

ESC HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH 2012

FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVERS

Over fifty 5th and 6th grade Ocean Air students competed in the Qualifying Round of the California Future Problem Solving Program. This year's topic was Human Rights. The top 18 teams in California are selected to compete at the State Bowl, which will be held the last weekend of April in Southern California. **Twenty-seven students from Ocean Air qualified for the State Bowl!** We congratulate them and all our participants!!

The Future Problem Solving Program is designed to help students become global thinkers, develop problem solving strategies, create opportunities for higher level thinking, and teach teamwork skills. For more information on this program, see Mrs. Leeder's profile on our school website.



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ART

A wonderful new collection of art pieces is now on display in our school's front office.

3rd Grade: Space Painting and Collage

The third graders created these fantasy space scenes with planets colliding, stars bursting, galaxies swirling, and comets zooming across the atmosphere! They were so imaginative connecting art to science; studying value, watercolor techniques, and space.



4th Grade: Circular Weaving

The fourth graders did their art standard of weaving in a circular format. Using gorgeous yarns of different textures and colors their circle weavings almost look like flowers.



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5th Grade: Llamas

The fifth graders spent many weeks constructing their beloved llamas! Each one has a unique personality. Made with wooden sticks, paper mache, and fluff, the students revisited weaving for details. These llamas are strong, fluffy, and beautiful!



Art Show

For the first time at Ocean Air, there will be a school-wide Art Show! The students have been working so hard, and this is a wonderful opportunity for them to showcase their achievements. Every student will have at least one piece of art on display.

The Art Show will be held on April 5th during Open House (5:30 to 7:30 PM in the MUR). Be sure to stop by. It should be an exciting event.

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MUSIC

1st Grade Talent Show

Our Ocean Air students exhibit such amazing talent, even at such a young age as with the 1st grade Talent Show this month. We had 49 acts featuring about 55 students with piano, violin, and vocal solos as well as such varied skills as Kung Fu, gymnastics, and dancing. We'll never forget the rap dance to "Who Let the Dogs Out?"

3rd Grade Vocal Performance

Miss Beeson has been working collaboratively with the 3rd grade teachers to jointly prepare the vocal music for the students' dramatic debut of Vacation on Mars in their classrooms at Open House. During every other week classes, students have learned the music to be ready for teachers to cast and individually choreograph movements in each of the six classrooms. Soloists have been coming to Miss Beeson for extra rehearsals this month for their special parts and are so excited to sing, act, and dance for their parents on April 5th.

5th Grade Musical

Our fabulous 5th graders put on the "13 Colonies" musical. Students went through the processes of auditioning, casting, learning the parts, blocking, and costuming for each of the four class productions of the show. Through ESC Music, students got to extend their social studies curriculum of life during colonial times. They sang about and acted out facts and historical figures from the Revolutionary War.



5th graders practicing hard for the big show.

Music Memory

The Music Memory Lunch Club program began on March 7th. This program teaches about music terms, melodies, harmonies, instruments, vocal styles, forms, dynamics, tempo, and foreign languages. In addition, the program covers a lot of Social Studies information surrounding the lives of the composers.

This lunch club extension is for those 3rd-6th graders who are preparing to test to represent Ocean Air at a County Music Bee in May. CDs and study guides were sent home to practice.

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Student Council Canned Food Drive

Ocean Air Student Council members play an important role at school by planning and organizing school-wide events, promoting school spirit and the Peacebuilder program, and reaching out to the community to help those in need.

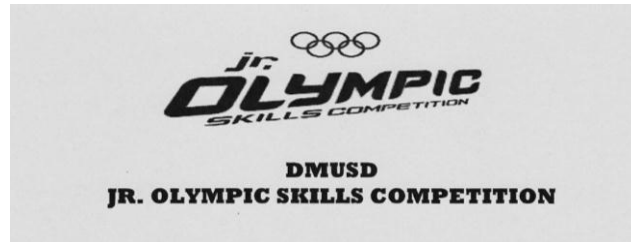
The Student Council is for 5th and 6th graders and is organized by ESC teachers Ms. Beeson, Ms. Luce, Mr. Gianola, and Ms. Waters.

