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A Message From Principal Ann Sullivan

Off to Another Great Start!

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We are only eight short weeks into this school year and I have to say that this event, along with all of our PTA sponsored programs and amazing volunteers, have far superseded all expectations. I've always known that Seacliff Elementary is "off the charts" when it comes to the dedication and involvement of our parents and volunteers, but as PTA President, I am completely amazed and humbled by what is being accomplished "behind the scenes."

Just to give you a (mind you, very small) glimpse into what needs to occur to put on such an event (and believe me, I can't even begin to give this an ounce of justice, but I'm going to try), our PTA Harvest Festival Chairpersons, (in just seven short weeks!), coordinated the efforts of at least 135 volunteers to take charge of: decorations, finances, set-up, clean-up, ticket sales, painting, 15 carnival games with props, prizes, trophies, judging, a photo booth, Rainbow Disposal, face painting, arts and crafts, a pumpkin carving and costume contest, musical comedy duo Razzle Bam Boom, 561 dinner reservations, 300 Goldfish, 350 cupcakes, 200 kettle corns, 150 cotton candies, 130 balloons, 62 cakes, 36 folding tables, 15 easy-ups (and a partridge in a pear tree!).

What's even more amazing to me is that these gals, along with all of their volunteers, gave their blood, sweat and tears

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recognized out of over 950 schools across the country. NASA astronaut Sally Ride, the first woman in space, presented Seacliff's award at the annual MIND 2010 Awards Dinner.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2010/09/30/mind-research-institute-honors-schools-for-students-mathematics-achievements-astronaut-sally-ride-keynotes-awards-dinner>

We are proud that we were one of the first schools to implement this outstanding researched-based program seven years ago.



(Student Participants at the Ground Breaking: Vivian Cronk, Kendra Kolinchak, Kelan Long, Mason Kolinchak)

We are also particularly proud that Huntington Beach School District is working with Chevron Energy Solutions to begin the first energy efficiency and solar project in an elementary school district in Orange County. The project includes a 615-kilowatt solar power system across five schools (Seacliff will be the first) and energy efficiency improvements at all nine of our schools. The district will realize more than \$1.8 million in energy savings, incentives and rebates in the first five years of the project. Huntington Seacliff hosted the groundbreaking celebration on October 20.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/chevron-energy-solutions-and-huntington-beach-city-school-district-solar-and-energy-efficiency-project-to-save-district-15-million-105355828.html>

We continue to examine our practices in challenging times with increasing scarcity of resources. As we do, we are faced with making difficult decisions about our priorities. However, as with all great organizations, we are resilient by being adaptable, focused, innovative, creative and seeking the expertise of those around us. What remains constant is our commitment to excellence and high quality instruction for all of our students. I am confident that together we will find solutions to our challenges ahead and will continue to provide an excellent instructional program. A huge thank you to you, the members of the Seacliff community, for your continual support! We couldn't do it without you!

Ann Sullivan
Principal

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all with a big smile and abounding enthusiasm. Even more amazing than that is that all of our programs-- from Art Masters to Fall Fundraiser, Marathon Kids to Community Partnerships, the Spring Gala to Accelerated Reader, from the Book Fair to skating parties, student store, Red Ribbon Week, and Room Parents (to name just a few)--are being tackled with this infectious enthusiasm.

Yeah! Break out the pom-poms! We are off to this phenomenal start! We are up and running at peak performance and break-neck speed. We are doing all the right things for Seacliff and our children. Where can we possibly go from here? How can we possibly maintain this intensity? Why do we do what we do? Good questions. Not sure I have all of the answers. But, I can share an experience that I know will keep me inspired for a very long time to come. Hopefully, it will do the same for you.

A few weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to attend the Mind Institute's 2010 Awards Dinner. For those new to Seacliff, the Mind Research Institute is a neuroscience and education researched-based, non-profit corporation responsible for developing the "ST" (special temporal) math program--more commonly known as the beloved "Jiji math" to our kids. This math software program, along with the program's optional piano keyboard instruction, has been financed for the past seven years by funds raised through the hard work, dedication and generosity of our PTA and Seacliff families.

Here's the best part--the reason I was there, along with Mrs. Sullivan, dedicated teachers, about 500 other people and keynote speaker, former NASA astronaut Dr. Sally Rider, was to honor our very own Seacliff Elementary and just two other elementary schools--chosen out of 950 schools nation-wide--for their outstanding math achievements and increases on math test scores from year to year. Just to give you an idea of these "achievements": in 2004, before implementing MIND ("Jiji" and keyboarding), 85% of second grade students were "proficient" or "advanced" in math. By 2009, this number reached nearly perfect at 98%! And overall, our API (Academic Performance Indicator) went from "good" at 884 in 2004 to "GREAT at 940 in 2009! Very impressive!

