



## From the Director's Office

Dear Parents:

*I was so impressed by this student's essay that I had to share it! See what one of our students feels about the opportunity to homeschool.*

### Home Schooling Restrictions and No Restrictions

In home schooling there are not as many restrictions as most people think. There are many activities and many fun things you can do with family and friends. You can do a lot of field trips and you can take a day off if needed.

Many people think home schooling ineffective, but those people don't know all the great things about home schooling! Home schooled students are more likely to get a better education than the average public school student, because the home schooled child can get more attention from the parent or guardian. Also when a child is home schooled they usually don't have a time limit on their work and most of the time the child doesn't have a specific time to wake up in the morning.

Some of the things people say about home schooling are true, for example a home schooled student might not have as many friends as a public school student, but the home schooled student won't have as many enemies either. Most home schooled students don't have to face many distractions or the way other people may act towards them, so they may not be as street smart as a public school student.

When you're home schooled you are in a comfortable environment. You're either at home, on a field trip, or at an assembly. Most of those places don't have as many distractions as public school does. Also when a child is home schooled they may have a more positive perspective on life, and they could remain pure in the heart as well as the mind.

Most home schooled students can get ahead or stay on track with their school work. Also letting that child and their parent and guardian get closer which lets the parent learn to trust their child and help them through hard times they may be having.

Talia Wiles, 6th Grade, Chula Vista

*Talia certainly shared some great reasons to homeschool and I am thrilled she has been part of our TLC family for so many years!*

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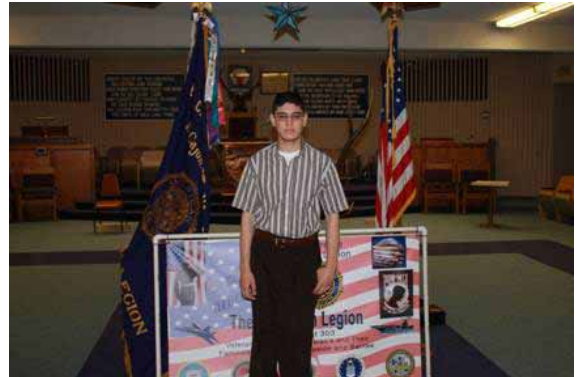
Next Board of Directors meeting:  
Tuesday, April 20,  
5:30 pm, La Mesa site.

# STAR Students

★ What a star reader **Peter Ornelas** is!!! His dedication and perseverance are awesome! Keep up the great work!

★ TLC Alumna **Hillary Mills** is going to camp!!! Hillary was accepted into Camp Adventure and is off to Germany this summer. She will be a counselor for a day camp for US children living on a military base in Kaupenberg Germany. She is currently in the Culinary Arts program at Grossmont College and thought that this would be a fabulous opportunity for her to make a difference for children of military parents overseas and see the world while doing it! Good Luck Hillary! We can't wait to hear about your awesome experience!

★ Congratulations to La Mesa student **Joseph Quintero**! He has been accepted to attend Boys State Sacramento in June 2010. Joseph is the first homeschooling candidate to represent American Legion's Post 303, located in El Cajon.



American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high-school students. A participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government, Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

★ Congratulations **Amberlove Gallardo** for getting a black stripe on your green belt. We are proud of you.

★ Congratulations **Noah Gallardo** for getting a black stripe on your orange belt. We are proud of you.

★ TLC's Spelling Bee Champion, **Sarah Hempton**, competed in the San Diego County Spelling Bee and placed 13th out of 86 contestants. Amazing job Sarah! We are so proud of you!

★ **Rose Givan**, 7th grade, is not only working hard on her own lessons but also works as the Teacher Assistant for her three siblings. They are lucky to have such a talented sister!

★ Congratulations to all the **3-5 Biz Town students** in Chula Vista. They selected three occupations for which to "apply" and prepared for an interview with a TLC staff member. Their poise and knowledge were very impressive!

# School News

## 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 Fechner at [counselor@learningchoice.org](mailto:counselor@learningchoice.org) or Renee Olmeda at [events@learningchoice.org](mailto:events@learningchoice.org).

