students in Chula Vista, have joined Chula Vista Full Day “Kidz Town” and are doing a great job in class. Way to go boys!

★ **Natalie Medina**, a Chula Vista student, memorized every U.S. President front and backwards in two days to prepare herself for the trip she and her mom will take later this year. Way to go Natalie!

★ A BIG Thank You to **Ms. Cherokee, Ms. Kate** and **Bianca De La Torre** who took time out of their busy schedule to administer the PE Fitness Test to TLC Chula Vista’s 5th, 7th, and 9th grade students. They did an awesome job!

★ **TJ Kendrick**, a 5th grader at Scripps Ranch, is in the cast of Narnia in CYT! If you attend TLC’s field trip, look for TJ—he is a singing squirrel statue. Break a leg, TJ!

★ Last Saturday, **Jake Yoshitake** (a Scripps Ranch 5th grader) performed at the SDUSD Solo/Ensemble Festival. He performed on his snare drum and received an "Excellent" rating. Great job, Jake!

School News

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 7th grade girls and 8th 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.

Free Hearing Screenings

Free hearing screenings have been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 26**, 10 am. Since there are no on-site classes this week, take the opportunity to get your child's hearing screened for free. These screenings are offered at the La Mesa site.

Scholastic Book Fair

TLC Chula Vista will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from **March 23rd to March 26th** 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.



8th Grade Promotion

Attention, all 8th Grade Graduates and their proud parents! Save the Date to celebrate your accomplishment the morning of **June 10, 2010** at The Greek Theater at Point Loma Nazarene University. Check in for the event will be at 9:00AM and the ceremony will take place at 10:00AM. Look for more detailed information about the graduation ceremony in early May. For any information before then please contact Jeff Fehner at counselor@learningchoice.org or Renee Olmeda at events@learningchoice.org.



School News (continued)

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. We will take a quick trip through the 6 Traits of Writing, a foundation for this year’s coming workshops. We will learn the criteria that are used to determine what makes a piece of writing good, evaluate student papers, and score them based on a rubric for the 6 Traits of Writing.



March	Word Choice	Mar. 18, La Mesa Mar. 23, Scripps Ranch
April	Sentence Fluency	Apr. 15, La Mesa Apr. 20, Scripps Ranch
May	Conventions	May 13, La Mesa May 18, Scripps Ranch

The workshops will be hosted at the La Mesa and Scripps sites from 9-11am once a month and 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.

Coming soon...

Word Choice

Sharpen your students’ descriptive powers. Teach your student how to make their writing spring to life in the reader’s mind through the innovative use of the right word at the right moment. Learn how to give the reader the strong sense of being there, living it through the written word. Come and learn along with your child grades 3 and up, **March 18** at the La Mesa site or **March 23** at the Scripps Ranch site, from 12:30-2:30 pm Babysitting provided (minimum of 5 students necessary).

Sentence Fluency

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. Come and learn along with your child grades 3 and up, **April 15** at the La Mesa site or **April 20** at the Scripps Ranch site, from 12-2 pm. Babysitting provided (minimum of 5 students necessary).

School News (continued)

Washington D.C., New York, Boston & Philadelphia trip!



Sign-up Deadline Approaching!

Students must sign-up by **March 23, 2010** for this trip. There are only 94 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

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



Teen Club Field Trips

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

Post-Testing Party

We are all pumped up about this year's post testing party! Students that participate in all 3 days of STAR testing will be eligible for this FREE special event. This year the main Post-Testing Party will take place in Murrieta; however, an alternative location is available in Mission Valley on a different date. **Please select one party where you would like to celebrate.**

Option #1:

Murrieta:

SkyHigh Party Zone, a state of the art indoor facility, has it all! TLC will have the run of 9,000 sq ft bounce room which won the 2009 Nickelodeon Parents' Choice Award for the Best Indoor Playspace in the San Diego and Riverside Areas. You can jump on one of six huge bouncers, play ping-pong, air hockey, shuffleboard and arcade games. Then test your singing skills on the karaoke stage. Have a blast in our new Glow-in-the-dark air cannon ball room where you will go head to head with up to four friends and then become a target yourself as you run into the middle to get more ammo! Socks required. Non-participants are free.