These special awards and statistics are always a motivation to "keep up the pace", but by far and away, my favorite part of the evening (cue the goose bumps and the tears) was the special featured video, shown with lights dimmed, inspirational music and for all 500 pairs of eyes to see, starring Seacliff Elementary and our very own children enthusiastically professing their unabashed love for "Jiji" the penguin and "Big Seed." Now that was inspiring! This really brought everything into perspective for me. I felt truly honored and proud to be there as a representative of Seacliff Elementary. It was a special evening for all of us who attended, but I only wished all of our dedicated parents, teachers, staff and volunteers could

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"Seacliff, Kickin' it in Paradise" 2011 Spring Gala

Hello Seacliff Families! Our 2010-2011 Gala committee and I are so excited to already be gearing up for our fabulous "Seacliff, Kickin' it in Paradise" gala on Saturday, April 9, 2011. The Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort is also gearing up to prepare an amazing evening for all of us!

Seacliff's annual Spring Gala funds many of the wonderful programs that our kids enjoy each and every day. So to all you past Gala attendants, thank you and I look forward to seeing you again this year! To all of you who are new to this, I encourage you to join us on April 9th, 2011 to see what it is all about!

Ways you can help! The holidays are fast approaching and if you receive gift baskets please don't throw them out, our basket committee would love to recycle your baskets! Contact Tracy McKelvey at Tracy@mckelvey-family.net or Yvonne Palmer at yvonnpalmer@aol.com and they will be happy to take them off your hands. Are you good at getting people to give you things for free? Contact Anna Straub at astraub@socal.rr.com or Traci Anderson at Ander-sons@socal.rr.com, they are our procurement chairs! Do you know anyone who wants to advertise in our catalog? If so, you may contact our advertising chairs Susan Petersen at Drydiver1@yahoo.com or Christine Bova at Christine-Bova@yahoo.com. For all other questions, please feel free to contact me – DeEtte Kirkconnell at dkjewels@yahoo.com.



There will be more to come!

DeEtte Kirkconnell – Gala Co-Chair
Dana McKee – Gala Co-chair

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be there to experience this with me.

Seacliff Elementary students and the Harvest Festival are successful and Jiji Math and keyboarding are made possible not from the efforts of just a few, but from the coordinated efforts (both big and small) of **all**. So again, thank you to everyone for their hard work, dedication and generosity these past eight weeks. I'm thinking that if we maintain half of this intensity, we are set for a record-breaking year!

PS. Not that I'm really competitive or care about material things such as a crystal awards trophy, but be sure to stop in Mrs. Sullivan's office to get a glimpse of our MIND award---it's a beauty!

Terri Yost—PTA President

Art Reflections Congratulations Art Reflection Artists



Our PTA-sponsored Art Reflections program concluded with the official entry deadline on October 15th. We had 92 entries this year with 24 of them going onto the District PTA for the next level of judging. That's an outstanding 33% increase in participation over last year. Art Reflections is a wonderful program that encourages students in the arts and gives them recognition for their endeavors. This year's theme was, "Together we can..." and Seacliff students submitted entries in Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Literature, Film Production and Dance Choreography.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We have a very talented group of artists here at Huntington Seacliff Elementary. The top three entries in the Visual Arts and Photography categories are on display in the Children's Wing of the Huntington Beach Central Library through November 28th. The outstanding entries in each category are:

Art Category	Primary Age Division (K-2nd Grades)
Visual Arts	Michaela Capulong - "Keep the Ocean Clean"
	Renee Yang - "Flowers, Flowers, Flowers"
	Mir Ali- "Far Away Places"
Photography	Taylor Barbee - "Desert Clouds"
	Mark Heine - "Be a Team"
Music Composition	Trae Morton - "Keep Our Beaches Clean"
	Kyle Palmer - "Instrument to Make Music"
Literature	Sienna Cole - "Make a Difference"
	Hailey Fernandez - "Sleepover"
	Trae Morton - "Help kids have fun"
Dance Choreography	Mark Heine - "Save the Village"
	Vivian Bui - "I Love to Dance"

Art Category	Intermediate Age Division (3rd-5th Grades)
Visual Arts	Alison Young - "Create Better Lives in America"
	Luke Heine - "Battle a Dragon"
	Beau Morton - "Stop Pollution"
Photography	James Perez - "Beaches"
	Rachel Leou - "Man's Best Friend"
	Luke Heine - "Fun at School"
Music Composition	Susan Nguyen - "Save the Earth"
	Melayna Lasky - "Girl Scout Beach Cleanup"
Literature	Sara Moaddeli - "Do Things Better"
	Annabel Hwang - "Together"
	Cody Thomas- "Protect Marine Life"
Film Production	Savannah Fort - "Meow and Friends"

Congratulations and good luck on going all the way to the National PTA! Students can start thinking about next year's theme, "Diversity means..."