## 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 and Scripps sites from 9-11am once a month and are geared to students 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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.



April	Sentence Fluency	<b>Apr. 20, Scripps Ranch</b>
May	Conventions	<b>May 13, La Mesa</b> <b>May 18, Scripps Ranch</b>

## 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).



## Register Now for 2010-2011!

If you are planning to return to TLC next year, you can start registering now. By registering now, you help the school plan for adequate books and materials and ensure that your students remain with their current EP. If you have friends or family who are interested in our school, tell them to come to an orientation to learn more about homeschooling with TLC. We look forward to working with you next year!

# Showcase/Field Day

## Showcase 2010: “TLC-opoly”

It is time for the biggest show of the year-TLC’s annual Research Project Showcase. Homeschool families are great at using games to make learning unique and fun so in that spirit we present, “TLC-opoly” at Balboa Park Club Ballroom from 9:30-11 am (9-9:30 am set-up) on **Friday, June 4**. This event will feature your project “property” as a square on the life-size game. This event is the perfect venue to further develop a topic of interest, highlight a thematic unit or explore a hobby/activity in depth. Pass Go as you enter and collect play money for the raffle and your ribbon of participation. Visit other student projects as you work your way around the board. Be careful not to land in jail or you’ll have to roll the giant dice to get out! A fun celebration of learning! Get ready to play by starting your project now. Ask your EP for a research packet and take a ride on the Reading Railroad to get moving! Most students rate showcase as one of their favorite events of the year. Don’t miss your CHANCE to show what you’ve learned and share your accomplishments with family and friends! **Time:** 9:30 –11 am. **Location:** Balboa Park Club Ballroom. **RSVP** by May 14, 2010.



## Free Family Field Day

### Family Game Show Challenge:

Field Day is games, games and more games. Take a break and get physical as you play Dare or Double Dare, Name that Tune, Who Wants to Be a Billionaire and more with Xtremefun. A series of games show challenges that will help you get to know each other and get active! Mix physical challenges with creative ones like improvisation, dancing, singing or trivia mind-benders like worst-case race, puzzled or brainquest. The best part is – it’s all in a gameshow format. Teams will challenge each other in a variety of categories for a chance at winning prizes. Even if you are not a contestant, all shows need an audience and you are sure to enjoy the games!

**Date:** Friday, June 4. **Time:** 11 am – 12 pm. **Location:** International Cottages Stage

### Clue for You:

Step in to a real life game of Clue as you work with your family to solve the case- The Case of the missing family Jewels. The Dimwit Family Jewels, now known as the Dimwit-Watson Family Jewels, once shown all over the world, have not been openly displayed to the public in over forty years. In honor of your special event, Lady Rose Dimwit Watson and her husband Waining have agreed to once again expose the jewels at a special viewing. It’s an afternoon of sinister secrets and suspicious subtext, as an empty display case and a glass-shattering scream brings none other than the famous Detective Sherlock Holmes the 6th - of the backyard - to the party! It’s breath taking baubles, a bumbling bookie and a bad case of indigestion. It’s Elementary my dear Dr. Watson...

It’s Murder! A lunch mystery theatre presentation by professional actors where the audience is a part of the program and everyone is involved! Please bring your lunch to enjoy during the program. Fee: Free

Limited seating so be sure to pre-register your family team. **RSVP** by May 14, 2010 . **Time:** 12-2 pm. **Location:** Balboa Park Club Ballroom



# 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Field Trips

## Bravo Art Studio—WAIT LIST



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!

This trip is full, but we may be able to add a second session for any interested students. Please turn in your RSVP form to save your spot in the second session.

**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

## 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. Check our website for more information about the great activities our students will be able to participate in!



**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.**

## 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.

**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. Parking is an additional fee of \$12 per car. RSVP by Monday, April 12.