Date: Monday, May 24, 2010

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: 26670 Madison Avenue, Murrieta, CA 92562

Fee: Free for testing students (2nd-11th grade that attend all 3 testing days). \$8 participants (sibling/parents). RSVP at your site on the last day of your student's STAR testing.

Option #2:



Mission Valley:

Get ready to bounce around on 12 – 15 giant inflatables. The outdoor amusement park is fun for children of all ages and adults. Inflatable World has inflatable slides, jumping rides, and obstacle courses. Socks required. Non-participants are free.

Date: Friday, May 7, 2010

Time: 11 am-1:30 pm

Location: 1640 Camino Del Rio North, San Diego, CA 92108

Fee: Free for testing students (2nd-11th grade that attend all 3 testing days). \$8 participants (siblings/parents).

RSVP at your site on the last day of your student's STAR testing.

Family Field Trips/Events

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:** ASAP



Sea World Sleepover



On **Sunday, March 21**, sleep over at Sea World! The SeaWorld Sleepover program is an 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. Grades: K-8. 40 Min/60 Max.

Sample Schedule:

5:45 pm Arrival and check-in at Education Gate

6:30-9:45 pm Hot dinner and educational activities

10:30-12 pm Bedtime

6:30 am Wake up, pack, and eat hot breakfast

Park opens—Play all day at Sea World!

*This schedule is an example. Times vary according to park hours and activities. Please note that depending on park events, bed time may be as late as midnight.

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. 40 people max.

Field Trips (continued)

Cinderella

On **Wednesday, April 7**, come see the magical fairytale of Cinderella unfold on stage set to music by Prokofiev. Watch Cinderella and her Fairy Godmother waltz to the Royal Ball in a horse-drawn carriage. Beautiful fairies and enchanting animals make this ballet a joy for all!

Grades K-12.

Time: 10 am-12 pm, 9:30 check-in. **Fee:** \$6 per student, \$10 per adult.

Location: Casa Del Prado Theater, Balboa Park, **RSVP** by Friday, March 26.



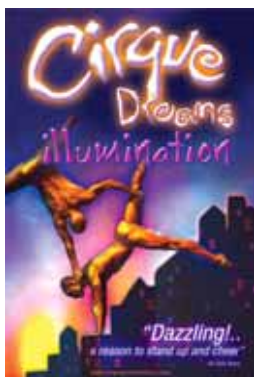
Laser Tag Family Night



Part Science, Part P.E., and A WHOLE LOT OF FUN! Do you want to make Science and P.E. “come to life” for your students? Atlantis Laser Tag Game Facility has recently opened right here in the South Bay area. Laser tag is a game/sport where individual or team players score points by “tagging” the opposing individual or team member with a hand-held infrared light emitting device. Each player wears an infrared-sensitive vest. Individual and teams play to tag the opposition and their points are electronically recorded within the computers systems of Atlantis Laser Tag. Join us for this fun activity on **Monday, April 12**.

Time: 4-8 pm. **Location:** Atlantis Laser Tag, 510 Broadway, Chula Vista, CA 91910. **Fee:** \$9 per participant. Unlimited games. Min. 40. RSVP by March 15

Cirque Dreams: Illumination



CIRQUE DREAMS: ILLUMINATION is a bustling city of incredible dreamers set in a landscape of towering buildings and infinite possibilities. Ablaze with lights and activities, objects and shapes transform into windows and stairways that lead beyond imagination. Everyday occurrences are transformed into astounding feats performed by an international cast of acrobatic urbanites, flexible fanatics, world-class athletes, musicians and more. This action packed Cirque Dream is enhanced with over 100 inventive costumes and set in a fantastical cityscape of dimension and special effects. Join us on **Tuesday, April 13** as we participate in this wonderful event.

Time: 7 pm, 6:30 pm check-in. **Location:** Balboa Theatre, 868 4th Ave., San Diego, CA 92101. **Fee:** \$25 per person (seating in Section B). Min. 15/Max 20. RSVP by Friday, March 26.

Field Trips (continued)

Knott's Berry Farm

On **Monday, April 26**, visit America's first theme park for a day of fun and adventure. You have two choices: enter the park at a discounted group rate and enjoy the day on your own, or join with other TLC homeschool families and participate in the customized education program. Group general admission is available for \$23 per person. Children 3 and under are free. The park is open from 10 am – 6 pm.



