

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 18

The Pasta Feed has been cancelled

March 22 — April 9
Spring Break

April 13

*Lawrence Hall of Science
Assembly
All Day, Multi*

April 20

*Promotion meeting for
sixth grade parents
7:00 P.M.*

April 24

*Science Olympiad
Creekside Middle School*

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Movie Madness Makes Moolah!

*Parents, staff and
community pulled
together to create a
terrific event*

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TA's March fundraiser turned the Multi into a movie theater while encouraging parents and children alike to participate in a raffle and silent auction.

Moviegoers walked into a Multi that had been converted to a movie theater, complete with a theater-sized screen, decorations and a red carpet. The event kicked off with a slide show of this year's many school activities, followed by the movie, *Toy Story*.

AUCTION AND RAFFLE DAZZLE

Before and after the entertainment, folks wandered through the event to bid on 29 silent auction items, stuff their raffle tickets in the jars of 33 raffle items, or claim spots in the many experiences available to purchase. 900 raffle tickets were sold during the day, and the Silent Auction alone netted over \$1500. Some of the more popular auction items were the VIP tour of the Lagunitas Brewery, the Disneyland tickets, and the Club One Splash Party. Big ticket items among the raffle were the Toy Story package, containing toys and books associated with the movie, and



Penngrove students took a moment at the end of Movie Madness to thank the sponsors.

the Mystery Prize, which turned out to be a digital camera, Girl Scout Cookies and a Woody Pez dispenser. Michelle Wright noted that the technique of stuffing mul-

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The REAL Movie Stars

Special thanks go to:

Renee Donmon-Chaussee for her prodigious collection of auction and raffle items ...

Michelle Vachini for creative and bold decorations ...

Zenora and Damon Finley for creating and staffing the food booth ...

Connie Kane for her creative slideshow and ever-present technical expertise ...

Jennifer Weston for organizing the movie showing ...

Lisa Hartman for managing the money ...

Mrs. Larsen and the Staff for ticket sales ...

Mr. Funk for the popcorn machine and expertise ...

Samantha Bolinger for the popcorn donation ...

Larisa Mar for her liaison with the teachers and creative vision throughout the event!

BRIEFS



Scooping for Dough

Teachers serve ice cream at Baskin Robbins

You were in for an extra treat if you got ice cream at **Petaluma Baskin Robbins** last Thursday. Staff served countless cones and cups to customers. One Penngrove student observed, "Mrs. Larsen, I didn't know you had TWO jobs." 20% of profits earned while Penngrove Staff scooped goes to 6th Grade Outdoor Ed. Dollar values aren't in yet; but the place was packed when this reporter came through.

More Wizards than Hogwarts?

Lawrence Hall of Science returns in April Assembly
Join us **April 13th** for *Wizard's Lab on Wheels*. Parent volunteers are needed to help students play with the mystical world of physics. It's the most fun you can have with science on the planet! Contact Heidi Deiffenbach-Carle at 793-9815. ■

MOOLAH

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multiple tickets in jars seemed to pay off for those trying to win items.

Anyone having hunger pangs during the event could just sidle up to the wonderful snack booth for hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and, of course popcorn.

All in all, about 200 people attended the event which netted enough dough to finish funding our top-tier budget items;

specifically, the teacher/specialist grants.

CHECK YOUR TICKET

Raffle item 2, two 2010/2011 season lift tickets from Hansel Toyota, has not been claimed. The ticket number was 5462543, but it has no name. Are YOU the winner? Call Michelle Wright at 795-1070 to find out. (If the ticket remains unclaimed, she will redraw for a new winner).

And, the Kindergarten

and First Grade teachers would like to remind you that there are spots left in the Pizza Palooza event. On May 14, from 6-9, kids can have a night of fun with five Penngrove teachers at the school (Ms. Albini, Ms. Sartori, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Mainaris, and Ms. Kelley), and YOU get a night out. Youngsters will enjoy pizza, movies, art, crafts, games, and more! Tickets are \$20 each. (Children must be ages 3-10 and potty trained) Contact any of the teachers or Michelle Wright to purchase!

Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified Amends New Transfer Policy

During an emotional meeting on Tuesday, March 9, the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District (CRPUSD) voted to change a recently instituted transfer policy requiring all students residing in the district to attend a CRPUSD school. The district is suffering severe financial setbacks and sought to stem the flow of students, and the State funding that supports them, out of the district to other schools.

Many parents, including several from Penngrove (which receives almost half its students from out-of-district transfers), attended the meeting to voice concerns about the new policy. While the policy was not reversed, it was amended as follows:

Beginning next year, students will be able to trans-

fer out of CRPUSD if:

- They are currently enrolled in an out-of-district school
- If a sibling is enrolled in an out-of-district school
- If their parent is employed out-of-district and wishes their child to attend school near their employment
- If they can prove they're taking a specialized program that is not offered in CRPUSD.

Since Penngrove is a year-round school, it is likely that its unique schedule will allow students to continue transfers from CRPUSD in the future, as the district does not offer a 45/15 schedule.

The deadline for submitting transfers to CRPUSD is May 1. Be sure to get your transfers in on time. ■

THE BACK STORY

This successful fundraiser — the brainchild of the PTA Executive Committee — was created not only to make money for our children's classrooms, but also to give something back to our school community. The free movie enabled anyone to come and enjoy themselves, whether they participated in the raffle/auction or not.

Michelle Wright energetically chaired the event with the help of several volunteers. However, the event could not have happened without the support of our sponsors: LEMO USA, Inc., Britt and Barbara Johnson Real Estate, Clover Stornetta Ice Cream, The Seaman Family, The UPS Store, and, of course, the Penngrove parents and community members who supported the event with donated items. Thank you all! ■