Spotlight on our “New” Staff

This feature in our PTA newsletter highlights our new staff and welcomes them to the Seacliff family. Thank you to everyone for supplying their personal information so that we may get to know you better.

Mary McAfee

Meet our new office manager!

Although Seacliff misses Coco Fabre, our beloved former office manager, we are excited to have Mrs. Mary McAfee join our staff. Mary, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska, is a wife and mother of two boys: Ryan, 21 years old, and Shay, 16 years old. Both of Mary’s sons attended elementary and middle school in the Huntington Beach school district. Previously, Mary worked as the librarian for Smith Elementary School in Huntington Beach for over nine years. Last year, she worked as both the Smith Elementary and Dwyer Middle School librarian.

On a personal note, Mary simply loves living in Huntington Beach. Her favorite activities to do in Huntington Beach are hiking and riding her beach cruiser. Mary’s favorite food is sushi. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and gardening.

Welcome to Seacliff, Mary!



Jessica Franz

Meet our 1st grade teacher in Room 6!

Seacliff extends a warm welcome to our returning Seacliff teacher! Mrs. Jessica Franz was part of the original teaching staff when Huntington Seacliff Elementary first opened in 1999. Mrs. Franz taught kindergarten for five years, and then subsequently taught 1st grade for the next five years.

Mrs. Franz has been a teacher since 1998, when she graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara. Thereafter, she received her master’s degree in education from Long Beach State University.

Mrs. Franz took a two-year leave of absence to have her two daughters, Ella (2 years old) and Savannah (1 year old). During that period of time, she and her family relocated to Georgia for one year.

Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Franz enjoys swimming, running, bike riding, snowboarding in Mammoth with her husband, and reading. Her favorite drink is coffee and her favorite foods are chocolate chip cookies and oatmeal.

As she celebrates her 11th year of teaching, Mrs. Franz is enjoying her return back to California and teaching the 1st grade again. When asked about the best part of her return to Huntington Seacliff Elementary, she replied, “I love my students in Room 6! They are stars!”

Welcome back Mrs. Franz!



Molly Lowder

Meet our 5th grade teacher in Room 23!



Hello, fellow Sea Stars...I am honored to be writing this and be a part of the Seacliff family! My name is Miss Molly Lowder, and I have had such an amazing start to the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you to everybody for welcoming me!

I was born and raised in Mission Viejo as the youngest of five children. Over the course of the past 9 years, I became an aunt to five nieces and four nephews so it’s safe to say I enjoy the company of children! My dream of becoming a teacher began when I was in the sixth grade, when I would help out in my sister’s classroom when she became a teacher herself, and realized I wanted to be somebody else’s mentor instead of the one who always looked up to others for advice. Since then, my education led me to earning my Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Hispanic Studies and a minor of Education at the University of California, Riverside. After my undergraduate studies, I spent a few years being an accountant at a mortgage company as a way to get back on my feet before I began more school. I earned my Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential at the University of California, Irvine, and couldn’t stay away from school for very long considering I then went on to earn my Master of Arts in Teaching at the same school a few months after receiving my credential. I am a lifelong learner and know I will be enrolled in another Masters program in the near future because I just can’t seem to get enough learning!

This is my third year with the Huntington Beach City School District, and I am very fortunate to have been hired back every year. I love the Huntington Beach community! The closeness of the students and their families, along with the parent support, amazes me every day. I worked my first year in HBCSD at Smith Elementary as the Read 180 Teacher working with students to enhance their Reading comprehension skills. I am very happy to say that 35% of my students graduated from the program and returned to their homeroom teacher’s classroom during the English Language Arts timeframe before the end of the school year. Last year, I was a fifth grade teacher at Moffett Elementary, where I grew even more professionally and became formally trained in Reciprocal Teaching, Thinking Maps, Write from the Beginning, Cognitively Guided Instruction, 5th grade Science skills and strategies, and also completed my Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment program, which all new teachers must complete over a two-year period to obtain their clear credential. This past September, not only was I welcomed as a Sea Star from the start, but I also became engaged and will marry next summer!

