

George Peabody Elementary School News

251 6th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118

February 2008

Important Upcoming Dates:

Fri February 1 Bonus Recess for students with no tardies
Sat February 2 Community Meeting 11:00-1:00
Wed February 6 Lunar New Year Curriculum Day- Lion Dance @ 1:50 PM
Th/Fr February 7/8 Lunar New Year and Professional Development- No School
M-F February 11-15 Jump Rope For Heart Week
Th February 14 PTA Meeting @ 5:30 in the library
Mon February 18 President's Day Observance- No school
Sun February 24 Peabody/SF Food Bank Volunteer Project 12:30-3:30
Fri February 29 Read Aloud Day
Mon March 3 Community Meeting #2 time TBD

Community Meeting We want your input! The School Site Council will be hosting a community meeting to share results of the school survey and hear your thoughts about what you'd like to see at George Peabody next year. The meeting will begin at 11:00 in the school library. There will be break out rooms to discuss specific areas of the school. Free childcare will be provided and a light lunch served at 1:00.

School Site Council Survey If you have not already done so please take some time to complete and return the survey included in the last two Wednesday envelopes. It is very important for us to know your thoughts about the school environment and your student's classroom.

Reach for the Stars Our Reach for the Stars read-a-thon fundraiser will begin on February 18. All the children who participate will be asked to read 300 minutes over a two-week period while they collect pledges supporting their reading efforts. Last year 56 students collectively read almost 39,000 minutes and raised \$5,000! This year, if the children reach their goal of \$6,000 in pledges, Mr. Vroegh has another special treat in store. Information packets will be sent home in the Wednesday folder on Feb 13.

Spelling Bee The third annual Inner Richmond District Spelling Bee between George Peabody, Sutro Elementary, and Frank McCoppin Elementary was held on January 15th. For the third year in a row George Peabody students came in 1st and 2nd place! A big hurray to Jen Huynh, who placed first, and will represent George Peabody at a Bay Area spelling bee later this month. Congratulations to all our participants.

Read Aloud Day Have you always wanted to read to a classroom of students but never had the opportunity? Now is your chance to do so. Join us on Read Aloud Day, an annual event being held on February 29 to celebrate the joy of reading. We would love to have volunteers (parents, relatives, or friends) participate by reading to a classroom of students. A flyer will be sent home in an upcoming Wednesday envelope

San Francisco Food Bank George Peabody students brought in over 450 pounds of food during our annual food drive. Over 150,000 San Francisco residents live with the threat of hunger, including one in four children. The SF Food Bank is thankful for our support. On the 24th of February Peabody

families have the opportunity to volunteer at the Food Bank from 12:30-3:30. Please email parent Phaedra.bell@gmail.com to sign up.

Dental Health Awareness February is Dental Health Awareness month. The UCSF dental school is providing free check ups on a first come first served basis on Saturday February 9 from 9-4:30. The clinic is located at 707 Parnassus.

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Award Certificates This week the Wednesday envelopes contain semester award certificates for Kindergarten students with Perfect Attendance, First and Second Grade students with Perfect attendance, Outstanding Citizenship, Outstanding Effort and/or Most Improved in citizenship. both of those categories. Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students had the opportunity to earn certificates in all of the above categories and additionally, Outstanding Academic Performance and Most Improved Academic Performance. Congratulations to all our award winners.

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