



November/December 2007

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HOLLY AVENUE PTA

# Holly Horizon

## From the Principal

Greetings Holly Avenue Families,

It is coming up on December and one-third of our school year is practically behind us ! Progress reports will be coming home in early December and children are proud of the work they have done. Thank you for your attendance at your child's student-led conferences. It is a wonderful opportunity for your child to lead you through their learning process and to have an active role in their education throughout the year. When determining the list of strength and areas needed for growth, children take ownership and responsibility for creating goals for themselves. Parents are often amazed that the child knows him or herself so well and is self-motivated. Children prepare diligently with teachers for their conference and almost every child at Holly had an adult attend.

The Holiday musical program is planned for December 20th. There will be two presentations (more details to come). Although the songs are meant to be fun and entertaining, the time of year gives children an opportunity to share family and cultural traditions. As with assignments for Thanksgiving and Generations Day, many children are just learning about their ancestors and are realizing we are ALL immigrants. It is just a matter of when our families arrived in the United States. It is wonderful to hear children speak of their own immigration stories or those of their parents and grandparents.

By the time we come back from winter break, you may see more signs of planned construction on campus, thanks to the Bond you passed last November. There are several exciting changes planned although major work will begin during the late spring and summer. When completed we will have three new classrooms, high tech classrooms of the future in every class, updated restrooms and office space, and additional lighting and fencing. Several other projects will include repair and replacement that are needed around Holly Avenue.

As the New Year approaches, I look back at 2007 and realize how privileged I am to have the opportunity to spend each day with Holly Avenue students, teachers and families. My wish for you is that you have quality time as a family to share stories with each other from your day, to read and learn together and to have fun and laugh together. It is the best gift one could ever hope for!

Sincerely,

*Christine Blackstock,  
Holly Avenue Principal*



## From the President

Dear Holly Avenue Families,

It's hard to believe that the Holiday season is here. This Thanksgiving I had a lot to be thankful for. My daughter Amber has almost fully recovered from surgery, and she is happy and adjusting well in high school. My middle daughter Gina has been fortunate enough to have two very observant teachers notice that she may have vision problems. This is something I did not notice and it shows me that the teachers at Holly are well trained in not just reading, writing, and math but they can actually read our kids as well. They also noticed the problems other than academics, and that is very important to all of us as parents. Thank you Ms. Mendoza and Mrs. Bayuk. You both noticed what I did not. My third daughter Julie is a happy 2nd grader and her teacher Mrs. Harris builds her confidence everyday and we are grateful to Mrs. Harris for all her efforts and hard work. We also have a healthy Mrs. Fassas back in room 18 and we are all grateful. She was missed by everyone. The health and safety of our kids, parents, and friends are what matters most. Please ask your kids if their vision seems blurry. They may think it is normal or maybe they are embarrassed that they may need glasses. I know this from experience. Also, a very special thank you to Mrs. Blackstock. Behind every fantastic teacher and staff member is an outstanding Principal.

Our MathMagic Fundraiser is behind us and **thank you** to all the parents who donated. Holly appreciates all your efforts and our children will benefit from your generosity. Our membership drive is still underway and Holly is hoping to have 100%. On November 7, 2007 Holly's parents hosted a lunch for the teachers and staff in the lounge. It was our way of saying thank you for their support and hard work.

Something else I would like to share with parents. The past couple of months I have had the privilege of working at the District office. I was able to meet many wonderful, hard working people. Dr. Hennessy and Rachel Abeyta were aware of my schedule, and that I needed to be there at the end of the school day to pick my kids up from school and to attend PTA functions. They graciously worked with me on a schedule. PTA is very respected and appreciated by all the staff at the District Office. The experience has made me see how hard Dr. Mimi Hennessy, Dr. Joel Shawn and the entire Arcadia Unified Staff work for our kids. We do not see what goes on behind the scenes and I have had that chance to see for myself and I can tell you our kids' well being is in the best of hands. I have come to see the importance of the School Board members and how hard they work. They have training sessions that last well into the evening and we all should be thankful for what they do. There is constant contact between the district office and all of Arcadia's schools. Everyone is well informed about what goes on and they are constantly working to get our kids the best resources and updated technology. The AUSD website is very informative and updated regularly. We should all take advantage of such an informative web site.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at Holly please contact me, whether it is in the classroom or on Holly's Board. You may also be interested in leading a certain committee for the 2008-2009 school year. I would love to hear from you. We value our volunteers and appreciate any time you could give. 2007 has been a very productive learning experience for me personally and professionally. Thank you to all who have given me opportunities that have made me better understand what it takes to help our kids have brighter futures.