GATE TESTING

The district provides a special program for students who are intellectually gifted. Children in grades 1 – 7 who perform extremely well on the district-administered Otis-Lennon School Ability Test and other standardized measurements may qualify for placement in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. If you think your child might qualify for this program and would like to have him/her assessed, please contact Debbie Bartlett in the GATE Office at (714) 964-8888, Extension 2036, beginning on Monday, November 1, 2010 to request a Permission-to-Test Form.

The last day to request permission forms is Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

Please note that district policy limits the number of times a student may be assessed. Students may be assessed a maximum of two times between first and seventh grade. Due to the limited opportunities to test for the GATE program, you might want to discuss with your child's teacher at your parent conference in December if this would be an appropriate time to have your child assessed.

Testing will take place during January and early February 2011. Children who qualify for placement in the program will be placed in the fall of the 2011-12 school year.

EDUCACION TALENTOSA

El distrito proporciona un programa especial para estudiantes que son intelectualmente talentosos. Los niños del primer grado – 7 que realizan muy bien las pruebas administradas en el distrito en la Habilidades en la prueba de la Escuela de Otis-Lennon y otras medidas estandarizadas pueden calificar para la colocación en el Programa de la Educación Talentosa. Si usted piensa que su niño quizás califique para este programa y querría que a él/ella le hagan una evaluación, por favor pongase en contacto Debbie Bartlett, Servicios Técnicos del Program de Educacion Talentosa, al 964-8888, ext. 2036, empezando el 1 de noviembre de 2010 necesitará la Forma de Permiso de Pruebas

El último día para solicitar las formas de permiso es martes , el 7de diciembre de 2010.

Note por favor que esa política del distrito limita el número de veces que un estudiante puede ser evaluado. Los estudiantes pueden ser evaluados un máximo de dos veces entre primero y séptimo grado. Debido a las oportunidades limitadas de evaluar para el Programa de Educación Talentosa, usted quizás quiera discutir con el maestro de su niño en la conferencia de padres en diciembre, si es el tiempo apropiado de evaluar a su niño.

La pruebas se llevarán a cabo durante enero y el principio febrero 2011. Los niños que califican para la colocación en el programa serán asignados en el otoño del año escolar 2011-12.

MARATHON KIDS KICKING OFF IN NOVEMBER

SeaCliff Elementary is now part of a national program called "Marathon Kids" (www.marathonkids.org). Marathon Kids learn to live an active and healthy lifestyle by running or walking 26.2 miles, a quarter mile at a time. The program kicks off November 15 and runs through May 7 with our "finisher" celebration taking place at the "Family Fun Run."

Throughout the program, there will be monthly organized runs at a local park and opportunities to earn prizes and incentives for participating. Also, the children who complete the 26.2 miles by April 30, will receive a Marathon kids finisher t-shirt at the Family Fun Run.



REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME the WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8th.

STUDENT STORE UPDATE

Show off your school spirit! Thank you for visiting us at the student store and turning in your orders. The response for spirit wear was tremendous. All orders should be filled by the end of October. Please let us know if you have any problems with your order. Remember, Spirit Days are every Friday; however, don't hesitate to let your children wear their Huntington Seacliff wear EVERY DAY! Also, Field Trips, Skating Parties, and Author's Day are all great times to show your school spirit.

We do have a limited supply of extra items for those who would still like to place an order. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Sakamoto (714) 848-1774 jncsak@verizon.net or Stephanie Franklin (714) 960-2743 sfranklin7@socal.rr.com.



Thank You!!



Volunteer help is critical to creating a community. We are so glad that as volunteer coordinators, we have the opportunity to work with all of you. We already have so many people to thank for helping us get this year started. We had 30 volunteers spend their time before school started making up our first day of school packets, which enabled us to make 702 packets – one for each of our students. We had over 50 volunteers who helped the first few weeks of school. Those individuals stepped up and guided traffic in our new parking lot. We had volunteers to help our kindergartners and first graders walk to lunch. We had wonderful people assisting with kinder coaching. We had volunteers who helped our front office staff. Our school is a wonderful place because of all of you!

Thank you for everything you do in the classroom and behind the scenes.

Susan Petersen & Jane Gardner
Volunteer Coordinators



BOOK FAIR 2010

It's time for the annual Huntington Seacliff Elementary Book Fair! Come and partake of the high quality books and gifts, including best sellers, award winners, cookbooks, reference, and holiday books. There is something for everyone.