This month, Ocean Air Student Council sponsored the Shamrock Canned Food Drive. In talking about the Peacebuilder theme this month, “Noticing Hurts,” Student Council initiated and planned this event to make a difference in the lives of hurting people. Students did a great on bringing in canned food – over 2, 600 cans to benefit the San Diego Food Bank. That’s a little more than 3 cans per child at Ocean Air.



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Physical Education



The Junior Olympics was held on Wednesday, March 28th. Students aged 8 to 13 got a chance to showcase their athletic abilities in a friendly competition. Participation in the event was voluntary and featured 4 sports: basketball, soccer, tennis, and track & field (50 meter dash and standing broad jump).

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each sport, each age group, and each gender received a ribbon for their accomplishment. The 1st place winners were also invited to compete at the DMUSD competition in early June.



PE teacher Mr Davis and Amanda Li (3rd grade).

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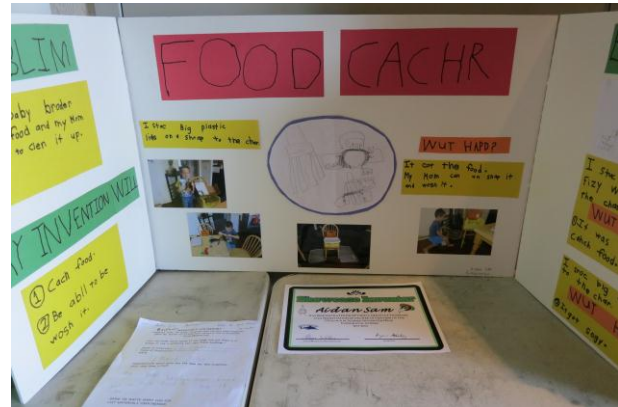
SCIENCE

Invention Fair

The Invention Fair took place on Tuesday, March 27. Thirty-six creative students from Kindergarten to 6th grade participated. Ten entries were chosen to be showcased at the District Invention Showcase on March 28th. Here are just a few inventions our students came up with to make our lives easier.



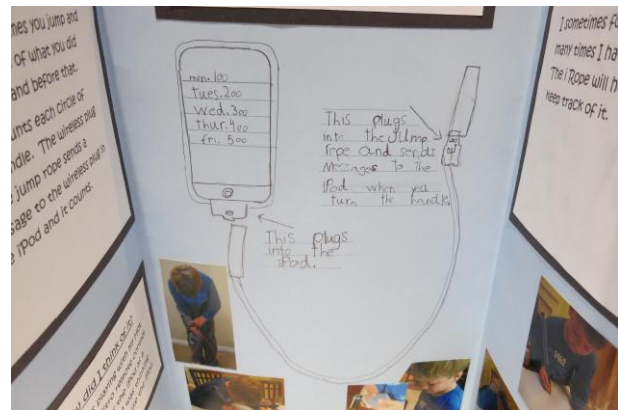
Skirt-Jacket by Isabelle Rizk (Kindergarten)



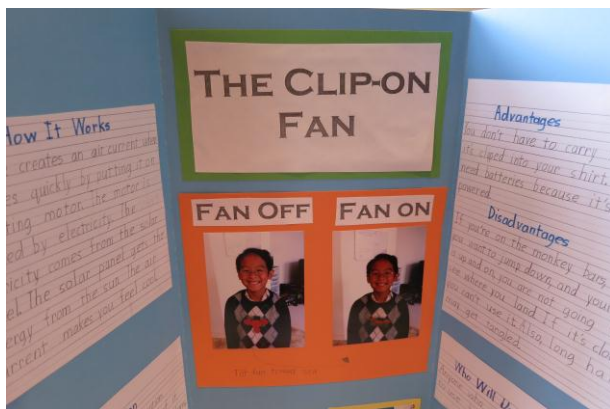
Food Cachr by Aidan Sam (Kindergarten)



