

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members

From: Tom Bishop

Subject: Staff Recognition – Employees of the Month

Jake's Del Mar is continuing its support of our educational program by honoring staff members each month who are recognized by their site or department as "Employees of the Month". Jake's provides honorees with a \$30.00 gift certificate.

Employees of the Month for May are:

Ashley Falls	Katy Creighton, 3 rd Grade Teacher
Carmel Del Mar	Eric Osicki, 5 th Grade Teacher
Del Mar Heights	Nancy Bonnafoux, Kindergarten Teacher
Del Mar Hills	Katherine Weidmann, 1 st Grade Teacher
Sage Canyon	Michele Chavez, 4 th Grade Teacher
Sycamore Ridge	Debbie Hanna, 3 rd Grade Teacher
Torrey Hills	Kelly Lewis, Kindergarten Teacher

RECOMMENDED: For Information Only; No Action is Required.

4.1

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members
From: Emily Disney, Principal, Sycamore Ridge School
Through: Tom Bishop
Subject: Student Recognition – Sycamore Ridge School

Stallions build peace and forge friendships through the Sycamore Ridge “Villages” program.

The Del Mar Union School District Board of Trustees will learn about the PeaceBuilders Program and Sycamore Ridge “Villages”, both implemented this year as a result of our goals and objectives in the area of school climate. A brief power point presentation and Imovie will be shared to frame the student presentation. The “Villages” presentation will be followed by the Sycamore Singers rendition of our Village theme song, “We are Family.”

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members
From: Gary Wilson, Principal, Torrey Hills School
Through: Tom Bishop
Subject: Student Recognition – Future Problem Solvers, Torrey Hills

The Board of Trustees and District are pleased to recognize the incredible Future Problem Solving teams from Torrey Hills School. Six teams qualified to compete at the State Bowl in San Jose, California on April 28th. The following students earned **1st place** in the state and will be representing California at the International Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado in early June: Alice Xie, Catherine Nguyen, Sandhya Reddy, Stephanie Guo; **Alternates:** Oliver Ren, Brendan Kahn; **Coach:** Ariella Leeder

Forty-one states, along with Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Korea, Hong Kong, and Singapore will be sending teams to compete at the International Competition. The topic for the competition is **Privacy Issues** and students will be applying the six-step FPS model to a scenario relating to this issue. In the coming weeks, these six students will meet with Mrs. Leeder to research the topic and practice their problem solving skills to prepare for the competition. We are so excited to have a team from Torrey Hills and the Del Mar Union School District represent the entire state of California in this competition!

Future Problem Solving is a program where a group of four students work together to complete a six-step problem solving process. The students brainstorm challenges, identify an underlying problem, develop solutions, generate criteria to judge their ideas, and finally produce an action plan to implement their best solution. This entire process takes two hours of creative teamwork. The topics for the 2006-2007 Future Problem Solving competition included: Fundraising & Charity Giving, Protection of National Treasures, Cultural Prejudice, and Caring for our Elders.

GOOD LUCK FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS!

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members
Through: Tom Bishop
Subject: Student Recognition – Essay Winners
William E. VanArsdale Scholarship Winners, 6th Grade Camp

The District is pleased to announce that four DMUSD 5th grade students have won full scholarships to the San Diego County Outdoor School Program for the 2007/2008 school year. The William E. Van Arsdale Trust and the San Diego County Office of Education sponsor the contest.

Congratulations to the four DMUSD students who have earned the 6th grade camp scholarships. They are Stephanie Tan of Ashley Falls, Meaghan Baril of Sycamore Ridge, and Morgan Patterson and Mark Matten of Carmel Del Mar.

The students, along with their classroom teachers, were honored at an awards ceremony on Monday, May 21 at the SDCOE. They have been invited to this evening's meeting to be recognized by the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDED: For Information Only.

4.4

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members
From: Tom Bishop
Subject: Staff Recognition – 2007 DMUSD Teacher of the Year

The Board of Trustees and the District are pleased to recognize Jennifer Havlat, Carmel Del Mar Severely Handicapped Special Day Class Teacher, and the DMUSD 2007 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Havlat has been invited to attend the May 23, 2007 meeting to be recognized by the Board.

Mrs. Havlat provides hope, inspiration, and remarkable instruction to her severely handicapped K-3 students who come to her with significant communication challenges, including autism. Very few teachers possess the type of vision that inspires everyone who comes into contact with Jennifer Havlat. Trish Snider, Director of Pupil Services, says, "Jennifer Havlat's story is exceptional in that Jennifer's SDC career spans only five years, but her vision was influenced by her prior experience as a Child Care worker and as an SDC aide during and after college. She is an outstanding teacher leader who has influenced her students, parents, instructional assistants, regular classroom teachers, and has been recognized for her effectiveness and dedication by the North Coast Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE) as their Teacher of the Year." David Jones, Carmel Del Mar Principal, shared that "based on a site visit evaluating Mrs. Havlat's inclusion program, NCCSE declared it among the best in the county."