The Book Fair is not only an awesome way to expand your child's home library and promote his/her love of reading, but it is an excellent opportunity to build both the teacher's classroom and school libraries! Supporting the Book Fair helps to support special school projects and Accelerated Reader.

The cafetorium will be converted into our Book Fair the week of parent/teacher conferences beginning on **Monday, November 29th through Friday, December 3rd**. The hours will be from **7:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Please watch for fliers with more details, as well as opportunities for your child to win a \$10.00 Book Fair gift certificate. There also will be information regarding pre-purchasing gift certificates for your children and teachers.

The Book Fair is a lot of fun, so please stop by and support the Book Fair while doing a little Christmas shopping! There are plenty of ways to get involved, so don't be shy.

Please feel free to contact either Linda Jones at lrjones@socal.rr.com or Kirsten Mindlin at kk@mindlin.com with questions or to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Fall Fundraiser 2010

Seacliff Elementary's Fall Fundraiser was a SUPER *duckerific* success! Our *Heroes* raised a *Quacktastic* amount of bucks while collecting their ducks! Thank you everyone for the tremendous effort!

The following Seastars are our top sellers:

Overall sales winners

- # 1 Cody Thomas
- # 2 Brandon Bui
- # 3 Ryan Bui

Highest internet sales

- #1 Cole Lewison
- #2 Nicholas Umphreyville
- #3 Adam Cargasacchi

Highest class sales

- #1 Mr. Hardy
- #2 Ms. Todd
- #3 Ms. Kelly



Thank you, families and friends of Seacliff for uniting and helping to make a difference. We are so grateful for the amount of support and participation. As you know, Seacliff has tremendous programs and state of the art learning tools. But, it is the support of our fantastic teachers, students, and families that make us most successful!!!

Thank you,
Paula Cargasacchi and Kim Webb
Fall Fundraising Chairs

Gala Class Baskets

GOT BASKETS? Do you normally get a wonderful basket* from a friend or family member over the HOLIDAYS filled with such goodies as baked yummy treats or spa packages. Then after you take all those items out you are stuck with a basket that you probably already have 2 or 3 of... Stop right there!!! If this sounds like you, PLEASE PLEASE donate that basket to the Gala Class Basket committee! We need various shapes, sizes, and colors of baskets when we assemble the class baskets for our beautiful Gala. So, we would love to take that basket right out of your hands! Just drop them off in the school office, or contact one of us and we would be happy to pick it up from your house!

*If you have any fun, pretty containers that would work as a basket (i.e., bins, nice wooden crates, stainless steel tubs, etc...), we would love those as well!

Much appreciation in advance!

Tracy McKelvey (714) 843-1199 and Yvonne Palmer (714) 308-3148.





1st Annual Harvest Festival A Big Success

Dear Seacliff Families and Seacliff Staff,

Sometimes, everything just comes together. Since this was the first year for the Harvest Festival (HF), we had no idea what to expect. Our goal was to create something that would help bring our families, faculty and friends together as a community; but, no one could have predicted how wonderfully successful our little event would be. As the HF Chairs, we would like to thank all of you for your amazing support in planning and executing our first ever Harvest Festival. We were blessed to have so many parents step up to volunteer their time, make donations, and loan us needed supplies to make this event possible. There were over 135 parents that signed up to volunteer! In addition, we had some fantastic participation from our lovely Seacliff staff. Thank you to Mr. Hardy, Miss Horn, Mrs. Franz, Miss McKnight, Miss Todd, Miss Baker, Mrs. Clem, Miss Lowder, Miss Arriola, and Mrs. Strickland for helping to judge contests and for all the other staff and teachers that came out to show their support.

We hesitate to start thanking people by name because we do not want to hurt anyone's feelings, since every one of you who participated was a critical factor in this event... With that said, we just can't go without paying special homage to a few key volunteers: Rhonda Biel, thank you for organizing the pre-sale tickets, ticket sales, and finances. Thank you to her wonderful team (Karen Moynihan, Yuki Tomooka, Tina Haidl, and Thomi) who wrapped up the finance paperwork at the end of the evening. Many thanks goes out to our volunteers who took on a booth or committee to help the HF run smoothly: Jon Biel, Debbie Teckler, Kirsten Kirleis, Cathy Dean, Karis Shaffer, Gary Stenlund, Nikki Schutz, Susan Peterson, Jane Gardner, Sally Mestas, Trevor Schulte, Alex Lunoe, Kirsten Dunlap, Noelle Capulong, Tiffany Chandler, Kim West, Don Schulte, Sara Bean, Dana Matsuoka, Cristiane Foster, Jen Buenzli, Becky Ingram, Terri Yost, Stephanie Nguyen, Anne Pugh, Kathie Sitton, and DeEtte Kirkconnell. Special thanks go out to our dads who stepped up to allow the children to throw sponges at their faces: Herb Umphreyville, Mark Niedringhaus, and Andy Marsoun. This booth was a definite winner with the children!