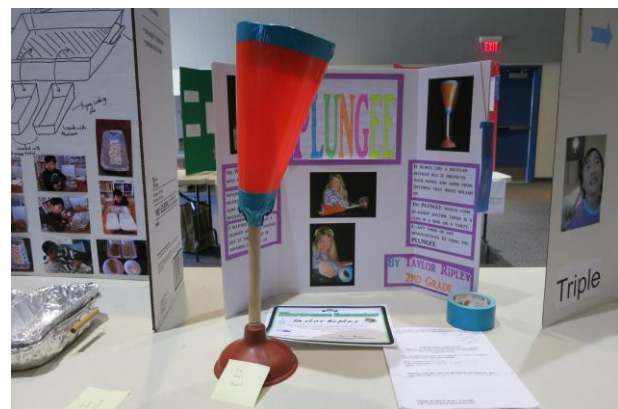
3 in 1 Teeth/Tongue Cleaner by Adam Xu (1st Grade)



iRope by Luca Tedeschi (2nd Grade)

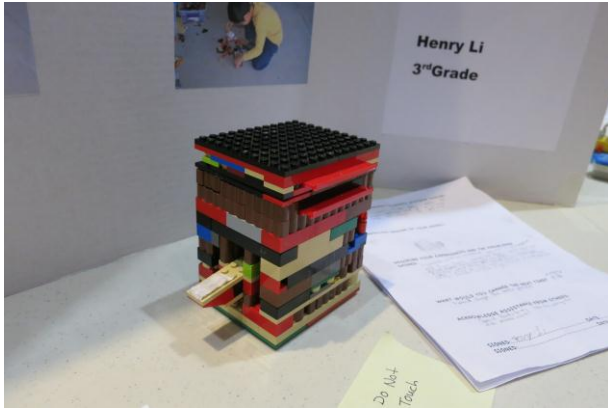


The Clip-On Fan by Daniel Ching (2nd Grade)

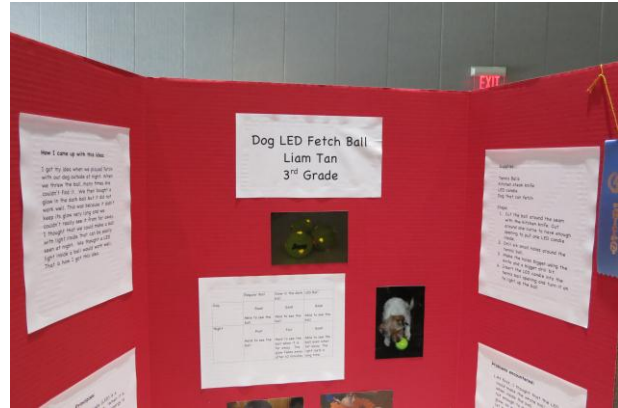


Plungee by Taylor Ripley (2nd Grade)

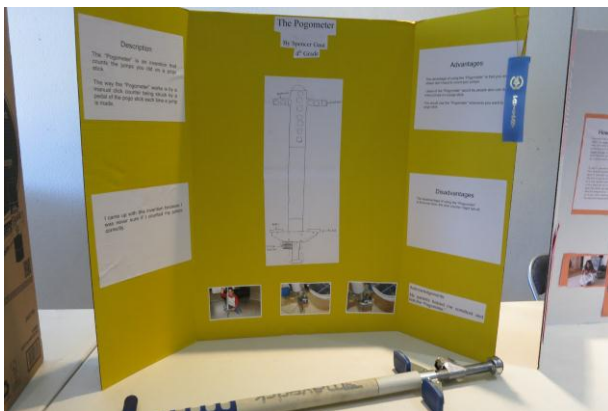
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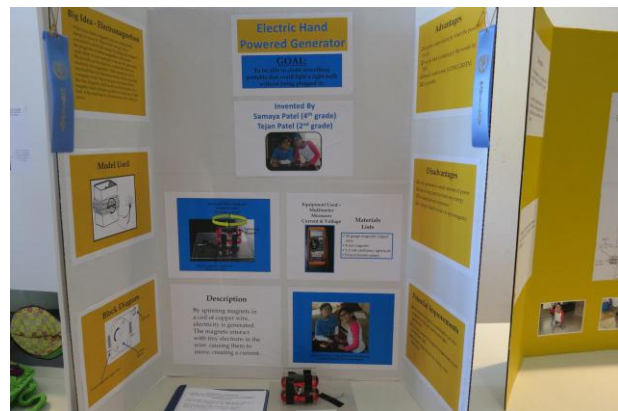
Soapbox by Henry Li (3rd Grade)