Michelle Kakish

# From the Superintendent

By Dr. Mimi Hennessy, Superintendent

Arcadia Unified School District

## Between the Turkey and the TV

Once again it is almost Thanksgiving, the heaviest travel day each year, when many of us will be on the road to gather with family. This is a meal when we each look forward to the particular dishes of our childhood family traditions and when changes in menu and innovative preparation are rarely welcomed! It is also a day when food is often bracketed with football and a when a feast that took hours to prepare is over in moments, to be recaptured only in delectable leftovers!



Increasingly we all lead lives of such busy-ness, that this ritual pause for Thanksgiving is fraught with its own logistical problems (finding flights, deciding which family to be with for which holiday, fitting shopping and cooking around work schedules) and a signal that the winter holidays are almost upon us. Particularly for women, who usually end up as the tenders of family rituals, Thanksgiving is a signal that we are already hopelessly behind!

As we rush to and fro, however, there is growing uneasiness about what our children are learning from us at these times of thanksgiving and celebration. We have the fortune to live in a country of liberty, abundance and opportunity when much of the world is without food, fresh water, basic freedoms, and suffering with disease, fear and violence. It is heartening when we see our students collecting clothes and toys for others, donations for victims of disaster or food for the needy in our own midst, and volunteering to help those who are ill or shut in. It is a counterbalance to the pervasive message that more things, clothes, gadgets, etc. will bring us coolness, youth, independence and happiness.

The ability to live life with every-day gratitude and generosity, not just annual thanks-giving, is not easily cultivated in a society that operates at a frenetic pace and encourages us to always compare ourselves and our things to someone who has “more.” We know it cannot be preached; only lived. Yet if we can model this with our children, we give them a gift that never goes out of style and stays with them for a lifetime. So this Thanksgiving I resolve to take more time between the turkey and the TV to think of those who are no longer at the table, to give thanks for my abundance of treasures, my family and friends, my caring colleagues, my joy in work, and to do more for those who live in famine or fear.

“Watch your thoughts, they become words.  
 Watch your words, they become actions.  
 Watch your actions, they become habits.  
 Watch your habits, they become character.  
 Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.”  
 -Author Unknown

## Holly Avenue Website

Do you know what is happening at Holly Avenue this week? Are you subscribed to our weekly listserve? Are you connected with your child(ren)'s school? Support your child's education. Know what is happening in his/her life! Sign up with Holly's listserve and get your email updates weekly. You can sign up by filling out this form <http://www.ausd.net/mailman/listinfo/holly-ave> and submitting it online, or you can subscribe by emailing to [holly-avepta@ausd.net](mailto:holly-avepta@ausd.net) and just write SUBSCRIBE on your subject listing.



Our PTA also has a new website this year! <http://hapta.pbwiki.com/> Here you can look at our calendar for this year, get miscellaneous information on lunch material, and uniforms, get information on our upcoming bookfairs, Reflections program, SCRIP programs, fundraising information and different links to the school...Take a look for really useful information!

Have a GREAT year!

## Volunteer of the Month

The Holly Avenue Volunteer of the Month (VOTM) is a special volunteer that makes our school an even more special place. Only staff and faculty can nominate volunteers for this honor. You can read about these great volunteers here, and you may have seen their names on the marquee.

### October

*Julie Hwang (nominated by Stacy Harris)*

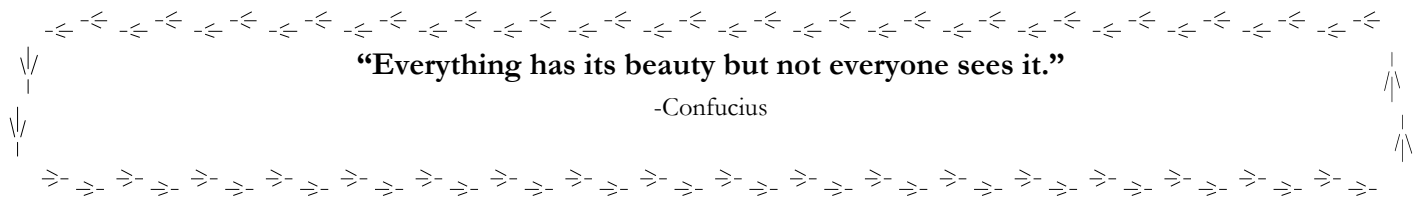
(She is my angell!) Julie's generosity of time is above and beyond the usual volunteer. When I need help, she happily shows up to cut, cut, and cut for our special projects. She always wants to do more for our class when she completes a project. Even though she is a working mom, she even does things at home for our class. (I don't know how or when she has time, but she does!!) I am so grateful and appreciative of ALL she does for Room 9!!

Thank you for your consideration of this fabulous volunteer! ☺ Stacy

### November

*Paramjeet Dhillon (nominated by Mrs. Develle, Mrs. Lukesh, and Mr. Bump)*

Mrs. Dhillon is an outstanding classroom volunteer for both room 1 and room 4. She is not only extremely reliable, but she completes our tasks in an accurate and efficient manner. Mrs. Dhillon spends a great deal of time here at school and is always willing and ready to do whatever job we have for her. She regularly checks in with both classrooms whenever she has extra time and volunteers outside of her regularly scheduled time.