The Education Program is 6 hours of customized tours that will visit select areas of Knott's Berry Farm from 10 am – 4 pm for grades 2nd-6th. This program does not include general admission or free time in the park. It does offer unique content as a guided education program that isn't available to the general public and is focused on specific themes. \$15 per person.

- **Westward movement Tour**—Exploring the mid to late 1800s during the time of California's Gold Rush, this walking tour focuses on mining, modes of transportation, living conditions and hardships endured on the long journey westward.
- **Mine and Log Rides**—Descend into the dark depths of Knott's very own gold mine to the infamous Calico Glory Hole. Careen through the darkness of a twisting 2,100 foot waterway at speeds of 8-12 feet per second and plummet down a furious flume propelled by 24,000 gallons of water at your back. 48" height requirement for both rides.
- **Stagecoach Ride/Presentation**—Catch an original Butterfield Stage in Ghost Town for a rowdy ride back through time. And don't let the bullet holes in the door worry you, that happened long ago. 2 groups of 12 per ride.
- **Blacksmith Presentation**—Learn about the importance of the Blacksmith in the Old West, in a demonstration using the "Black iron" forge, and anvil.
- **Train Presentation**—Experience transportation of the 1800s via our narrow gauge train or Galloping Goose. Tour the Rio Grand Southern Railroad President's private car, the Edna and the Durango, a parlor car built in 1883. A train ride aboard the Calico Railroad is also included.
- **Jaguar Ride**—Brave the ancient mysteries of the Temple of the Jaguar to take a ferocious journey high above-and through-the rides and attractions of the park. A thrilling ride every member of the family will love! Min. 48" height requirement
- **Nature Center (Pony Express Outpost)**—A variety of domestic and exotic insects, arachnids, amphibians and reptiles provide students with a fascinating encounter with creatures whose essential roles in nature are often misunderstood.
- **Paleontologist Presentation**—Visit the Dinosaur Discovery Center where our Paleontologist shares fossils and information about life in the distant past.
- **Minerals of the Earth**—Learn about geodes, meteorites, and other rocks and minerals from our "rock expert" at the Geode shop.
- **Abigail Adams Presentation at Independence Hall.** Finish your day with a self-guided tour of Independence Hall and see the presentation, "A Storm in Philadelphia".

Time: 10 am – 4 pm OR 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.

Field Trips (continued)

Birch Aquarium

Participate in workshops and/or a self-guided tour on **Monday, April 19!**

Shark Survivor (Grades K-6)

How do sharks survive challenges of nature and those presented by humans? The aquarium's live shark displays provide an ideal living classroom for students to explore the challenges sharks face and how they have adapted to survive for more than 400 million years. Students will tour shark exhibits to observe live shark behavior and adaptations and use hands-on models to discover sharks' unique design. Min. 10/Max 40. All students can participate in this presentation.

Fish Diversity Lab (Grades 2-3)

Forked tails, rounded tails, pointed tails, and more! Through hands-on investigations, students will learn about the diversity of fish teeth, fins, and coloration and how different adaptations help them survive in the sea. Min. 20/Max 25

Inside Mollusks Lab (Grades 4-6)

What do squid, mussels, and snails have in common? They're all mollusks! Through scientific observations and squid dissection, students discover the special characteristics of the phylum Mollusca, as well as the adaptations that squid use to eat, move, and protect themselves from predators. Min. 20/Max 40

Self-Guided Tour

See the new, *There is Something About Seahorses* exhibit during your complimentary self-guided tour (included with education program). The museum also features other great exhibits including: *Wonders of Water*, *Tide-pool Plaza*, *Feeling the Heat: The Climate Challenge*, *Hall of Fishes*, and *Coral Displays*. The aquarium closes at 5 pm. Additional information available at <http://www.aquarium.ucsd.edu>

Time: 9:30 am Sharks, 11:15 am – 12:15 pm Labs. 9 am check-in.

Location: Birch Aquarium, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, CA

Fee: \$9.25 per education program includes self-guided tour. \$12 Adults. Children 2 and under are free. RSVP by Monday, April 5.



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.

Field Trips (continued)

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.



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.

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.

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

Field Trips (continued)

BizTown Field Trip

JA BizTown is a 10,000 square foot mini-city in which kids discover how free enterprise really works. There are 19 life-size businesses, a non-profit organization and a city hall. On **Monday, May 10**, students that have participated in the program will become business owners, make financial decisions, explore philanthropy and pay taxes.