Dog LED Fetch Ball by Liam Tan (3rd Grade)



Pogometer by Spencer Gaut (4th Grade)



Electric Hand Powered Generator by Samaya & Tejan Patel (4th & 2nd Grade)



Super Sleeper by Samina Engel (5th Grade)



Toothpaste Dispenser by Ethan & Ryan Song (Kindergarten & 5th Grade)

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Solar Viewing

Ms Waters organized a solar viewing on March 27th. Doug McFarland brought his three solar telescopes to Ocean Air and gave everybody a chance to safely look at the sun both in white light, the bright photosphere where the sunspots are, and hydrogen alpha, the chromosphere (the layer above the photosphere) where we see the prominences and flares.



UCSD Seismic Outreach Project

The 6th graders are preparing to participate in the UCSD Seismic Outreach Project. They will be working in teams of four to design and build a model K'NEX skyscraper that can withstand a simulated earthquake. They will also be required to provide structural documents (blueprints, bill of materials, etc.) to accompany their model. The project consists of two main parts: in-class presentations from engineers and a field trip to UCSD to test their skyscrapers.

Garden Club



Meet our master gardeners, Natalie Le and Gabriela Umansky. The Garden Club is a lunchtime club for 3rd – 6th graders. This club provides fun work-and-play opportunities for students interested in nature and provides mentoring opportunities for our upper grades.

ESC CHALLENGE WEEK (April 2 – 6)

ESC Challenge week is coming up. ESC teachers are credentialed, specialized instructors who teach Science, Technology, Music, Art, and Physical Education at our school. ESC teachers work together with classroom teachers to enhance the core curriculum and provide students with opportunities for hands-on activities, problem-solving, teamwork, and exposure to the fine arts beyond what is possible in the general education classroom.

By contributing to the DMSEF's Annual Campaign, we can ensure our children have a fully funded ESC program next year. As of March 16th, **40% of families** at Ocean Air have contributed. Our challenge is to get **100% of families** to contribute. The fundraising deadline is **April 30th**.

The DMSEF's recommended contribution is \$800 per student, but please give what you can. Your contribution is tax deductible and many companies match (eg, Qualcomm, Pfizer, Nokia). You can contribute online (www.delmarkids.org) or look for contribution envelopes in the Wednesday folders. For more information, visit www.delmarkids.org.

Challenge week will include the following:

- Parking Spot Auction
- School-wide Art Show
- 4th grade music performance
- Open House (come meet your ESC teachers!)
- 6th grade Legacy Tree

For more details visit <http://ocean.dmusd.org/articles/2363>.

UPCOMING ESC EVENTS

March Reminders

March 30: 3rd grade drama performance, "Live it's Fairytale News" (classes: Kantner, Duclo, McCarthy)

March 30: The 2nd grade talent show

April

April 2-6: ESC Challenge Week. Please contribute to DMSEF to support our ESC programs.

April 5: OPEN HOUSE: Come meet your child's ESC teachers, stop by the school-wide Art Show, and enjoy a musical performance (Recorder/Peacebuilder Show) by our 4th graders.

April 28: The Green Team and their families are participating in the "I Love a Clean San Diego's Creek to Bay Clean up." We are meeting at Fletcher Cove between 9 & 10 AM and invite other Ocean Air families to join us. (Please see attached direction.)

Details on each event will be sent home closer to the event. For a full list of ESC events, don't forget to visit our ESC page.