# 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.

## 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.

## 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.



# 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.

## Prizes, Food, and Fun! Join TLC for Bunco Night.



Mark your calendars for a Bunco Night to benefit the TLC for a Cure team. This special night will be on **Thursday, May 6th** from 6-9 pm at the La Mesa site. Buy-in is \$15 per person—teens and adults only. All proceeds will benefit the Walk to Empower Breast Cancer and will go straight to our team goal of \$1,000. All prizes and snacks will be donated—Donations still needed, if you’d like to donate prizes or snacks (finger foods), please contact TLC EP Cherokee Eddy at [ceddy@learningchoice.org](mailto:ceddy@learningchoice.org). Registration form will be emailed out in a special email. RSVP with Cherokee via email until then. Thank you! Can’t Walk that day, Play Bunco, can’t play Bunco that night, donate prizes or Snacks for Bunco. There is always a way to help and be involved.

# Counselor's Corner

## Monte Carlo Prom

This year, The Learning Choice Academy is raising the stakes! The high school prom will be full of glitz and glamour. Prom will feature multiple gaming stations, chances to win and earn prizes, and back for a second year in a row—XTFD, Xtremem Fun DJ. So sign up now and get ready for some non-stop fun! Open to ALL high school students.

Date: **Thursday, May 20, 2010** (Date has changed!)

Time: 7:00PM to 11:00PM

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

Fee: \$50 Per Person

RSVP: April 23, 2010



## GradNite: Open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 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, it's your park after dark! Speed down the slopes of the Matterhorn Bobsleds. 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 seniors that 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.**

Date: **Thursday, May 27, 2010**

Time: check-in: 7:30PM

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



Graduation is one of the most important events in a student's life. As a graduate passes by each academic milestone, it is important to celebrate this time of their life with family and friends at graduation. In order to make this event memorable and successful please take note of the following deadlines, fees and dates. All forms must be completed and all fees must be paid by May 7, 2010 and turned into your sites IA. More detailed information will follow as the date approaches.

Location: This year's ceremony will be held on **Thursday June 10, 2010** at 5:30PM. The ceremony will take place at *The Greek Theater at Point Loma Nazarene University*

Caps & Gowns: Caps and gowns must be worn by all graduating seniors. The cost for a cap, gown and tassel is \$25.00. **This cost can only be paid by check or cash.** Please make all checks out to TLC and fill out both the attached Registration paperwork and payment form and the Gown Order Form completely. These forms must be received no later than **May 7, 2010** and turned into your sites IA.

Attendance & Participation: Please **RSVP by May 7, 2010** if you are planning on participating in this year's graduation ceremony. To register, see attached registration paperwork. Turn in all paperwork to your sites IA.

Tickets and Guests: There is no limit on the number of tickets or attendees. However, in order to be prepared to accommodate all guests please **RSVP by May 7, 2010** with an estimate of the number of guests planning on attending. There is no charge for tickets. To order tickets, see attached registration paperwork and return to your site IA.

Graduation Waiver: In order to participate in graduation, a Learning Choice Academy Home School Event/Field Trip Waiver must be completed and submitted no later than **May 7, 2010** to your sites IA. See attached waiver form.

## CAHSEE Test



Passing the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) is a graduation requirement. 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 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Graders. 10<sup>th</sup> 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 your 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**

### 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**

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



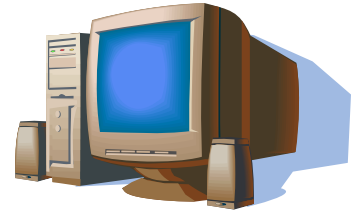
If you have advice, jokes, or anecdotes to share with other parents, or would like to give us feedback, please email Audrey at [adminservices@learningchoice.org](mailto:adminservices@learningchoice.org). Submissions are subject to content approval. We look forward to seeing what you have to share! All 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:

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



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# 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

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# 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](http://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.

## Voice of San Diego Essay Contest

**Essay Contest – Win a \$2,500 scholarship  
open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in San Diego County**

The voiceofsandiego.org 2010 Essay Contest is finally here! Questions about the process of the essay contest should be sent to [summer@voiceofsandiego.org](mailto:summer@voiceofsandiego.org). Questions or guidance about specific essays will not be answered. Winner will be notified by June 11, 2010 and the five finalist essays will be published on the voiceofsandiego.org website during the week of June 14th.

Check out the website for more information: <http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/app/pdf/VOSD%20Essay%20Contest.pdf>.