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. In front of City Hall, the mayor gives a speech reminding the citizens of the laws of The McGrath Family JA BizTown, and encouraging everyone to exercise their civic duty by voting. Students check the business break schedule to know when they are allowed to leave work, visit the bank, and become a consumer in the city. Students learn principles like economics, good citizenship, and money management.

Each business offers the students the opportunity to work as CEO, CFO, or a business specific job. Students apply for the job that interests them. Once they are assigned to a job, students spend time with the other employees in their business to develop their business operating budget, apply for a bank loan, create advertising, and develop their marketing strategies.

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.**

Field Trips (continued)

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.



Each species of animals collected are displayed and discussed by the education staff. Next, the students are broken up into smaller groups and rotate around the boat to several stations that include plankton collection, plankton evaluation, physical oceanography, mud sampling and examination of trawl animals. On the way back to the dock, the trawl animals are released and some birds and marine mammals of the bay may be observed. This special twilight trip also covers the science of bioluminescence.

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.

Sixth Graders: Join us at Camp Cuyamaca!

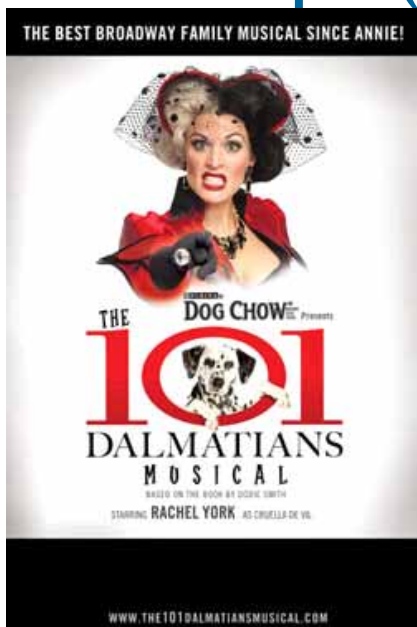


Mark your calendars, sixth graders! Sixth Grade Camp this year will be held on **May 17-21** at Camp Cuyamaca. Sixth grade students attend a five-day residential school program that includes hands-on learning opportunities which incorporates the state science framework.

Outdoor School curriculum includes: life science (biology, botany) earth science (geology, meteorology, astronomy) outdoor skills, Native American lore, recreation activities and crafts. Transportation to and from camp must be provided. **La Mesa EP,**

Cathy Kniss, will be the designated TLC Chaperone. Forms are available at your site. **Fee: \$271.** Extended units may be allocated over several months to assist with costs. RSVP now to save your spot.

Field Trips (continued)



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.

Counselor's Corner

High School Prom

This year's prom venue is unlike any other from the years past. This year, TLC High School is going to celebrate prom in the heart of downtown San Diego at the Bristol Hotel! Prom will be in their Starlight Ballroom. This venue is San Diego's only venue with a retractable roof! Get ready to rock prom under the stars.

The Bristol hotel is home to some of the best food in downtown San Diego. Dinner will include an appetizer salad, Pasta, chicken and dessert. Do not hesitate! Register today! Forms are available through your site IA or EP.



Date: Thursday, May 13, 2010

Time: 7-11 pm.

Location: Starlight Ballroom, The Bristol Hotel: 1055 First Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.

Fee: \$50 Per Person. Additional parking fees apply downtown.

Open to all 9th-12th grade students

RSVP: April 23, 2010

GradNite: Open to 11th and 12th graders ONLY!



This all-nighter in Disneyland Park is unlike anything "Disney" you have ever experienced. It's no ordinary walk in the park. They are bringing down the house with your favorite Latin, Hip-Hop, Top 40 and Dance music stations throughout the park. For six hours on **Thursday, May 27**, it's your park after dark! Speed down the slopes of the Matterhorn Bobsleds, or conquer bigger, bolder thrills on the Indiana Jones Adventure. Take a watery, five-story plunge down Splash Mountain, and discover even more thrills around every corner! For TLC juniors and seniors, the night is all yours on Thursday, May 27, 2010! Jeff Fechner will be chaperoning the event; Please fill out a Registration Form and turn it in with payment to a

TLC site as soon as possible. **Please RSVP by Friday, May 7, 2010.**

Time: 7:30 pm check-in. **Pick up and Drop off Location:** Scripps Ranch Site: 9950 Scripps Lake Drive #105 Scripps Ranch, CA 92131. **Pick up Time:** Friday, May 28 at 7:30AM. **Fee:** \$100 per TLC Junior & Senior.