Thank you to the many parents who donated such beautiful cakes for the Cake Walk booth! Rumor is one of the Cargasacchi boys tried 12 times to win one of those fabulous cakes! Unfortunately, he was not a winner that day, but as fate would have it one of our generous and lovely families surprised the Cargasacchis that evening and "Booed" them with a cake!

It was such a joy to see all of the adorable and creative costumes that the children wore. We had too many winners in the costume contest to mention, but I am sure they were all captured on film! Thank you to Corinne Burton for helping us gather the cutie pies and put them in their appropriate categories to be judged. The pumpkin carving entrees were outstanding! In all, we gave out 24 trophies and over 35 medals to the winners. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank you to Mrs. Sullivan and the PTA executive committee for taking a risk and allowing us the opportunity to try something new. We had a wonderful time planning this event and the turnout was astonishing. We had over 850 families R.S.V.P. for the event. It is estimated that there were over 1000 people in attendance! Stonefire Grill served over 570 dinners! We sold over 350 cupcakes and cotton candy. All in all, we think that it was a success. We hope that you and your children enjoyed yourselves.

Many thanks and aloha,
 Roberta Long and Judy Schulte
 Harvest Festival Co-Chairs



Huntington Seacliff PTA Calendar November 2010 - February 2011

November 2010:

16th—Art Masters Assembly
17th—Delivery/pick-up of Fall Fundraiser items
29th—PTA General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the
Library
29th through Dec. 3rd—Book Fair in cafetorium

December 2010:

14th—Skating party
16th—BMX show for students who sold quota for
Fall Fundraiser
17th—Student holiday parties

January 2011:

4th—Art Masters Assembly
10th—PTA General Meeting 8:30 a.m. in cafetorium

February 2011:

2nd—Kindergarten Roundup
2nd—Skating party
11th—Valentines parties
17th—Seacliff Open House
22nd—Art Masters Assembly

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Wow! Did everyone (more than 880 of us!) have fun at our Seacliff Elementary's First Annual Harvest Festival? Can it get any better than this? Not only was this a "first", but it was far and away Seacliff's most attended and most spirited PTA-sponsored Family Night I have seen in ten years!

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Just to give you a (mind you, very small) glimpse into what needs to occur to put on such an event (and believe me, I can't even begin to give this an ounce of justice, but I'm going to try), our PTA Harvest Festival Chairpersons, (in just seven short weeks!), coordinated the efforts of at least 135 volunteers to take charge of: decorations, finances, set-up, clean-up, ticket sales, painting, 15 carnival games with props, prizes, trophies, judging, a photo booth, Rainbow Disposal, face painting, arts and crafts, a pumpkin carving and costume contest, musical comedy duo Razzle Bam Boom, 561 dinner reservations, 300 Goldfish, 350 cupcakes, 200 kettle corns, 150 cotton candies, 130 balloons, 62 cakes, 36 folding tables, 15 easy-ups (and a partridge in a pear tree!).

What's even more amazing to me is that these gals, along with all of their volunteers, gave their blood, sweat and tears

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recognized out of over 950 schools across the country. NASA astronaut Sally Ride, the first woman in space, presented Seacliff's award at the annual MIND 2010 Awards Dinner.

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2010/09/30/mind-research-institute-honors-schools-for-students-mathematics-achievements-astronaut-sally-ride-keynotes-awards-dinner>

We are proud that we were one of the first schools to implement this outstanding researched-based program seven years ago.



(Student Participants at the Ground Breaking: Vivian Cronk, Kendra Kolinchak, Kelan Long, Mason Kolinchak)

We are also particularly proud that Huntington Beach School District is working with Chevron Energy Solutions to begin the first energy efficiency and solar project in an elementary school district in Orange County. The project includes a 615-kilowatt solar power system across five schools (Seacliff will be the first) and energy efficiency improvements at all nine of our schools. The district will realize more than \$1.8 million in energy savings, incentives and rebates in the first five years of the project. Huntington Seacliff hosted the groundbreaking celebration on October 20.