## From the Classrooms

### Kindergarten

Room 25—Miss Howard

Miss Howard's Kindergarten class has been hard at work having fun creating various bubble maps for the holidays, etc. The children celebrated Halloween by presenting many songs and poems to their parents on Halloween day. Then right away they learned about the Pilgrims and how they came over on the Mayflower and how hard life was for them in the beginning, but then they learned how kind the Indians were to them and how that was the beginning of Thanksgiving as we know it today. We are practicing many fun pilgrim and Indian songs for Generations day. The children's favorite song is "Go My Son." They have made costumes and necklaces for the program as well as for our Stone Soup feast. Writing about all of the things that go on in their minds is hard at this point, but they are working hard to sound out words and to make sentences.

We wish each and every one of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Miss Howard :) and boys and girls.

### First Grade

*Room 7—Mrs. Chang/Mrs. Rothert*

Let's talk turkey! We just finished learning about turkeys and the first Thanksgiving. We enjoyed sharing our projects with our families at Student-Led conferences and Generations Day! Thank you for being a part of these special events.

**Gobble! Gobble!**

We are now learning about the Nutcracker Ballet in preparation of our field trip to this performance.

In math we are beginning a unit on graphing. We are learning how to read picture graphs, bar graphs and others. We are continuing to practice our Math Facts with our weekly "Fast Facts" quizzes.

In Language Arts we are continuing to work on reading and writing skills. We are now lucky to have Mrs. Bates as our Intervention Teacher to help with our Guided Reading time.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Holiday Performance! Happy Holidays and see you in 2008!

*Room 8—Mrs. Marie Lo & Mrs. Marti Duyshart*

Greetings from Room 8 - 1st Grade

November has been a busy month for our first graders. We had our very first Student Led Conference during the week of October 29 - November 2. Students shared their work with their parents and wrote goals for the next trimester. We want to thank all of our families for their support and really enjoyed meeting with each of them!

We have continued to differentiate the curriculum to meet the academic needs of all our students through Guided Reading Groups and introduced the "Word Choice" writing trait during our writing block. Room 8 students have also been using a variety of thinking maps in all curricular areas to enhance concept development, reflective thinking, creativity and clarity of communication.

In social studies we learned about the Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving!

As we look ahead to December, we would like to wish all the Holly School families a wonderful, healthy, happy holiday season!

## Summer Postcard Reading Program 2007

Thanks to all of the students and parents who participated in Holly Avenue's Third Annual Summer Postcard Reading Program. We received more than 100 postcards from all over the world, including one from Mrs. Blackstock's trip to Europe! To honor the summer reading participants, the children were invited to "Lunch on the Lawn" with Mrs. Blackstock. Many thanks to the PTA for providing beautiful and delicious cookies for dessert. Congratulations to all of the Summer Readers:

**Kindergarten:** Liam MacKinnon, Hannah Shin

**First Grade:** Klarissa Barriga, Courtney Hayata, Monica Houltram, Dillon Nam, Ann Seo, Michael Tovmasyan

**Second Grade:** Matthew Barriga, Julie Kakish, Cathy Kim, Maiya Luna, Preston Nam, Tony Oh, Benjamin Panza, Kevin Seo, James Shin, Regina Wang, Edward Wilkins, Eryca Yamane

**Third Grade:** Mr. Bump, Anastasia Barkow, Ashley Chen, Hannah Chiu, Jannelle Ha, Enoch Harnanto, Justin Hayata, Sean Lee, Kyle Oh, Mira Rauch, Terra Regula, Victoria Tovmasyan

**Fourth Grade:** Apte Aryan, Lyndy Gates, Madison Houltram, Conor MacKinnon, Jonathan Matsumoto, Michelle Oh, Jeffrey Wang, Shingxie Zheng.

**Fifth Grade:** Talitha Barkow, Rachel Chiu, Leslie Giglio, Laura Guidolin, Gina Kakish, Justin Nhgiam, Isabelle Panza, John Quin, Lohit Velagapudi, Jessica Wilkins, Kayla Yn



### Ice Cream!

***I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream!***

Please help the fifth graders and come buy some yummy ice cream at Baskin-Robbins, 145 East Foothill, Arcadia, 4 PM– 10 PM on the days listed below. A portion of the sales will go towards the 5th grade party.

December 14

January 11

February 8

In addition to your regular favorite flavor, you can also order sherbets, sorbets, ices, light or low fat, and no sugar added.

The fifth grade class thanks you for your support.

