


UPCOMING EVENTS



2017
PENNGROVE JOG-A-THON

TODAY
Penngrove Jog-a-thon

March 10
PTA Meeting, Elections
7:00 P.M., Library

March 11
Final Jog-a-thon
Money Due

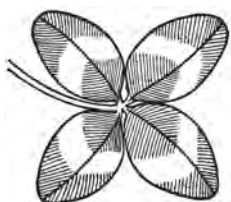
March 11
Skate Night
5:30 P.M., Cal Skate

March 12
Sweet Spot Dine and Donate
Rancho Cotati Center
near Oliver's

March 14 — March 25
Spring Break

March 28
School Begins

April 4 — April 7
Teacher Appreciation Week



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*Fifth Grade's recent
Angel Island adventure*

In Their Own Words

Every year, our Fifth Graders dress up in Civil War military garb and disappear for 24 hours to Angel Island. It's a longer trip than the 36 miles indicated on the map. The trip is *146 years long* — back in time.

Students learn to live, eat and sleep without electricity, without the benefit of heated rooms, padded beds, telephones, and — *shock* — no TV and video games. They literally “check out” of our millennia and travel back a few centuries to the 19th, during our nation's Civil War.

If this sounds a little like boot camp, well, it *is*. At the real Civil War Union Army Base, Camp Reynolds, students are immersed in the 19th century to play the part of enlisted soldiers in the Union army. They attend militia drill, navigate with compasses, learn to signal with flags, and cook their own meals.

Here's how the students describe it:

“10:00 — Well, here I am. In Tiburon, waiting to board the ferry to Angel Isle — that giant island sitting in the middle of the

bay. As I stand here, sweat dripping down my forehead, backpack pulling me to the ground, I wonder what lies ahead of me, on that heaping mound of dirt and trees, at a place called Camp Reynolds.”

Pvt. Jacob Anderson,

Ms. Andersen's class

“As I stepped off the ferry onto Angel Island, I felt the breeze blow across my face and suddenly, “ATTENTION!” And then everybody fell into a straight line. As we walked into our cabin, I collapsed on my bunk, and before I knew it, I was standing at attention again.”

Cpl. Sophia Vachini, Ms. Andersen's class

“11:00 — We are all unpacked and getting settled in when the Major comes out, looks at us with hard, cold eyes, and yells, “Attention!” Immediately, we obey and put our arms by our sides, with our feet together in a “V” shape. He inspects us; his short, gray hair slicked back and his eyes, which also seem to be gray, star-

BRIEFS

Teacher and Staff Appreciation

Show them we care

Appreciation week is April 4 — 7, the second week after break. This annual event, organized by PTA, gives all students and parents an opportunity to show our teachers and staff how grateful we are. Each day has a different theme: card day, flower day, staff luncheon, etc. In addition to a commitment to teach our kids and keep them safe, our staff does all kinds of things above and beyond the call of duty. They are our “eyes and ears” when we can’t be with our kids. Isn’t that worth appreciating? After break, we’ll

publish a schedule for Appreciation week. You can choose to participate in all the events, or you can jump in as you’re able.

Girls on the Run

After jogging, go run!
Girls on the Run (GOTR) is still accepting girls for this Spring’s session. They meet on Monday after school in the Multi, and Wednesday after school in Room 12. Come see what the excitement is all about. Or, contact Danielle Wagoner: 707-242-3210, e-mail wagonertail@aol.com.

Recycle this Newsletter!

Containers on Campus
Two new recycling containers have been placed on campus: one at the top of the stairs and a second

PTA ANNOUNCES BOARD SLATE

2011-2012

The election for next year’s board will be during the next PTA Meeting, Thursday, March 10th, 7:00 P.M. in the library. The following candidates have stepped forward to run:

President — Shannon Potter

Vice President, Membership — Samantha Bolinger

Secretary — Renée Chaussee Donmon

Treasurer — Rachele Buschman

Please show your support of PTA by attending on March 10th and casting your vote for the new board.

on the playground. So, the next time you are walking around with a recyclable drink container or an old newspaper, throw it in!

Rollers and Bladers:

Skate Night, Friday, 3/11 Dial 911! There’s an emergency need for fun! **Here’s the 411:** The next

Cal Skate Skate Night is 5:30 on 3/11!

Celebrate the beginning of spring break with a rock-n-roll around the arena. Glow sticks to the top class attendees for upper and lower grades. *Cal Skate: just the way you remember it — introduce the experience to your kids.* ■

ANGEL ISLAND

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ing us down.

11:20 — We march to our first station, the Compass Hike, where Sergeant Anderson and Vachini are stationed. Up by the Bakehouse, they hand us our compasses, show us how to use them, then lead the way up and out of camp. We march up a tree covered hill, but then stop when someone up ahead questioned if this was the right way. One of the sergeants goes ahead, then returns a minute later, stating we have to turn back.”
Pvt. Jacob Anderson, Ms. Andersen’s class

“The next activity was a militia drill. The drill was about working with guns. The guns were fake. The first thing we learned was how to hold the gun. Then we learned how to march with guns. Then we practiced loading guns. When we were done with loading, we shot the guns at the enemy. Then we won the fight.”

Pvt. Matthew Kalemba, Ms. Stevens’ class

“My favorite activity was the night hike. It was 5 miles long. Then we got to the top and just listened to everything going on. I walked with Alberto, Marco, and Ms. T., but mostly Alberto. My second favor-

ite activity we did was the flag signaling. Lindy and I signaled, ‘Go climb a tree.’ To Jake and Kelsey. It was Lindy’s idea to say that. We signaled it in dots and dashes.”

Pvt. Jordan Stoeckle, Ms. Stevens’ class

“During night watch, we wrote in our journals about the place. We had hot chocolate and popcorn sitting next to the lanterns. The fire was really warm and we had to wake up at 12:00 to 1:30 for night watch. The sky was really dark and the Golden Gate Bridge was lit up.”

Pvt. Kailey Bowler, Ms. Stevens’ class

“10:10 — My time in

the army is over. I am now boarding the ferry back home. But now instead of a rusty old boat, I think of it as a floating, glowing, golden masterpiece of a craft that is bringing me into its arms, lulling me to sleep, bringing me back to where I belong.”

Pvt. Jacob Anderson, Ms. Andersen’s class

“I had a blast at Angel Island and I can’t wait to go back. I hope everyone had a blast like I did. The activities were awesome. I liked my squad very, very much. The whole trip was so exciting, I wish I could go another time.”

Pvt. Matthew Kalemba, Ms. Stevens’ class ■