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/chevron-energy-solutions-and-huntington-beach-city-school-district-solar-and-energy-efficiency-project-to-save-district-15-million-105355828.html>

We continue to examine our practices in challenging times with increasing scarcity of resources. As we do, we are faced with making difficult decisions about our priorities. However, as with all great organizations, we are resilient by being adaptable, focused, innovative, creative and seeking the expertise of those around us. What remains constant is our commitment to excellence and high quality instruction for all of our students. I am confident that together we will find solutions to our challenges ahead and will continue to provide an excellent instructional program. A huge thank you to you, the members of the Seacliff community, for your continual support! We couldn't do it without you!

Ann Sullivan
Principal

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all with a big smile and abounding enthusiasm. Even more amazing than that is that all of our programs-- from Art Masters to Fall Fundraiser, Marathon Kids to Community Partnerships, the Spring Gala to Accelerated Reader, from the Book Fair to skating parties, student store, Red Ribbon Week, and Room Parents (to name just a few)--are being tackled with this infectious enthusiasm.

Yeah! Break out the pom-poms! We are off to this phenomenal start! We are up and running at peak performance and break-neck speed. We are doing all the right things for Seacliff and our children. Where can we possibly go from here? How can we possibly maintain this intensity? Why do we do what we do? Good questions. Not sure I have all of the answers. But, I can share an experience that I know will keep me inspired for a very long time to come. Hopefully, it will do the same for you.

A few weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to attend the Mind Institute's 2010 Awards Dinner. For those new to Seacliff, the Mind Research Institute is a neuroscience and education researched-based, non-profit corporation responsible for developing the "ST" (special temporal) math program--more commonly known as the beloved "Jiji math" to our kids. This math software program, along with the program's optional piano keyboard instruction, has been financed for the past seven years by funds raised through the hard work, dedication and generosity of our PTA and Seacliff families.

Here's the best part--the reason I was there, along with Mrs. Sullivan, dedicated teachers, about 500 other people and keynote speaker, former NASA astronaut Dr. Sally Rider, was to honor our very own Seacliff Elementary and just two other elementary schools--chosen out of 950 schools nation-wide--for their outstanding math achievements and increases on math test scores from year to year. Just to give you an idea of these "achievements": in 2004, before implementing MIND ("Jiji" and keyboarding), 85% of second grade students were "proficient" or "advanced" in math. By 2009, this number reached nearly perfect at 98%! And overall, our API (Academic Performance Indicator) went from "good" at 884 in 2004 to "GREAT at 940 in 2009! Very impressive!

These special awards and statistics are always a motivation to "keep up the pace", but by far and away, my favorite part of the evening (cue the goose bumps and the tears) was the special featured video, shown with lights dimmed, inspirational music and for all 500 pairs of eyes to see, starring Seacliff Elementary and our very own children enthusiastically professing their unabashed love for "Jiji" the penguin and "Big Seed." Now that was inspiring! This really brought everything into perspective for me. I felt truly honored and proud to be there as a representative of Seacliff Elementary. It was a special evening for all of us who attended, but I only wished all of our dedicated parents, teachers, staff and volunteers could

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"Seacliff, Kickin' it in Paradise" 2011 Spring Gala

Hello Seacliff Families! Our 2010-2011 Gala committee and I are so excited to already be gearing up for our fabulous "Seacliff, Kickin' it in Paradise" gala on Saturday, April 9, 2011. The Hilton Waterfront Beach Resort is also gearing up to prepare an amazing evening for all of us!

Seacliff's annual Spring Gala funds many of the wonderful programs that our kids enjoy each and every day. So to all you past Gala attendants, thank you and I look forward to seeing you again this year! To all of you who are new to this, I encourage you to join us on April 9th, 2011 to see what it is all about!

Ways you can help! The holidays are fast approaching and if you receive gift baskets please don't throw them out, our basket committee would love to recycle your baskets! Contact Tracy McKelvey at Tracy@mckelvey-family.net or Yvonne Palmer at yvonnpalmer@aol.com and they will be happy to take them off your hands. Are you good at getting people to give you things for free? Contact Anna Straub at astraub@socal.rr.com or Traci Anderson at Ander-sons@socal.rr.com, they are our procurement chairs! Do you know anyone who wants to advertise in our catalog? If so, you may contact our advertising chairs Susan Petersen at Drydiver1@yahoo.com or Christine Bova at Christine-Bova@yahoo.com. For all other questions, please feel free to contact me – DeEtte Kirkconnell at dkjewels@yahoo.com.