This year transportation to and from GradNite will be provided by The Learning Choice Academy.

Counselor's Corner (continued)

TLC High School Graduation Ceremony



TLC will honor the 2010 graduating class in a ceremony on **Thursday, June 10**, at Point Loma Nazarene University. The ceremony will begin at 5:30pm with a mandatory dress rehearsal at 4:30 pm. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Registration and cap and gown order forms will be available through your site's IA and your EP. Please have all registration paperwork, waivers, cap and gown forms and fees paid no later than May 7, 2010.

Fee: \$25.00 for Cap and Gown

Location: Point Loma Nazarene University, Greek Amphitheater, 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego, CA 92106-2810. RSVP by Friday, May 7, 2010

Walk-in Office Hours with the Counselor

The school counselor is one of your best resources as you plan for college and progress through high school. Your counselor has information about admissions tests, college preparation, and your education and career options. Please join Jeff Fechner, TLC counselor, during his office hours at your site.



La Mesa: **Friday, March 5** at 9:00AM to 11:00AM
Chula Vista: **Friday, March 5** at 12:00PM to 2:00PM

Families may also schedule an appointment online any time at counselor@learningchoice.org.

CAHSEE Test

Passing the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is a graduation requirement beginning with the 2005-2006 diplomas. The CAHSEE assesses California academic content standards for English-Language Arts and Mathematics. CAHSEE results are being used for state and federal accountability purposes. The CAHSEE must be administered according to state standards and guidelines. There is no cost for the test. Testing must be conducted on the specific dates listed below to ensure security of the test throughout the state.

May 11 & 12, 2010

This test is for 11th and 12th Graders. 10th graders who missed the February test administration may also test on these dates. Test sessions will start at 9:00AM, with check in at 8:30 at each school site.

Tuesday, May 11, 9AM--English Language Arts portion of the test.

Wednesday, May 12, 9AM--Mathematics portion of the test.

Counselor's Corner (continued)

STAR Test Information—Mark your Calendar Now!

Many parents ask how TLC can provide so much for free. We always try to utilize the funding provided by the state of California to directly benefit our students. However, as a public school, it is mandatory for our students to participate and do well in state testing in order for us to receive 100% of our funding. It is essential for the school that your family support TLC by signing your students up to take the STAR test. We have a 100% participation goal for this year; please help us meet this goal. TLC provides a comfortable, small group testing environment with EPs administering the test at your specific site. If you are a student in grades two through eleven, mark you calendars! The Learning Choice Academy will be 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

Hemet Library (These times have changed!)

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

Most of these tests are untimed and cover Language Arts and Mathematics. Certain grades also have testing in social studies and science. High school students and some middle school students may have subject-specific tests to take, such as algebra and biology tests. TLC needs 100% participation in these tests! We want to continue to be your school of choice, and your participation in STAR testing is directly linked to TLC's continued existence as your school! If you have questions about the tests your students will take, contact your EP.



Parent Corner

This is a community forum to share information. These are not TLC-sponsored activities or classes, but are provided for your information. Please be sure to verify all information before attending.

Parent Advice Column



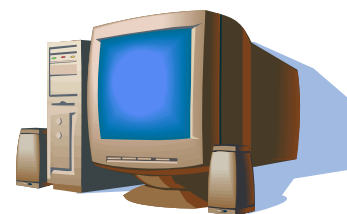
If you have advice, jokes, or anecdotes to share with other parents, or would like to give us feedback, please email Audrey at admins@learningchoice.org. Submissions are subject to content approval. We look forward to seeing what you have to share! All submissions to the parent advice column reflect the opinions of the parent writers, not TLC Academy.

Need a computer tutor?

Could your child benefit from computer classes or tutoring? Whatever the age or skill level, quality computer instruction is now available to TLC students. No cost to you!! These services are priced to fit within your TLC elective allocation!

Choose from a variety of computer based skills including:

Computer Literacy, Word/Excel/Acrobat, PowerPoint Presentations, Graphic Design & Illustration (Photoshop/Illustrator/InDesign), Web Design (HTML, Flash), Animation (Flash), Video Game Development (Flash), Audio/Video editing.



