

UPCOMING EVENTS



December 9
PTA Meeting Cancelled

December 10
Talent Show Entries Due

December 10
*Music Concert for 5th
and 6th Grade*
1:40 P.M., Multi

**December 20 —
January 3**
Winter Break

January 4
First school day of 2011

January 17
*Martin Luther King Holi-
day, no school*

January 20
PTA Meeting
7:00 P.M., Library

February 4
*Save the date —
Penngrove Idol Talent
Show*

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Dear Santa,

At this time of year, it may be hard to discover who's been *naughty* or *nice*. We at PTA would like to help you out. Out of the many staff members, teachers, students and parent volunteers involved on our campus, we would especially like to point out the following *very good boys and girls*:

Staff members:

Fred Allen — Our Santa on campus (he looks a little like you). From him come the gifts of inflated playground balls, emergency clean-ups, and the answer to every "where is it" question.

Margaret Cunha — For answering all phone calls with a smile and always knowing where to find a pencil.

Lorena Giess — For running the Book Fair every year. Proceeds benefit the Penngrove school library. This year the book fair brought in \$2,114.45!

Tina Munger and Pauline Beaton — For keeping their eyes sharp and the kids safe during lunch play.

Leslie Keating, Stacey Bettencourt and the RSP team — For volunteering their time and staffing *Recess Renaissance*.

Shirley Cheal — For the incredible art fun on Wednesdays in her classroom as part of *Recess Renaissance*.

Jaime Johnson — For being a teacher's representative to PTA.

Coleen Maloney — For heading up the GATE program and the Science Olympiad.

Samara Stevens — For developing and promoting Student Leadership, and for being a teacher's representative at PTA.

Mr. Z — For organizing the extremely popular sports tournaments during lunch recess, and writing and directing a play each year.

Parent volunteers:

Samantha Bolinger (Anthony, Adam) — For the recess knitting club, the yearbook, Co-chairing the Talent Show and updating our white board.

Colleen Conrad (Nikolas) — For organizing the 6th Grade Outdoor Ed. can donations

Babette Dennis (Hayden, Sydney, Clay) — For our beautiful music every Wednesday before assembly.

The Ice Cream Parents — Who stand outside on Wednesdays and Fridays, despite inclement weather, selling ice cream for 6th Grade Outdoor Ed.

Connie Kane (Adam, Ava) and Charles Baumler (Nicholas, Dylan) — For quietly and efficiently updating our web site and KEEPING it updated.

Tija Moss (Colton, Greer) and Michelle Vachini (Domenic, Sophia) — For the successful Halloween carnival.



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BRIEFS

Penngrove Idol

Talent show entries due

This year's Talent Show, Penngrove Idol, is planned for **Feb. 4, 2011.**

Everyone's got talent, so showcase yours and participate in the show!

Last year's show was a great success and contained a variety of performances, from song and dance to comedy, and magic to karate. Entry forms are due to the office by **Friday, Dec. 10.** So practice over the holiday break, then show us your stuff at rehearsals beginning in Jan. They will be held weekly, from 6:30-7:30, on Tue. or Thur., whichever works best for your schedule. Each act should be kept to about 2 minutes.

Not Dasher, but Dancer

Dance auditions for Little Shop of Horrors

Three of this play's main roles are the dancing girls. Girls in third through sixth grade are encouraged to audition. Experience with dance and performing is helpful. Those interested should



practice a 1-2 minute dance to your favorite song. Auditions are **Thursday, December 16 between 3:00 and 4:15.** Please bring a CD of your music.



Making Joyful Noises

Holiday band and choir concerts

This **Friday, December 10,** band

and choir students from the 5th and 6th grade will perform their holiday concert. The music begins at 1:40 in the multi. Come support your kids (and find out what all the noise is about).



Be a Santa

Toy drive ends Friday
Be sure to bring in a toy into the office for the Penngrove Firefighter's toy drive. Toys should be new and unwrapped so they can be given to the right child!

Nice Shot!

Put it in to the yearbook!
If you're a shutterbug and have been taking pictures on field trips and in the classroom, send your photos to Samantha Bolinger, our yearbook editor. She's looking for a variety of pictures

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for our yearbook and is happy to take them in any form, digital or just an actual picture. Please drop them off in the office or e-mail samantha-bolinger@yahoo.com.

Croissant and Donate
Aim for the Sweet Spot
Saturday, December 8, the *Sweet Spot*, located near Oliver's in the Rancho Cotati Shopping Center, will donate 25% of its proceeds to Penngrove School. Grab a bite!

Got a Brief?

Submit it to the Press
Is your child doing something special in the community, or participating in an event outside of school with other Penngrove students? Tell us about it. Submit your *Panther Press* items to the school's office, or e-mail Patty Lyn Tweten at patty@tweten.com. ■



DEAR SANTA

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Dana Porter — For continuing her donation of time and materials for Math Busters, even though her kids have moved on from Penngrove.

Recess Renaissance Parents — For giving up their lunch hours to help our kids have an all-inclusive recess experience.

Jennifer Sessi (*Silvania*)

— For chairing our profitable Innisbrook Gift Wrap sale.

Lorrie Vella (*Kelsey, Kylie, Joey*) and **Sarah Hollingshead** (*Sallie, Aedan*) — For igniting and spearheading our Terracycling Program

The Wise Family (*Paul, Susan, Jacob and Ryan*) — For donating a windfall to the school.

Helpful Students:

Liberty 4H Members:

— Who organized Christmas letters to troops.

Student Leadership — For flying our flag, collecting cans for the Petaluma Kitchen, and for helping with lunch time Terracycling.

Santa, please place all these generous boys and girls on the *nice* list. And, of course, you already know of anyone else not otherwise mentioned (including the newsletter editor, the Art Docent Lady, and the t-shirt design/sales coordinator).

Sincerely,

Patty Lyn Tweten, Editor, and the Members of the PTA Board: *Larisa Mar, Michelle Wright, Lisa Hartman, Connie Kane, Samantha Bolinger and Deb Rogers* ■