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Dear Balboa Families:

What a busy and exciting year it has been so far! I would like to thank the amazing Balboa Team for making wonderful memories for our children.

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In August, we kicked off the new school year with a “Get Organized” clean up of the Balboa Spirit Club storage spaces. Under the capable leadership of Jen Endler’s we moved things around and inventoried the storage areas. Salads and wraps from California Chicken Café were a hit for the Welcome Back teacher lunch. Stephanie Schneider made the lunch more special with a sweet treat from Hawaii. Judy Groode hosted a warm welcome for new parents to shed a tear, eat and build friendships. The Job Fair and Room Parent Orientation was informative. Thank you to Jodie Xua for her professional job as chair.

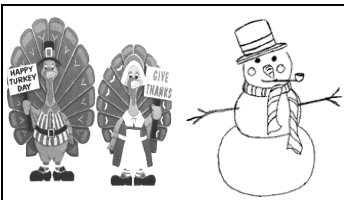
In September and October, the Balboa Team was even busier. Our Earthquake Preparedness went smoothly thanks to the attention to detail of Robin Irvine and Kelli Roisman. The Fall Picnic, headed by Sally Protiva, was all about having fun—eating watermelon and playing water games. It was HOT, but that shaved ice cooled us down. The annual Magazine Drive was chaired by Raquel Cruz and Connie Chin, and the event was simply ducky. Our Family Math Night was well attended and made all of us feel connected to our community. Chair Sandra Gibson put extra thought into the event by adding a canned food drive and the chance to have lunch with Principal Davenport. There have been two Parent Education opportunities with amazing guest speakers scheduled by Judy Groode. Our Piece of Cake fundraiser was moved to the Fall in hopes of getting additional orders for the holidays. We appreciate the the help from Rebecca Frederickson and Jocelyn Guihama.

We have several ongoing projects. Our Direct Appeal fundraiser, chaired by Stephanie Schneider, is an ongoing campaign that is vital to continuing the special programs at Balboa. This year new incentives such as teacher gifts and class pizza parties for participation were instituted.. The Spirit Store is up and running and is starting to update our merchandise with new designs and products. Thank you again to Rebecca and Mark Fredrickson for jumping in to get it organized. Our banner program is new and improved! Carrie Robertson and Gunu Binepal have been updating the design to include a Balboa Explorer border. Discounts are available to Balboa families who advertise. The Green Team, headed by Kelly Mitchell, has organized gardening mornings and “Stop, Drop and Recycle” on the first Friday of each month. In partnership with Whole Foods, we will have an e-waste day, with all profits to benefit our school. Please keep your eyes peeled for the flyer!

A big thank you to our new Stop, Drop and Roll Chairperson, Alan Au. Alan actually went to the LAPD and came back with information to improve Balboa with safety ideas. (also a great DJ at the family events here!)

I have named just the chairpeople involved, but there have been many helping hands and smiling faces at each event. All volunteers have my sincere appreciation! I hope all of you can attend our monthly Balboa Spirit Club meetings to hear all the Balboa news!

Wishing you good health and happiness, Holly Stuczynski, Balboa Spirit Club President



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Be sure to find us on Facebook!
“Balboa Spirit Club”
Please ask to join!



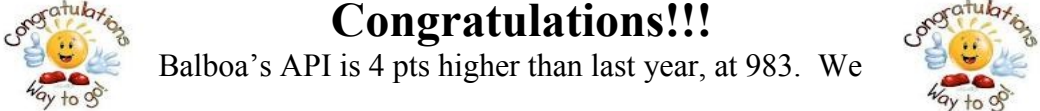
Visit our website:
www.BalboaSpiritClub.org



Email the BSC team :
BalboaSpiritClub@gmail.com

Congratulations!!!

Balboa’s API is 4 pts higher than last year, at 983. We



Balboa Magnet selected to participate in Westfield Topanga and Promenade Mall's *Earning 4 Learning Program*

Earning 4 Learning is a points competition program that can bring much needed supplies and equipment to our school. Keep your receipts for any shopping trips to either Westfield Topanga or Westfield Promenade Malls. Balboa earns five points for each dollar spent at any of the participating stores, restaurants and services.

