

Superintendent's Message – April 2, 2008

Keeping Music Alive in Moreland

The Fifth Annual Moreland Family Night at the Children's Discovery Museum on March 15th was a wonderful event. Participants enjoyed an evening of fun with great music, good friends, food, museum displays, dancing, and a silent auction. Many thanks go out to the hard-working volunteers in our Moreland Educational Foundation for helping to keep music in our schools. Thank you also to those who attended for your help with this worthwhile cause.

Accepting Registrations for 2008-2009 School Year

Open enrollment began on March 3rd at our new Enrollment Center at Latimer Elementary, 4250 Latimer Avenue, San Jose. Children are eligible for Kindergarten if they turn five years old on or before December 2, 2008. Parents who wish to transfer their students to a Moreland school should contact their district of residence and file an inter-district transfer. More than 250 students have enrolled during the three weeks that the center has been open. If you have not already registered your child, please come in soon. We are excited to meet the students and parents who will join Moreland next year.

Test-Taking Secrets: How to Help Your Child Succeed

Students are taking standardized tests in their classrooms during the month of April. Many students are intimidated by tests. Below are some tips you can use to help your student succeed:

1. Develop a healthy attitude toward tests. Help your child understand why tests are necessary. Explain that a test is like a yardstick. Schools use them to measure how much students are learning – and how well schools are teaching. They let teachers know if your child needs extra help, and they also show areas of strength.
2. Prepare for tests – one day at a time. Some students get so worried about tests that they don't do well on test day. The best way to avoid "test anxiety" is to space studying over several days or weeks. Help your child schedule regular times to review material. Encourage your child to pay attention to the teacher's review of what will be covered on the test.
3. Eat and sleep well the night before the test. Be sure your student eats a healthy dinner the night before the test and a good breakfast the morning of the test. Cramming the night before a test usually makes things worse and interferes with clear thinking. Spend a relaxing evening at home and help to ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep.

Thank you for helping to ensure the success of Moreland students,

Glen Ishiwata