**baskin BR robbins**

# HOLLY AVENUE PTA HONORARY SERVICE AWARD\* NOMINATION FORM

The Honorary Service Award Selection Committee requests members of the Holly Avenue PTA for help in the selection of deserving recipients for recognition at the annual Holly Avenue PTA Founder's Day celebration in the spring. Nominated individuals or organizations are to have made significant contributions to the well-being of Holly Avenue's children, youth or families throughout the city.

If you know of someone or an organization that deserves recognition, please complete this nomination form. Do not assume that someone else will nominate your candidate. It is important that each truly deserving candidate be nominated for consideration. All nominations will be considered.

*\*Honorary Service Award Program includes the Honorary Service Award (HSA), Continuing Service Award (CSA), Golden Oak Service Award (California's highest honor) and Donations in name of individual or organization.*

Nomination DEADLINE for presentation is January 23, 2008. Thank you.

-Suzanne Davis, Honorary Service Committee

Please type or print legibly —you may also submit your nomination by email to [suzannedavis84@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedavis84@gmail.com). To ensure consideration of your candidate, make sure all areas of form are completed.

Name of individual or organization nominated \_\_\_\_\_

If an individual, his/her title or position \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination (Present as much information as possible. Use additional paper if necessary.)

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PTA member submitting nomination:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

All recommendations will be considered. Selections will be determined by the HSA Selection Committee. RETURN FORM BY JANUARY 24, 2007. You may submit your entry by email at [suzannedavis84@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedavis84@gmail.com), or to the PTA box at school. Thank you!



## From the Classrooms (continued from previous page)

### Tree Map: Latest News from Room 18

#### Student Led Conferences

- First Trimester SLC were a great success!
- Students shared working portfolio and new goals for next trimester.
- Lot's of great writing samples with details and voice.
- Students had fun leading parents on a tour of their busy classroom.
- Teachers heard laughing while children shared their Halloween riddles.
- We are thankful for all our parents' support!

#### Curriculum Activities

- In math, just finished graphing unit. Now working on money skills.
- In science, continue our rock and fossils unit with upcoming dinosaurs research project.
- In social studies, students learn about life long ago and today.
- Students created terrific ancestor dolls.
- In P.E. after football, let's play soccer!

#### Life Skills

- Students are working hard on Now working on money skills.
- Thank you for coming to school on time!
- Kudos to Dana, Jordan, and Stanley for receiving special Students of the Month awards.
- Let's continue working on citizenship (Cooperate, be a good neighbor, and obey rules).

Together, let's make Room 18 a great place to learn and grow!

Mrs. Jogminas

Mrs. Fassas



## Third Grade

### Room 4—Mr. Bump

One foggy morning, not too long ago, Mr. Bump was inspired to read the poem “Fog” by Carl Sandburg to the students in Room 4. The students were then inspired to try their own hand at writing some poetry. Here are some of their poems. We hope you enjoy them!



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## From the Classrooms (continued from previous page)

Snowflakes

By Ashley Chen

Nice, soft snowflakes falling from the sky,  
 disappearing in snow, oh!  
 Where did they go?  
 Pretty, little snowflakes falling from the sky,  
 sprinkled on the dazzling snow, oh! Where did they  
 go?  
 Shiny, white snowflakes falling from the sky,  
 dropping upon the dazzling, fluffy snow, oh!  
 Where did they go!?  
 Crispy, icy snowflakes landing on the dazzling,  
 fluffy, going away snow.  
 Now the snow is gone, oh! no!

Breakfast

By Stefan Chang

We get up early, the sky shines blue,  
 We eat breakfast just like you,  
 When we're done we go to school,  
 When we do we say, "How are you?" The teacher  
 says, "Why thank you."  
 We start our day, and when we do  
 We are so bright just like you.

Sky

By Jerry Wang

The blue sky,  
 With clouds so soft you want to cuddle them like  
 your teddy bear,  
 A rainbow bridge  
 Crossing meadows, hills and valleys,  
 Birds that soar,  
 Wandering around either for a new home or  
 something to feed their babies,  
 The beautiful sunset has appeared,  
 Owls start hunting for food,  
 Very slowly,  
 The sky turns dark,  
 Just like someone turning off the dim light.

Thanksgiving

By Harrison Siefke

When you have a turkey  
 It will be quite yummy,  
 When it goes right in your tummy.  
 Then tell some jokes,  
 I hope they are funny.

Stars

By Ryan Liang

Every night  
 I see stars  
 In the bright night  
 And I lay down  
 On the ground  
 To see the  
 Twinkling stars  
 After that, I go in  
 To take a bath  
 When I'm done  
 I go in my room  
 To watch the  
 Stars from my window again  
 When I look at the dark sky  
 I feel sleepy like a pig.



