

# George Peabody Elementary School News

251 Sixth Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118

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Th	April 10	PTA Meeting 6-8 PM
Sa	April 19	Skate Day 1:30-3:30 PM
Mon-Fri	April 28-May 9	Standardized Testing Period for Grades 2-5
Mon-Fri	April 21-April 27	Turn off the TV Week
Sat	May 17	George Peabody Spring Carnival

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**Standardized Testing** Testing of students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades will be taking place from Monday April 28<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Test results are used to evaluate the progress of our school and are also used to help determine GATE (Gifted and Talented) designation for students.

To help your child prepare for testing, make sure he/she:

- 1) Goes to bed early and gets plenty of sleep.
- 2) Eats a healthy breakfast every morning.
- 3) Arrives to school on time!
- 4) Has been spoken to about giving 100% effort.

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**Budget Cuts** Thank you to the families that pledged their financial support for next school year. The school does not support the cuts to education at the State level and hopes the day comes soon when all public schools receive sufficient funding. In the meantime we do not want our school programs to be diminished in 2008/2009 and that is why we are asking for pledges. We are counting on the support of our families to ensure our students continue to receive an excellent and enriching education here at George Peabody. Please return your pledge envelope if you forgot to at conferences.

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**Skate Day** We hope rain won't stop us from holding our beloved Skate Day this month as it did in the fall. If you signed up for the last one we still have your money and information but please let us know if you plan to come. If you didn't sign up it's not too late. Please complete the flyer if you plan to attend. Remember, students are to be accompanied by an adult at this event. The yard will be open from 1:30-3:30 for skating.

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**Changes Around the School** Be sure to stop by the office area to see the new pictures from Twin Day, Beautification Day, Read Aloud Day, Lunar New Year. There are also two bulletin boards maintained by the PTA and our counselor (Ms. Mullin) with lots of useful information for our families.

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**Summer Camp and Summer School** Due to budget cuts the school district is only able to offer summer school to special education students and students currently in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade who scored below basic or far below basic on state tests. Applications for qualified students will be sent directly to families. The Richmond District Neighborhood Center will run a summer camp at Presidio Middle School from June 23<sup>rd</sup>-August 8<sup>th</sup>. Applications are available in the school office. We will be sure to pass along information about other summer opportunities as they become available. Be sure to read the Wednesday envelope and the Peabody Yahoo Group emails.

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**PTA Meeting** Even though there are still many PTA events coming up in the next two months our enthusiastic PTA is already looking toward next year. Nominations for the board are currently being accepted. As always childcare and a light dinner will be provided. Chinese translation is available. Please call the office if you plan to attend and would like a translator for the meeting.

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**Turn off The TV Week** From April 21-April 27 please encourage your children to do something other than watch TV. This is a great week to plan special activities to do at home with your family. Some suggestions for the week are art projects, bake/cook something together, urban hiking, board games, puzzles and family reading time. Let us know how you celebrated the week. If there is a TV in your student's bedroom this would be the week to take it out for good!