Flexible scheduling and location! Spanish tutoring also available!

For more information please visit: <http://www.rickcarterdesigns.com/tutor>

Email: rick@RickCarterDesigns.com Or call: (619) 866-4723

Biz Town 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/>

It's aimed at grade 6-8, but younger students may enjoy it because it's fast-paced, funny, and interesting. Even adults may learn some new financial tips and tricks! Thanks to Scripps Ranch Dawn Wright for this information.

Parent Corner (continued)

TLC for a Cure

Join the **TLC for a Cure** team and 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**. TLC would like to make this walk an annual event and hopes that you can join us and make it a Mother's Day Tradition for you & your family. There is NO registration fee to walk. As a participant, you are encouraged to raise a minimum of \$100, and those that do will receive a keepsake T-shirt. Those who raise \$250 or more will also qualify to receive a fundraising prize. Family and Friends can join as well. Check your weekly bulletin for updates on fundraising opportunities, possible volunteer hours for high school students.

To sign up on our TLC Team please visit: <http://walk.networkofstrength.org/Page.aspx?pid=718>

- Click on the second tab: Find a participant or Team
- Enter: TLC for a cure and hit Search
- Click the Join Button
- Fill out your information

You can set your personal fundraising goal. The team goal at \$1000.00, and TLC's goal is for each participant to raise at least a \$100, but anything helps.

Walk Day Schedule

7:30 AM Registration opens
8:00 AM Entertainment
8:30 AM Opening Ceremonies
8:45 AM Warm-Up
9:00 AM 3-mile Walk Begins
12:00 PM Walk Ends



Students and Families can:

- **Sign up to walk as well, and purchase a Team T-Shirt**
- Donate Money to your favorite EP or staff member or a few or our team online
- Donate Prizes for our Bunco Winners (Gift Certificates, gifts, etc)
- Participate in Bunco Night (play)
- Participate in any other activities that come up related to fundraising for this event

Thank you. If you have any questions please email or call!

TLC coordinator: Cherokee Eddy

619-656-8838

ceddy@learningchoice.org

Parent Corner (continued)

BizTown Summer Camp

Junior Achievement of San Diego is proud to announce that we will be offering two week-long BizTown Summer Camps this year. Our camp uses hands-on approaches to foster understanding of business and economics all while having fun! Students will enjoy many creative and exciting activities which are different from the standard curriculum taught during the school year, such as, inventing their own products, creating commercials for the business that they are employed with, as well as many other chances to practice spending money! We have also partnered with the USS Midway this year to give campers a whole different perspective on the importance of citizens working together to create a productive community. One entire day of camp will be spent aboard the ship!



If you are interested in registering your 5th or 6th grade student please visit our website, www.jasandiego.org/programs/biztown/camp.php, to find out more information and to sign them up.

If you are interested, please sign up ASAP, since spots are filling up quickly.

2009–2010 Board Meetings

Mission Statement

To empower students to reach their full potential by providing choice in education within collaborative triads of parents, students, and school.

Tuesday, March 16
 Tuesday, April 20
 Tuesday, May 18
 Tuesday, June 15
 Tuesday, July 20

All Board of Directors meetings are open to the public. Agendas will be posted at your local site and on the website the week before each meeting, and meeting minutes are available at your site after board approval at the following meeting. Board meetings are held at 5:30 pm at the TLC La Mesa site.

Upcoming Dates:

March 8	Assembly: International Cottages
March 8	Curriculum Preview Fair & Picture Day
March 12	Field Trip: Narnia
March 12	Scoliosis/Vision Screenings
March 15	Teen Club Field Trip: IMAX Caves
March 15	Field Trip: San Juan Capistrano Mission
March 18	Writing Workshop, Word Choice: La Mesa
March 21	Field Trip: Sea World Sleepover
March 23	Writing Workshop, Word Choice: Scripps
March 23	Sign up deadline for Washington D.C. Trip
April 7	Field Trip: Cinderella
April 12	Field Trip: Laser Tag Family Night
April 13	Field Trip: Cirque Dreams: Illumination
April 19	Field Trip: Birch Aquarium
April 26	Field Trip: Knotts Berry Farm
April 23	Field Trip: Asian Story Theater: Return of the Monkey King
May 3	Field Trip: Bravo Art Studio
May 10	Field Trip: BizTown
May 13	Prom