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Hello Arlington Families,

Welcome to another exciting school year at Arlington Elementary! My name is Sharon Sawai and I will be serving my final term as your PTA President. With this being said, I will insure that this school year will be a most rewarding and memorable one for our children.

You will often hear me mentioning how humbled and amazed I am with the parental support, enthusiasm, time, and generosity that our families bestow upon Arlington. As a result, our children reap the benefits through all of your efforts.

Our PTA Membership Drive was led this year by our 3rd VP/Membership, Jennifer Watanuki. Prizes and incentives were offered to top classes with Legoland vouchers given for each membership purchased. All proceeds from this drive will go to support our local, state, and national PTA, the largest advocacy group for children in our nation.

Thank you Paula Samora our 4th VP/Hospitality for organizing yet another scrumptious "Welcome Back Breakfast" for our dedicated teachers and staff. With their stomachs full, everyone was ready to conquer their day! Thank you to those who donated all of the delicious breakfast goodies!

Once again our 2nd VP/Ways & Means Jan Hirata, tackled our Fall Fundraiser. This is our largest fundraiser for the school year & we would like to thank everyone for continuously supporting our efforts. Money raised will continue to fund AIA, field trips, recess equipment, library, technology, computer lab, assemblies, disaster preparedness equipment, musical instruments, math night, items for classrooms, various programs, and much, much more. As you can see, with continued budget cuts, without your support the above mentioned would be nonexistent. So THANK YOU!

Who plays a key role in communications, has great organizational skills, and is an awesome event coordinator? None other than our dedicated Room Parents! Thank you everyone who has volunteered to take on this important task. Our children directly benefits from your worthwhile efforts. Also, thank you to Cindy Moromisato our Room Parent Coordinator for being the liaison between the PTA and Room Parents/families.

Now, who are the artists, art historians, and teachers at Arlington? That would be our AIA Docents.....Thank you docents for volunteering your time in order to keep art alive in our school. Thank you to Cayme Momita our AIA chair for taking on this huge endeavor.

This is just a glimpse of what is happening at Arlington. We have MUCH more in store for all to enjoy and take part in. Here's to a fun filled, educational, and memorable school year!

Sharon Sawai

PTA President

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Principal's Message

Dear Arlington Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I must say in the last four years this was the smoothest start to school ever! We didn't have to lose a teacher, gain a teacher, or reconfigure classes; this was fantastic and provided a nice transition into the new school year!

During the month of September we focused on Arlington's three school rules:

1. Be Safe
2. Be Responsible, and
3. Be Respectful.

We gave examples and even practiced appropriate behaviors during the all school discipline assemblies. Parents are encouraged to spend some time going over the discipline matrix with your child or children so they are aware of the consequences for various behaviors. The discipline matrix can be found in your Annual Notification of Parents' Rights and Responsibilities. It is also located online at [www.tusd.org](http://tusd.org/ParentsStudents/EnrollmentRegistration/RegistrationHandbook/tabid/454/Default.aspx) under the Parents/Students tab, "Enrollment/ Registration" and then select registration handbook or you can type in the direct link which is listed below.

<http://tusd.org/ParentsStudents/EnrollmentRegistration/RegistrationHandbook/tabid/454/Default.aspx>

In addition to talking about the rules, we practiced ways of staying Safe at school. In September we had our first fire drill and "Shelter in Place" drill. As a reminder to parents, it is important to know, if you see a Yellow sign hanging that says, "Shelter In Place" this may be due to police activity and we will not open gates or office/classroom doors for families. Even if you beg saying you need to take your child out for an appointment, we will not open our gates or release children until we are notified it is safe to release students.

For the month of October we will practice our Earthquake Drill joining the State by participating in the "Great Shake Out" on October 20th. This will give our students and staff an opportunity to practice our safety procedures and evaluate the effectiveness of our plan.

The Torrance Police Department will be working with schools to make sure laws are followed regarding traffic, speed, and parking. We are asking our parent to help us stay safe by being exemplar citizens and follow traffic, speed and parking rules especially in our school zone.

Thank you for all your cooperation and involvement with your child's educational journey!
Until next time....stay safe!