And who better to tell us about a teacher's impact than a parent? "I believe that Jennifer Havlat is responsible for my son's success in school. Many other people may have looked at my son and seen his physical limitations as a result of cerebral palsy. Jennifer sees his potential far more than his limitations. Her goal is to do whatever needs to be done to ensure progress and success both academically and socially for the children with whom she works."

Jennifer Havlat will represent our district with distinction during the 2008 San Diego County Teachers of the Year Program. She along with other county nominees was honored at PetCo Park last week, and will be participating in the *Salute to Teachers* cable televised awards program this coming October. We wish her well!

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members

From: Tom Bishop

Subject: Staff Recognition – 2007 DMUSD Reading Teacher of the Year

The Board of Trustees and the District are pleased to recognize Meg Money, Sycamore Ridge, 4th Grade Teacher and DMUSD 2007 Reading Teacher of the Year. Ms. Money has been invited to attend the May 23, 2007 meeting to be recognized by the Board.

Ms. Money provides outstanding Language Arts instruction to her students. In addition, Ms. Money is always willing to share her wealth of literacy knowledge and practices with other classroom teachers. Ms. Money has helped improve literacy instruction throughout Sycamore Ridge School.

Meg Money is a strong teacher leader who is always adjusting her instruction to fit the individual needs of students. Her instructional strategies have influenced her colleagues and resulted in significant instructional improvements for the students in her own classroom as well as students in other classrooms. Ms. Money's passion for best practices literacy instruction is a shining beacon that inspires all teachers and administrators.

Meg Money is completing her third year as a DMUSD classroom teacher. Prior to that Ms. Money worked for the San Diego Unified School District for six years. Ms. Money earned her BA degree from Bethany College in Kansas and earned her MA degree from USIU. In addition to her MA degree, she has attended hundreds of hours of specialized reading/literacy training that has enabled her to provide outstanding literacy programs.

Thank you Meg Money for your passion for teaching and learning.

May 15, 2007

To: Board Members
From: Trish Snider
Through: Tom Bishop
Subject: NCCSE Community Advisory Committee Excellence in Special Education Awards

Each year the NCCSE Community Advisory Committee solicits nominations to honor individuals whose teaching or leadership skills enhance student self-esteem and dignity, encourage students to achieve their maximum potential and assist schools in providing excellent programs for students with special needs. There are seven categories. The award recipients are selected anonymously from nominations received from the 14 NCCSE member districts.

Del Mar is extremely proud to announce that three Del Mar recipients have been chosen:

Collaborative Parent: Shihong Ma, mother of Sarah Zhang

Site Administrator/Principal: David Jones

Special Education Teacher: Jennifer Havlat

These award winners will be honored on June 4, 2007 at the San Marcos Civic Center from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

For Information Only

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members

From: Tom Bishop

Subject: Report: DMCTA President, Jennifer Steinman

DMCTA President, Jennifer Steinman, will be present to give a brief report to the Board.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDED: For information only. No action required.

4.8

May 23, 2007

To: Board Members

From: Tom Bishop

Subject: Report: Del Mar School Education Foundation

DMSEF President Bob Gans will provide a brief report on DMSEF activities during the past month.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

RECOMMENDED: For information only. No action required.

4.9

May 16, 2006

To: Board Members
From: Janet Bernard
Through: Tom Bishop
Subject: Approval of the Initial Proposed Expenditures from the State Block Grants for the Arts and Physical Education

The District has received two special grants in state funding to support arts education and physical education. The intent of this funding is to supplement and expand existing district resources in order to support standards-aligned instruction in art, music, and physical education.

One grant is new one-time state funding for art, music, and physical education equipment and supplies (\$256,000). The other state grant is specifically earmarked for art and music and will be funded on an ongoing basis (\$56,000).

The California Department of Education has given local districts broad discretion as to how this funding may be expended following three parameters. Allowable uses for each grant:

\$56,000 (Art, Music)

- Hire additional staff (teachers or administrators)
- Implement or expand staff development opportunities to support standards-aligned instruction
- Purchase new materials, books, and supplies

\$256,000 (Art, Music, and Physical Education)

- Purchase new equipment
- Purchase one-time supplies
- Implement or expand staff development opportunities to support standards-aligned instruction