Animals in the Jungle

By Ryan Yang

See the fly flying?  
 See the bee buzzing?  
 See the grasshopper hopping?  
 See the ant crawling?  
 See the monkey swinging?  
 See the bull charging?  
 If you charge at the bull  
 He'll charge back at you.

## From the Classrooms (continued from previous page)

Thanksgiving  
By Emily Aguilar

Thanksgiving is a holiday  
It is something when you get together with your family  
You sit at a table and you eat a lot of food and you talk too  
It is a holiday when you get together.

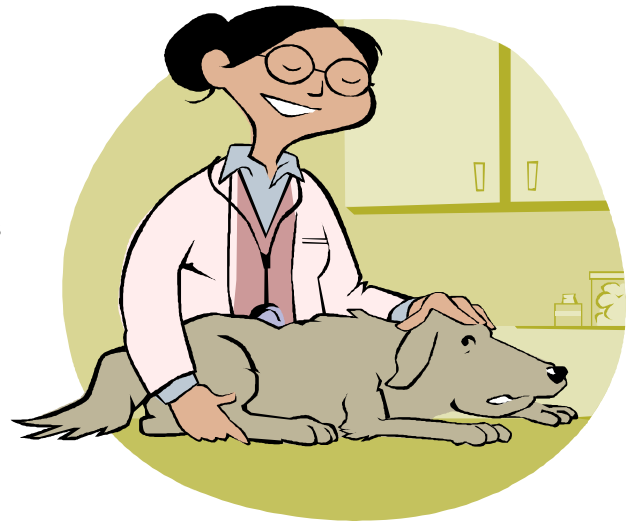
Clouds  
By James Wilson

Clouds are fluffy  
Clouds are as soft as baby's skin  
Along with fluffy they are puffy  
they make shapes in the sky  
they are so soft you would want to sleep on them.

## Third/Fourth/Fifth Grade

### Room 30—Ms. Pfeiffer

Room 30 students went to the Foothills Veterinary Hospital on November 16 to have a behind the scenes look at what goes on at an animal hospital. They toured the reception area, the exam rooms, the treatment area, the x-ray and surgery suites, and the boarding area. During the tour the children learned some important information about pet care, such as how to take care of your pet, what to do if your pet is sick or injured, and why pets should get vaccinations. The veterinarians were also on hand to answer any questions they may have had. We enjoyed seeing the hospital and meeting the animals.



## Fifth Grade

### Room 23—Mrs. Taylor

We continue to hone our skills as masters of learning as we embark on a new theme in our reading anthology, "Give it All You've Got." The second reading theme aptly describes our attitudes and behaviors toward learning as we persevere in our efforts to learn all the challenging concepts in the fifth grade. We are asked to play a myriad of roles as we traverse across the spectrum of the fifth grade curriculum. In any given day, we have pondered and problem solved like mathematicians, writers, literary critics, athletes, astronomers, and explorers. One minute we're asked to put on a scientist's hat as we investigate the effects of gravity; the next we're assuming a historian's role as we seek to understand the causes and effects of the Age of Exploration. We have definitely earned our place in the pantheon of scholars!

Mrs. Taylor would like to congratulate all the scholars who have shown their relentless drive toward excellence by completing all their homework and class assignments. Learning takes a lot of commitment and hard work. It is the sum of all the decisions you scholars make to push forward even when you feel frustrated and scared. You decide to stick to it because you understand there is nothing more important than the development of your mind.

Room 23 embraces the love for learning and we look forward to our next set of challenges!!!

## Student Attendance and Campus Safety

No doubt you have noticed all of the construction and work being done on the streets around Holly. It is all the more reason to drive cautiously around campus and to follow student drop-off procedures. Please do not park in any staff parking spots or leave your car in the drive-through. It is wise to plan a little extra time so your children are not late for school. When your child is late for school, he or she misses important instruction and directions for the day. Any child who arrives after 8:20 must come into the office to get a tardy slip. The reason is documented in our attendance reports. Children (and their parents) who are continually tardy can face serious consequences, eventually with the School District's Attendance Review Board.

While being late is a problem, arriving to school before student supervision is available also creates a concern for your child. With the exception of Title One tutoring, no child should arrive at school before 7:55 a.m. There is no adult out on the yard before this time and no place for children to wait safely. If this interferes with your work schedule, please make arrangements for your child to come with another parent or guardian.

Please remember to come by the office to pick up a parent badge when you are on campus to volunteer or visit. It informs school personnel and children you are authorized to be on campus and the office needs to know you are here in an emergency situation. Parents that walk onto campus after school to meet their children should arrive only a few minutes before the end of the day. Thank you for working with Holly Avenue staff to keep your children safe.