- Based on total accumulated points earned between **October 1, 2012 and March 31, 2013**, each school will receive a Westfield Gift Card by American Express, ranging from \$100 to \$2500. These cards may be used for school equipment and supplies.
- The school with the most receipts logged each month will receive a \$250 bonus prize!
- Be sure to tell your families and friends to participate.
- You may either bring your receipts to the mall concierge to count towards Balboa's totals or deposit your receipts in the box in the school's office.

There are a number of other shopping programs that benefit our school—including Target, Vons, Ralphs and My Coke Rewards. Please visit the Balboa Parent website to find out how you can help:

http://www.balboaparents.org/uploads/8/7/3/3/8733396/shopping_for_balboa.pdf

Math Around the World - A Huge Success!

Thank you to all of the students, parents, faculty, and staff who attended Balboa's Math Around the World Family Game Night. It was a fun-filled evening, full of games, smiling faces and good times! And a special thank you to all of the parents who volunteered their time to help out at the event. The night would not have been possible without you!



Congratulations to the following winners for the estimation game: Charlie Birnbaum, Xander Au, Lacey Antilla, and Raymond Wang. And congratulations to Sky Cassone for winning lunch with Principal Davenport.

Sandra Gibson, Family Game Night

Festival of the Arts Silent Auction Needs Your Help!



The Silent Auction committee is collecting items for the 2013 Festival of the Arts auction to be held Sunday, March 17. The more items we gather, the more money we will raise! Do you own a business or provide any special service? Do you have an exciting job or talent that you would be willing to share with others to help our school raise money? Are you a season ticket holder with a couple of extra tickets? Do you have a vacation home that you would be willing to offer for a week-end? No item or donation is too big or small. Let us know what you can give to raise money for Balboa. Some of the best-selling auction items are experiences that money can't buy, from lunch with firefighters to a behind-the-scenes tour of a real studio or television show taping.



Contact Raquel Cruz at [818-357-9720](tel:818-357-9720) or crzraq2001@yahoo.com to make a donation.



Next BPA Meeting

1/30/13

8:30 am

Parent Center

Thank you to all that attended the restaurant fundraiser at **McDonald's on November 13** - stay tuned for announcements about future restaurant nights. Balboa received 20% of all proceeds.



TEACHERS AND STAFF HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

COMING UP ON SOON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th
LOOK FOR FLYERS IN NOVEMBER!

BALBOA GREEN TEAM

Green Team Stop Drop and Roll..... 1st Friday of each month:

A member of the Green Team will greet you during the carpool drop-off in the morning and collect your recyclable items. In order to avoid any delays in the carpool, please put your recyclables in a bag that can be handed to one of the Green Team. All funds raised are used to purchase supplies for the Balboa Garden.

WE COLLECT AND RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- Printer ink cartridges
- Cell phones
- Plastic water/drink bottles
- Empty glue sticks and bottles
- Empty tape dispenses and cores
- Empty drink pouches (Capri Sun, Honest Kids, etc.)
- Empty lunchables containers



COMING UP:

January e-waste event in conjunction with Whole Foods. The event will accept computers monitors, and old plug in appliances for recycling. More information to follow later.

Parents...Watch For Affective Living

[An Easy Fundraiser for Balboa Magnet!](#)

<http://affectiveliving.com>

First, fill out the form that will be sent home.

Then, in about 10 days or so, you will start receiving a daily email with Daily Deals from Affective Living.

Some of the past deals have been: My Gym, Pizza Cookery, Color Me Mine, and Bootcamp! Most deals are located in Northern San Fernando Valley (Northridge, Chatsworth, Porter Ranch, etc.)

For every deal that you purchase select Balboa Magnet in the drop down menu. Affective Living will donate 15% of net proceeds to Balboa Spirit Club/Balboa Parent Association. This can add up to a lot of money. ALSO, for every filled out form received, our school will receive \$1.

Please fill out the form!!!!

The only information needed is your name, child's teacher, & email address. Please print neatly.

Holiday Outreach has begun!!



It's a great time to share with those less fortunate....






Canned food will be collected for two weeks (11/27-12/7) and put together into gift bags. Holiday food bags will be delivered to Burton Way Elementary and to families in need at Balboa. Last year, 150-200 bags were distributed.



PARENTS—PLEASE MAKE SAFETY A PRIORITY!!! No Jaywalking or U-Turns!!