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Science

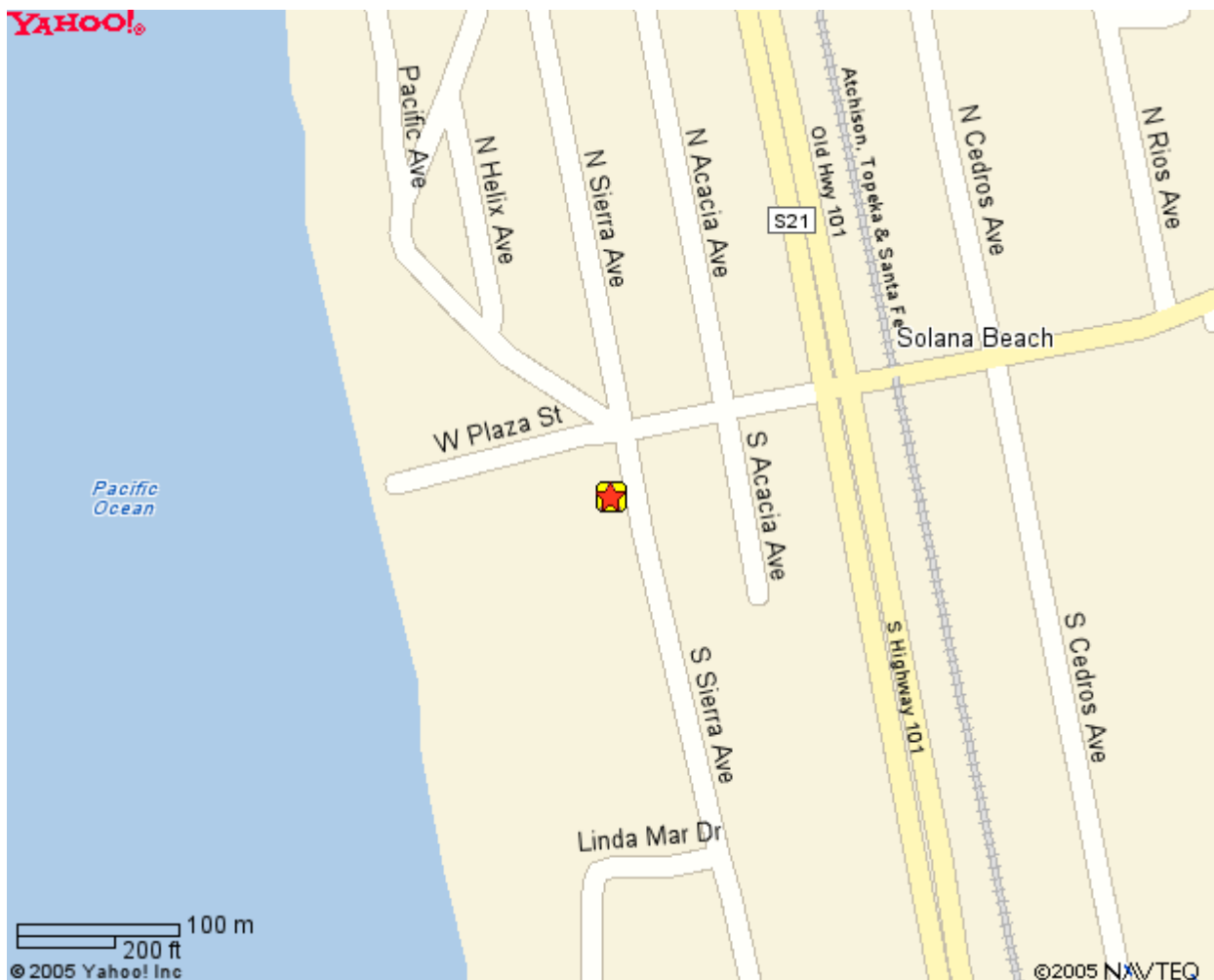
Directions to San Diego's Creek to Bay Clean Up

Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 9am - 12noon

Meeting Point:

111 S Sierra Ave, Solana Beach 92075. Meet in the Fletcher Cove parking lot.

From I-5: exit Take the LOMAS SANTA FE DR exit toward SOLANA BEACH and head WEST. Stay STRAIGHT to go onto W PLAZA ST. Turn LEFT onto S SIERRA AVE



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