## KEEP SAVING BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION OVER THE HOLIDAYS!

Look for them on many of your cooking and baking needs (Betty Crocker, Pillsbury & General Mills brands), favorite foods, snacks, Ziploc bags & containers, Kleenex products, Viva towels, Scott, Cottonelle, Saran Wrap, and Hefty plates and cups. Many new brands have been added this year including Huggies, Kotex, Depends, Wanchai Ferry, Curves and Green Giant. A current list can be found at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com). Remember to ask friends and family to save them for you as well. We will be sending out some new, fun holiday themed collection sheets for you to fill out too. Every completed collection sheet you turn in gives you a chance in the raffle for fun prizes. Make sure any Box Tops turned in have your child's name and room number on them or on the collection sheet or bag they are turned in with.

## SIGN UP FOR THE BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION BOOSTER CLUB.

Register online at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and enter Holly Avenue as your designated school. Holly Avenue will earn an additional 5 Bonus Box Tops for every new member that signs up on this website. Please sign up and encourage your families and friends to sign up and set up Holly Avenue as their designated school. Once you sign up, the Box Tops Booster Club will send you updates, special promotions, recipes and coupons.

## SAVE TIME & GAS! HOLIDAY SHOP ONLINE THROUGH THE BOX TOPS MARKETPLACE.

Earn cash for our school, up to 8% of your online purchases. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com), click on Box Tops Marketplace and shop online as you normally would!



Holly Avenue is doing a great job of recycling!! We have collected and turned in 32 filled 60 gallon bags full of clean plastic bags since September. This has earned our school \$160, just by donating our plastic bags. Make sure you SAVE AND BRING IN ALL THE CLEAN AND DRY GROCERY AND SHOPPING BAGS THAT YOU WILL BE GETTING DURING ALL YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING! Spread the word and have your family, friends and neighbors collect their plastic bags for Holly too!! We will be collecting bags up until March 31, 2008.

It's easy! All you need to do is send your plastic bags to school and put them in the Green Walmart Recycling Bins or take them to the school office. You can recycle plastic shopping and grocery bags of any color and type, except black, as long as they are CLEAN and DRY. Black printing on the bags is OK. Please make sure to remove everything from the plastic bags prior to recycling—including receipts and strings from drawstring bags. You can even turn in newspaper bags and dry cleaning bags as long as they are DRY, CLEAN and EMPTY. We cannot accept produce bags or any bags that have been in direct contact with food since they will jam the recycling machines.

For questions contact Doris Hayata (Recycling Coordinator) at (626) 445-0629 and wdhayata@hotmail.com or go to [www.kidsrecyclingchallenge.com](http://www.kidsrecyclingchallenge.com)

## PTA Membership Standings

(As of November 8, 2007)

Check it out! Look below, find your class, and see where you stand in comparison to other Holly Avenue Dolphins.

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|-----------------------------------|
| Englund – 100%<br>McKinnon – 100% |
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3. Chuang – 85%
4. Hada – 80%
5. Downey/Matheson – 79%
6. Ringo (AM-Kindergarten) – 75%
7. Duyshart/Lo – 74%
8. Harris – 70%
9. Mendoza – 70%
10. Howard (PM-Kindergarten) – 69%
11. Pfeiffer – 67%
12. Widney – 64%
13. Brown – 63%
14. Howard (AM-Kindergarten) – 63%
15. Bump – 60%
16. Dahle – 55%

17. Rothert/Chang – 55%
18. Anton – 53%
19. Bergherm/Ko – 53%
20. Cheng – 53%
21. Fassas/Jogminas – 53%
22. Ringo (PM-Kindergarten) – 53%
23. Develle/Lukesh – 53%
24. Dickson – 50%
25. Coulter – 45%
26. Salmon – 45%
27. Bayuk – 43%
28. Franz – 43%
29. Taylor – 43%
30. Wyatt – 30%
31. Feser – 15%
32. McGovern – 3%

## GIFT CARDS FOR SALE!!

Gift cards make great holiday presents for teachers, co-workers, friends and family. Ordering your holiday gift cards from Holly Avenue makes shopping easy for you and earns money for our school. There is absolutely no charge to you. The stores share some of their profits with us with the purchase of each card.

To order please complete this form, make your check Payable to AEF or send cash to our school office through your child's teacher. Scrip ordered Monday-Friday of one week will be ready for pick up after 12 noon on Wednesday of the following week. Scrip cannot be sent home with your child. Please pick

| Vendor                   | Rebate* | Amount | Qty | Amount | Qty | Amount | Qty | Total Amount |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------------|
| 99 Ranch 大華超市            | 6%      | \$10   |     | \$20   |     |        |     | \$           |
| Albertsons               | 4%      | \$25   |     | \$100  |     |        |     | \$           |
| Arcadia Supermarket 光華超市 | 5%      | \$25   |     | \$ 50  |     | \$100  |     | \$           |
| Hong Kong 香港超市           | 8%      | \$20   |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Safeway/Vons/Pavilions** | 4%      | \$25   |     | \$100  |     |        |     | \$           |
| Whole Foods              | 5%      |        |     | \$50   |     | \$100  |     | \$           |