## Scholastic Summer Reading Resources



Scholastic has partnered with the National Summer Learning Association to create Parent Reading Tips, Booktalks, Booklists, Summer Reading Research, Curriculum Ideas, Resources for Spanish-Language Speakers, and more. Download all these literacy-rich materials for free at [scholastic.com/summer](http://scholastic.com/summer). You can also see their list of great summer reads for grades 3-8, as well as free downloadable curriculum connections for each of these 46 award-winning, kid-favorite books at [scholastic.com/bookfairs/teachers](http://scholastic.com/bookfairs/teachers).

# Parent Corner (continued)

## Auditions at Scripps Performing Arts Academy

We are a Dance and Musical Theatre training facility focusing on growing great performers and people. Our students not only are developing beautifully in their training in the arts, they are also learning to give to others by holding benefits to raise money for UCSD through Isabella's Giraffe Club.



We are holding auditions Friday, April 23rd from 6-10pm, by appointment only, for RENT and AIDA School Edition. Both performances will take place in our very own Vincent Paul Black Box Theatre.

Has it been awhile since you have been able to perform while consistently directing? Please feel free to come out for auditions and have the amazing opportunity of being in RENT! RENT is the adult full production which is open to High School students with their parent/guardian's waiver form. We would love to have you audition as well. What an exciting opportunity to perform with your students.

Please go to our website [www.superkidslive.com](http://www.superkidslive.com) for further information about all of our programs and especially these amazing shows' auditions!



## Orpheus Music Instruction

Learn to play your favorite instrument! Orpheus Music Instruction offers experienced and dedicated instructors who specialize in beginners or intermediate students. Take advantage of our flexible hours and affordable rates. Learn guitar, bass, drums, or piano. Located in Otay Ranch, Chula Vista.

It's never too late to start! Students of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Many of our adult students are surprised to find how quickly they can begin to play an instrument, even without having any prior musical training. Truly, all that matters is that you have a genuine interest in music.

Rates:	Individual Lessons:	Per month: (4 lessons, 1 hour per week)
	Guitar \$30 per hour	\$100 per month
	Bass \$25 per hour	\$75 per month
	Drums \$40 per hour	\$120 per month
	Piano \$25 per hour	\$80 per month

Lessons are available Monday-Friday, 4 pm-9 pm or Saturday, 11 am-2 pm. You can pay by cash, check, or PayPal. Contact us at 619-397-2856 , [orpheussvc@hotmail.com](mailto:orpheussvc@hotmail.com), or [oso\\_gtr@hotmail.com](mailto:oso_gtr@hotmail.com). We are located at 1752 Ficus Ct, Unit 5, Chula Vista, CA 91915.

### Mission Statement

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

Check out our website at: [www.learningchoice.org](http://www.learningchoice.org)

## 2009–2010 Board Meetings

- 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:

<b>April 23</b>	Field Trip: Asian Story Theater: Return of the Monkey King
<b>April 27-30</b> <b>May 3-7</b>	STAR Testing—please see page 14 for your site’s schedule.
<b>May 3</b>	Field Trip: Bravo Art Studio (Wait List)
<b>May 6</b>	TLC Bunco Night
<b>May 7</b>	Post-Testing Party: Mission Valley
<b>May 9</b>	TLC Walk for a Cure
<b>May 10</b>	Field Trip: BizTown
<b>May 11-12</b>	CAHSEE Testing
<b>May 14</b>	Field Trip: Baseball Game (Padres vs. Dodgers)
<b>May 17</b>	Field Trip: Marine Science Floating Lab (Sold Out)
<b>May 17-21</b>	Sixth Grade Camp
<b>May 20</b>	High School Prom
<b>May 24</b>	Post-Testing Party: Murrieta
<b>May 27</b>	Grad Nite
<b>June 2</b>	Field Trip: 101 Dalmatians
<b>June 4</b>	Research Showcase & Field Day
<b>June 10</b>	Senior Graduation Ceremony & 8th Grade Promotion
<b>June 11</b>	Field Trip: Knott’s Soak City
<b>June 11</b>	Last Day of School