BALBOA EXPLORERS November-December 2012

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER	26	27	28	29	30	1
Stop Drop & Roll: Mrs. Hanley's class 11/26 - 12/3	→	Bank Tuesday dismissal 1:38 Holiday Outreach	BPA Meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Parent Center		DECEMBER	
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Stop Drop & Roll: Mrs. Gordon's Class 12/4 - 12/11	→	Bank Tuesday dismissal 1:38 Holiday Outreach			First night of Chanukah Dec 8th 	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Stop Drop & Roll: Mrs. Bass' s class 12/12 - 12/14	→	Bank Tuesday dismissal 1:38 HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 8:45 and 10:15	HOLIDAY PROGRAMS 8:45 and 10:15	TEACHER HOLIDAY POTLUCK	Minimum Day 	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
WINTER RECESS		SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	
23	24	25	26	27		
WINTER RECESS		 Merry Christmas	 Happy Kwanzaa	SCHOOL CLOSED	SCHOOL CLOSED	Stop Drop & Roll: Mrs. Bass' s class 1/7 - 1/9
				 Happy New Year		Stop Drop & Roll: Mrs. Matsushita's class 1/7 - 1/9

BALBOA NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!!

What would our kids do without a PE coach, computer instructor, music instructor, and field trips?

At the present time, we have received contributions to the Direct Appeal Campaign on behalf of only 20% of Balboa's students. We need FULL PARTICIPATION from the families of all Balboa students to keep these programs in place.

Without sufficient donations to Balboa Spirit Club's Direct Appeal Campaign, we will not be able to maintain these essential programs. We recognize that times are tough for everyone, but there is nothing more important than your child's education!

The four classes with the most participation (Two classes grades 1-3; Two classes grades 4-5) will receive pizza and make-your-own sundae parties.

The teachers from these four classes will receive \$50 Target gift cards to use for their classrooms.

Please give now to Balboa's Direct Appeal Campaign. Every contribution counts! The suggested donation is \$400 a student, but *your donations in any amount are appreciated*. Installment payments are also welcome. You can donate by cash, check or credit card online at www.balboaparents.org. You can also send your contributions in an envelope marked "BSC Direct Appeal" to the office or your child's room.

Questions? Contact Stephanie Schneider at [310-990-7775](tel:310-990-7775) or sjschneider@b3law.com. With the end of the year approaching, remember that all donations are tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law.

Balboa Magnet Green Team News

Calling all E-Waste!

The Green Team is happy to announce that we are holding an **E-Waste Fundraiser** on **Saturday, January 26th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM** in the **Whole Foods Porter Ranch** parking lot. What is E-Waste? Anything that can “**plug in or use batteries**” is considered E-Waste. Please help to keep this waste out of our landfills by stopping by the event to drop off your E-Waste. We invite you to encourage family, friends, co-workers and local businesses to support this **FREE** event. Heavy items? Large quantities? **New Leaf Recycling** www.newleafrecycling.com offers a pickup service. Please contact Kelly Mitchell for more information: kelly@neatline.net. All donors will be entered in a drawing to win a Whole Foods Gift Basket!

The next “**Stop, Drop and Recycle**” event will be on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th** at the morning carpool drop off lane. A member of the Green Team will come to your car to take your recyclable items. In order to avoid any delays in the carpool lane, we ask that you put your recyclables in a bag that can be handed to one of the Green Team. Please be sure to follow the same carpool safety procedures!

We collect and recycle the following items:

- Printer ink cartridges
- Cell phones
- Plastic water/drink bottles
- Empty glue sticks and bottles
- Empty Scotch tape dispensers and cores
- Empty drink pouches (Capri Sun, Honest Kids, etc.)
- Empty Lunchables containers



First Fridays in the Garden

We invite you to stop by the Balboa Discovery Garden (located behind the school library) on the **First Friday** of every month from **8:30 –10:30 AM**. We will tackle the weeds and help keep our garden looking beautiful. Tools and gloves will be provided. Our next event will take place on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th** (weather permitting).

For more information, please contact Kelly Mitchell at kelly@neatline.net



The Balboa Spirit Club
Presents a...

HOLIDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON
for our teachers & staff

****Thursday, December 13th 2012****
11:45 am in the Auditorium

Let our teachers and staff know how much we appreciate them this Holiday Season with the gift of good food! Contribute a main course, side dish, or your time!

Please drop off your dish in the school office on Thursday, (12/13) morning, or bring to the auditorium no later than 11:15am. Be sure to mark your name and room number on all platters, containers, and serving utensils. Pick up your items in the office by end of the school day.

We also **need volunteers** for setting up, serving and cleaning up.

****Please return the tear off below to your child's teacher by Friday 12/7**

Questions?

Contact Aya Katzaroff: aosawakatzaroff@yahoo.com or Jodie Xua: exua@socal.rr.com

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YOUR NAME: _____ Child/Rm. # _____

EMAIL: _____ Ph. # _____

I CAN BRING A: Main Dish: _____

Side Dish: _____

****Please drop off in the office the morning of Dec. 13th, or to the auditorium by 11:15am. Mark all containers, platters, serving utensils w/ name & room #. Pick up in the office at the end of the day.**

I CAN HELP: _____ Set Up 10:30am - 11:45pm

_____ Serving 11:45pm - 1:00pm

_____ Clean Up 1:00pm - 2:00pm



Holiday Outreach is Here! Balboa Gives Back

Every year the Balboa Magnet family collects canned goods, wrapped new gifts, and hygiene products for families in need.

Here is what we ask from our community:
Just fill a large brown paper shopping bag with...

Packages or cans of non-expired, non-perishable foods!

Items from all food groups are welcome, but we can really use high protein foods such as beans, peanut butter and tuna. We can also use rice and pasta. No glass items.

New toys, games, and clothing!

Please wrap all gifts and label them to specify whether they are for a girl, boy, mom or dad. And please put the age range on the gift.

Personal hygiene products!

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo are always welcome.



Collection Dates:

Monday, November 26th – Friday, December 7

Delivery to our donor school will be on Monday, December 10

The Holiday Outreach Team needs help with daily collections from classrooms, as well as with sorting and delivering the items. Please volunteer to help with this important and appreciated annual event. If you have questions, you can contact Holiday Outreach Chair Kristen Lazarian at kristenlazarian@aol.com or at 818-231-0937.



Name _____

Email _____

I can help collect and sort items on the following mornings (please circle):

Nov 26, Nov 27, Nov 28, Nov 29, Nov 30, Dec 3, Dec 4, Dec 5, Dec 6, Dec 7

Holiday Outreach!

Please return this cut off no later than November 26th.

_____ I can help deliver bags of food and gifts on **December 10**.

BALBOA BLVD. MAGNET

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Our annual holiday program will be presented to parents on two days, Tuesday, December 11th at 8:45 and 10:45 a.m., and on Wednesday, December 12th at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. It is necessary to schedule four performances in order to accommodate all the parents of our students. **All students will be participating in all four performances. Due to limited seating capacity in the auditorium and fire regulations, we are inviting you to come at a specific time according to your child's grade level.**

TUESDAY, December 11, 2012

- 8:45 a.m. Performance for parents of students in Grade 4**
All students and chorus members perform
- 10:45 a.m. Performance for parents of students in Grade 1 and Rooms 8, 9 & 10**
All students and chorus members perform

WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2012

- 8:45 a.m. Performance for parents of students in Grade 3**
All students and chorus members perform
- 10:45 a.m. Performance for parents of students in Grade 2 and Rooms 12 & 13**
All students and chorus members perform

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you.

VACATION – Balboa will be closed for Winter Break from December 17, 2012 to January 4, 2012. School will resume on its regular schedule on Monday, January 7, 2012.

BALBOA MAGNET HOLIDAY WINTER PROGRAM DVD SALE



November 28, 2012

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be able to offer a DVD of our Balboa “Holiday Winter Program” for sale. The DVD will cover the entire program.

If you wish to order a copy of the “Holiday Winter Program” DVD, please send in the tear-off with your check made payable to Balboa Student Body by Friday, December 14th. DVD’s will be sent home with the students by the end of January.

----- TEAR-OFF -----

I would like _____ copy/ies of the “Holiday Winter Program” DVD.

I am enclosing \$15.00 cash for each copy or a **check payable to “Balboa Student Body.”**

Child's Name _____ Room # _____

Parent's Signature _____