| Vendor                         | Rebate* | Amount  | Qty | Amount | Qty | Amount | Qty | Total Amount |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------------|
| AMC Theatres                   | 7%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     |              |
| ARCO                           | 2%      | \$50    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Baja Fresh                     | 7%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Bath & Body Works              | 13%     | \$10    |     | \$25   |     |        |     | \$           |
| Bed Bath & Beyond              | 7%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Best Buy                       | 2%      | \$25    |     | \$100  |     |        |     | \$           |
| Blockbuster                    | 7%      | \$10    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Borders                        | 7%      | \$10    |     | \$25   |     |        |     | \$           |
| Chili's                        | 11%     | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Cheesecake Factory             | 5%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) | 4%      | \$10    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| GAP/Old Navy/Banana Republic   | 9%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Home Depot ***                 | 3%      | \$25    |     | \$100  |     | \$500  |     | \$           |
| Jamba Juice                    | 7%      | \$10    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| KFC                            | 9%      | \$5     |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Macys                          | 10%     | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Office Depot                   | 4%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Outback Steakhouse             | 4%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Smart & Final                  | 3%      | \$25    |     | \$50   |     |        |     | \$           |
| See's Candies                  | 25%     | \$14.50 |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Starbucks                      | 7%      | \$10    |     | \$25   |     |        |     | \$           |
| TJ Maxx/Marshall's             | 7%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Toys/Babies/Kids R' Us         | 1.5%    | \$20    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Williams Sonoma/Pottery Barn   | 8%      | \$25    |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |
| Total                          |         |         |     |        |     |        |     | \$           |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom #'s: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

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\* Rebate is the percentage that is given to Holly Avenue Elementary for every dollar spent. \*\* Holly Ave gets a double bonus when you use Vons/Pavilions and your registered store savings card. \*\*\* Home Depot \$500.00 cards will be ordered by special request. Please allow 3 weeks for delivery. Super A Foods no longer sells gift cards. To support Holly Avenue/AEF, please sign up for a Super A Foods Community Card at the store. Thank you! Pick up your order in the school office between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - Monday thru Friday. Thank you for supporting Holly Avenue!

## Red Ribbon Week

Holly Ave celebrated Red Ribbon week the end of October. The school was decorated with Red Ribbons and each day the children got something red to take home and hopefully discuss with their parents the importance of staying, "Drug, alcohol, and tobacco free." The theme this year was "Look At Me, I'm Drug Free!" The children signed a pledge sheet/class and those sheets were put together to make a quilt that hung outside in the Holly Ave pick up area. Most children either wrote an essay about being Drug free, or they created a poster. Each class also had a race and the winner of the poster contest and the race winner got to have lunch with Mrs. Blackstock, as well as receive a prize on November 14th. Here are the names of the winners:

- Kindergarten: #24: **Nicholas Luchetta** and **Jeszlyn Bauzon**; #25: **Stephanie Jia** and **Liam MacKinnon**.
- 1st Grade: #7: **Mandi Ma** and **Jun Nakamine**; #8: **Miriam Golwalla** and **Jenny Guo**; #16: **Diana Rodriguez** and **Mike Tovmasyan**; #17: **Andrew Liu** and **Sruti Bandaru**.
- 2nd Grade: #9: **Kenzie Shaw** and **Maiya Luna**; #11: **Eryca Yamane** and **Ashley Cheng**; #14: **Randy Ludwig** and **William Chen**; #15: **Sunny Huang** and **Hannah Lee**; #18: **Dana Cho** and **Xing Zhang**; #35: **Maya Quade** and **Blair Fong**;
- 3rd Grade: #1: **Angie Ye** and **Justin Hayata**; #2: **Adrian Lim** and **Izaq Davolt**; #4: **Jerry Wang** and **James Wilson**; #31: **Jacqueline Chang** and **Timothy Wu**; #32: **Jillian Tang** and **Noah Holefield**;
- 4th Grade: #3: **Leona Chow**; #19: **Kaylee Shaw** and **Kelvin Wu**; #21: **William Fu** and **Karis Yang**; #22: **Kelly Liu** and **Daisey Manzanero**; #26: **Valentina Solis** and **Victoria Yu**;
- 5th Grade: #13: **Forrest Hofmann** and **David Cordeiro**; #23: **Jeffrey Beyon** and **Alex Kim**; #28: **Belinda Shoung** and **Joshua Liao**; #29: **Lexi Resch** and **Leo Zhao**; #36: **Cynthia Wong** and **Andy Chen**.
- Also the winners in room #5 were **Jacob Costantino** and **Clerissa Martinez**; #30: **Connor MacKinnon** and **Chance Hill**; #34: **Jennifer Duong**.