Dr. Vicki Hath
Principal



OCTOBER AT A GLANCE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6 — Fall Fundraisers Due 7 — Movie Night 10 — Student Free Day				24-28 — Red Ribbon Week 27 — Make-Up Picture Day/ Volunteer Badges	
	17-21 — Firefighters' Appreciation Week 21 — Progress Reports 24 — Box Top Drawing				27 — 1st/2nd Grade Math Night 31 — Halloween Parade/ Kindergarten Performance	



We are beginning another exciting year of Adventures in Art. The purpose of AIA is to expose our children to fine art and encourage them to express their creativity and enjoy art. The 5 projects we are exploring this year are:

- 1) ***Larger than Life*** - Students will learn about Georgia O'Keeffe and her "larger-than-life" flower painting. They will create their own monoprint of the close up of flowers, using O'Keeffe's style as an inspiration.
- 2) ***Green Man/Urban Landscape*** – 20th century Austrian artist/architect Hundertwasser developed an abstract, decorative, 2 dimensional, vibrantly colorful, utterly distinctive style, distinguished by ornamental spiral and labyrinth forms, circles, meanders and biomorphic shapes. The students will create their own organic urban landscape using a variety of line work and bold color.
- 3) ***Koi*** – This project introduces the students to the ancient Chinese and Japanese art of Koi, representing symbolically - love, wealth, power, harmony, and communication. The students will use a natural Shoji paper in this project
- 4) ***Jean Phillippe Arthur Dubuffet Sculpture*** – Inspired by French artist Jean Dubuffet's 3-D sculptures, this project teaches the idea that some sculptures only take material away and do not add material to the sculpture. An Avant-garde artwork using a minimalist color palette.
- 5) ***Dappled Sunlight*** – Students will be introduced to Pointillism through French artist Georges-Pierre Seurat and local artist Barbara Carter. They will create a color palette mixing secondary and tertiary colors to complete their Pointillism painting.

A big thank you to our volunteers who have committed to bring art to our children this year:

Sharon Sawai
Peggy Kushihashi
Shelby Matsuda
Karina Fernandez
Robyn Musick

Jan Hirata
Sandra Jones
Donna Rabut
Terie Tinsley
Jennifer Petty

Diane Wang
Susan Brooks
Marci Stephens
Paula Samora
Tracy Kucera

Gina Mullin
K.L. Chok
Martha Cognac
Janice DeLaMora
Derek Kawamura
Karen Paguirigan

Thank you also to our parents who have signed up to be assistants:

Loretta Alvillar
Kristen Henry
Kristie Moriya
Sue-Ann Nouchi
Arleen Louie
Danielle Romero

Angela Haney
Ayumi Kurosu
Jolene Morita
Diana Luis
Christina Whelchel
May Ito

Kelly Magee
Jennifer Watanuki
JoAnn Dubay
Mary Maass
Tish Une
Jennifer Yanagi

Brenda Krystian
Cindy Moromisato
Carol Gong
Liz Uribe
Miriam Perez
Charlotta Hermann

Carole Kawamura
Susan Gregory
Teofila Huallpa
Sara Sanchez
Nancie Fukushima

If anyone would like to help out their child's class, please contact the AIA docent for your class. Be sure you have a volunteer form and current negative TB test result on file in the office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at aia@arlingtonpta.com.

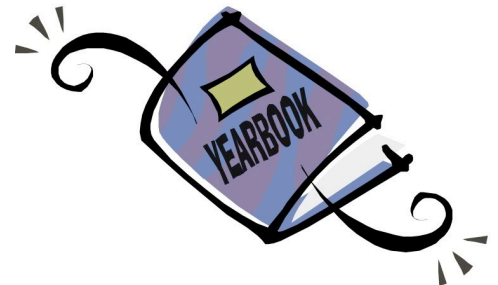
I am looking forward to a great year of art!

Cayme Momita

AIA School/Supply Chairperson

5th GRADE YEARBOOK

Flyers recently went out with your students for photos for our 5th grade yearbook. If you are submitting any photos, please be sure to put your child's name and room number on the back so they can be returned to you at the end of the year. There is an envelope in the main office PTA box on the front desk (marked with the 5th grade yearbook flyer) or return the envelope to your teacher.



Thank you.

Kristi Tanaka and Janet Kaneshiro

5th Grade Yearbook Editors

(*)This is for the 5th grade only NOT for the Lifetouch school-wide yearbook*



Red Ribbon Week
“Too Smart To Start”
October 24th-28th, 2011



Schools nationwide participate in Red Ribbon Week. The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to present a unified and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-free America. Please join us in celebrating Red Ribbon Week.