Thank you to **Mrs. Salmon**, **Mrs. Melton**, **Mrs. Tovmasyan** and **Mrs. Pfeiffer** for helping make this a memorable week for our children.



Please join PTA!

# Easy Stress Relievers for Family Life

From California State PTA's *Communicator* at [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org).

Most parents can predict the times that their stress levels are high when they're at home. That's good, because the key to relieving stress is being aware of your most stressful times, and making some changes to how you deal with tension. The following are the three most common stress times of the day and suggestions for easing the pressure:

## 1. Morning:

- Get to bed and get up earlier
- Rise early, avoid pressure to get out the door fast
- Get ready before waking others
- Have children make their own lunches
- Take time for breakfast
- Set clocks ahead
- Reward yourself for arriving at work on time

## 2. Dinner Time:

- Prepare nutritious snacks
- Arrange time after work to listen about a child's day
- Share household chores
- Allow child to choose and help prepare meal
- Coordinate meal preparation and homework time
- Ensure that every family member is present at the dinner table, and that all are heard
- Share clean-up of dishes and house
- Leave time for emergencies
- Make next day's lunches

## 3. Clean-up and Bedtime:

- Stick with an agreed TV cutoff time
- Schedule routine tasks (homework, clean-up)
- Do a few maintenance chores daily (bills, dusting)
- Plan what to wear tomorrow
- Develop (self-managed) routines for bedtime
- Practice rest-time if children can't sleep

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU;

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- ☺ Thank you **Jill Trojanowski** and **Terri Powell** for a beautiful Generations Day, as always!
- ☺ Thank you to all Holly's Board and Chair members and all our volunteers for your hard work and dedication. A special thank you to **Mrs. Blackstock** and Holly's staff members for making Holly a happy and safe place for our kids to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Michelle Kakish

## Counselor's Column

### Bullying

*Alison Embow, M.Ed., NCC - Counselor*

Here are 5 common myths about bullying:

1) Bullying is the same thing as conflict.

**False** - Bullying is aggressive behavior where there's an imbalance of power, usually the behavior is repeated. It's important to distinguish bullying from conflict because they are handled differently. In conflict situations, we sit both parties down and they come to a resolution. In bullying situations, there's a very clear message that the bully's behavior is wrong and not tolerated.

2) Most bullying is physical (hitting, shoving etc.).

**False** - Most bullying is verbal: teasing, name-calling, spreading rumors, or excluding others.

3) Bullying is a normal part of childhood.

**False - It may happen, but it is something to attend to.** Bullying has serious consequences. Children may suffer emotionally (be depressed, lonely, anxious), it may affect their learning, they may refuse to come to school, or have health complaints. For the bully, these children may engage in increased antisocial behavior with more severe repercussions as they grow older.

4) Most children tell an adult if they're bullied.

**False** - Only about 25-50% of kids tell an adult because they fear retaliation from the bully, they don't think an adult will listen or take them seriously or they are ashamed. On average, boys and older children are less likely to tell an adult.

5) Bullies don't have many friends

**False** - Most bullies have friends and a network of peers that support their behavior. They usually have good leadership skills, enabling them to influence others.

([http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS\\_PSA/pdfs/Fact\\_sheet\\_Myths\\_32.pdf](http://stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/HHS_PSA/pdfs/Fact_sheet_Myths_32.pdf))

## Traffic Committee Update

Thank you families for your participation in our first ever International Walk to School Week. Thank you staff and faculty for the encouragement. And a special thank you to the Arcadia Police Department for the support.

During the first week of October, students were encouraged to walk to school for one week, with other students all around the world. Students not living within walking distance walked to school from a car parked nearby. All walkers received a sticker to wear letting the community know that they walked. Students enjoyed getting the extra exercise and doing their part to reduce traffic congestion.

The committee is currently preparing for its annual visit from the police department. The police department thoroughly explores the entire campus, looking for ways to improve traffic flow and maintain our high standard of safety.

Have a safe holiday season. Please drive carefully.

Suzanne Davis, Traffic Committee

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## CALENDAR

### DECEMBER

- 19 Holly Avenue PTA Executive Committee Meeting (location TBA)
- 20 Holly Avenue Holiday Program Performance
- 21 Holly Avenue Classroom Holiday Parties
- 24-1/4 Winter Holiday - NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY

- 7 School Resumes
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
- 23 Holly Avenue PTA Meeting, 7 PM (Cafeteria)

### FEBRUARY

- 8-14: Holly Avenue Valentine's Paper Drive
- 14 Holly Avenue Valentine's Day Classroom Parties
- 15 & 18 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
- 27 Holly Avenue PTA Meeting, 7pm (Cafeteria)

### Purposes of the PTA

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, community, and place of worship.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

# HAPPY HOLLY-DAYS!