Red Ribbon Week Activities at Arlington

October 14th-21st

POSTER CONTEST

Poster contest and instructions will be sent home on October 14th

Final turn-in day is Friday, October 21st at 9am

Please put posters in the box in front of the office

Monday, October 24th

“Wear Red Day”

Wear red clothing to show your support of Red Ribbon Week

Winners of the poster contest will be announced during the Monday morning assembly

Students will receive a “LIVE DRUG FREE” bracelet to wear all week long

Tuesday, October 25th

“Turn Your Back on Drugs”

All students are encouraged to wear their shirt backwards

Students will receive a red ribbon to tie on the fence as a promise to be drug free

Wednesday, October 26th

“Team Up Against Drugs”

Wear **YOUR** team uniform to show that you'd rather play sports than do drugs

Or wear something from your favorite sports team

Caps can be worn **facing forward** and **only outside** (not in classrooms)

Thursday, October 27th

“Rockin' to a Drug Free Beat”

Pair a crazy colorful hairstyle with a t-shirt from your favorite band or singer

Sign a pledge to be drug free and receive a sticker

Friday, October 28th

“My Friends are Like Me: Drug Free”

Dress like your friends to show unity against drugs

Students will receive a lollipop provided by the PTA to symbolize

“The SWEETEST things in life are drug-free”

Thank you for all your support!

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Visual Arts

2011-2012 Theme: **“Diversity Means...”**

Reflect on the theme. Create an original work. Be recognized.

Deadline for entries: ****Revised/EXTENDED**
Friday November 4th 2011

For details, contact : www.arlingtonpta.com “Announcements” or
Terie Tinsley: reflections@arlingtonpta.com

Forms and the complete set of rules (plus rules for each category) available on our school website www.arlingtonpta.com. Limited copies available in the school office. Please check if NEW consent form is applicable to child’s artwork (Photography).

Children may enter in MULTIPLE categories. Certificates awarded in to all participating. Top entries are forwarded to district judging.

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PTA REFLECTIONS



BOX TOPS DRAWING-MONDAY, OCTOBER 24th

We will be having our first box tops drawing of the year on Monday, October 24th. Please turn in your box tops to the office with your child's name, room number and teacher clearly labeled. Each person will be entered once in the drawing for great prizes. Our school receives 10 cents per box top. Please tell everyone you know to save them and turn them in. Thank you.



GALLERIA SCHOOL REWARDS

Please help our school win money (up to \$2500) by turning in your receipts from the galleria stores and food court purchases. Turn your receipts in to customer service on the first floor and let them know it is for Arlington Elementary. We will get points for each purchase and in the month of September and October we will earn 10 points per dollar for all purchases made and logged! If you are unable to turn the receipts in I will be happy to do it for you. Please leave them in the office with your name and room labeled and I will return them to you. **As of right now, Arlington is in 9th place.** I know with all of your help we can do much better than that. Let's work together to help our school win!

Arlington PTA Membership Campaign

*Mrs. Garza and her students
are the winners of our
membership drive!!
They won the race with 100%
participation! Way to go!!*

*Mrs. Gerhardt's class came in second
place with 95%!
Mrs. Camberos' class came in
Third place with 93%!
Great job!*

*Thank you to everyone that
joined PTA this year! Also for the
generous donations given to our school!
We are so fortunate to have such
supportive families, friends,
teachers and staff at our school!*

(If you forgot to join it is never too late!
There are extra envelopes in the front office.)

ATTENTION ARLINGTON FAMILIES!

Mark your calendar!

All fall fundraiser orders will be
ready for pick-up in the cafe on:

Thursday, November 17 Friday, November 18
1:30 - 7:00 p.m. **OR** 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Thank you!

LOST & FOUND

We are only one month into school and our Lost & Found rack is already filling up. Each and everyday students are leaving jackets (and other items such as lunchboxes) on the play ground. These are picked up daily and each Friday are put on the Lost & Found rack.

The Lost & Found rack is located near the entrance of the cafeteria - please check the rack for any lost or missing items.

TIP: Please remind your child if they have to remove his/her jacket at recess, have them tie it around their waist - this way they will not forget it on the playground

(*Arlington regularly makes a donation to charity of unclaimed clothing from our lost and found items.

Thank you,
Chris Mason
Noon Supervisor.