There will be more to come!

DeEtte Kirkconnell – Gala Co-Chair
Dana McKee – Gala Co-chair

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be there to experience this with me.

Seacliff Elementary students and the Harvest Festival are successful and Jiji Math and keyboarding are made possible not from the efforts of just a few, but from the coordinated efforts (both big and small) of **all**. So again, thank you to everyone for their hard work, dedication and generosity these past eight weeks. I'm thinking that if we maintain half of this intensity, we are set for a record-breaking year!

PS. Not that I'm really competitive or care about material things such as a crystal awards trophy, but be sure to stop in Mrs. Sullivan's office to get a glimpse of our MIND award---it's a beauty!

Terri Yost—PTA President

Art Reflections Congratulations Art Reflection Artists



Our PTA-sponsored Art Reflections program concluded with the official entry deadline on October 15th. We had 92 entries this year with 24 of them going onto the District PTA for the next level of judging. That's an outstanding 33% increase in participation over last year. Art Reflections is a wonderful program that encourages students in the arts and gives them recognition for their endeavors. This year's theme was, "Together we can..." and Seacliff students submitted entries in Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Literature, Film Production and Dance Choreography.

Thank you to everyone who participated. We have a very talented group of artists here at Huntington Seacliff Elementary. The top three entries in the Visual Arts and Photography categories are on display in the Children's Wing of the Huntington Beach Central Library through November 28th. The outstanding entries in each category are:

Art Category	Primary Age Division (K-2nd Grades)
Visual Arts	Michaela Capulong - "Keep the Ocean Clean"
	Renee Yang - "Flowers, Flowers, Flowers"
	Mir Ali - "Far Away Places"
Photography	Taylor Barbee - "Desert Clouds"
	Mark Heine - "Be a Team"
Music Composition	Trae Morton - "Keep Our Beaches Clean"
	Kyle Palmer - "Instrument to Make Music"
Literature	Sienna Cole - "Make a Difference"
	Hailey Fernandez - "Sleepover"
Dance Choreography	Trae Morton - "Help kids have fun"
	Mark Heine - "Save the Village"
	Vivian Bui - "I Love to Dance"
Art Category	Intermediate Age Division (3rd-5th Grades)
Visual Arts	Alison Young - "Create Better Lives in America"
	Luke Heine - "Battle a Dragon"
	Beau Morton - "Stop Pollution"
Photography	James Perez - "Beaches"
	Rachel Leou - "Man's Best Friend"
	Luke Heine - "Fun at School"
Music Composition	Susan Nguyen - "Save the Earth"
	Melayna Lasky - "Girl Scout Beach Cleanup"
Literature	Sara Moaddeli - "Do Things Better"
	Annabel Hwang - "Together"
Film Production	Cody Thomas - "Protect Marine Life"
	Savannah Fort - "Meow and Friends"

Congratulations and good luck on going all the way to the National PTA! Students can start thinking about next year's theme, "Diversity means..."

Spotlight on our “New” Staff

This feature in our PTA newsletter highlights our new staff and welcomes them to the Seacliff family. Thank you to everyone for supplying their personal information so that we may get to know you better.

Mary McAfee

Meet our new office manager!

Although Seacliff misses Coco Fabre, our beloved former office manager, we are excited to have Mrs. Mary McAfee join our staff. Mary, who was born in Omaha, Nebraska, is a wife and mother of two boys: Ryan, 21 years old, and Shay, 16 years old. Both of Mary’s sons attended elementary and middle school in the Huntington Beach school district. Previously, Mary worked as the librarian for Smith Elementary School in Huntington Beach for over nine years. Last year, she worked as both the Smith Elementary and Dwyer Middle School librarian.

On a personal note, Mary simply loves living in Huntington Beach. Her favorite activities to do in Huntington Beach are hiking and riding her beach cruiser. Mary’s favorite food is sushi. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and gardening.

Welcome to Seacliff, Mary!



Jessica Franz

Meet our 1st grade teacher in Room 6!

Seacliff extends a warm welcome to our returning Seacliff teacher! Mrs. Jessica Franz was part of the original teaching staff when Huntington Seacliff Elementary first opened in 1999. Mrs. Franz taught kindergarten for five years, and then subsequently taught 1st grade for the next five years.

Mrs. Franz has been a teacher since 1998, when she graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara. Thereafter, she received her master’s degree in education from Long Beach State University.

Mrs. Franz took a two-year leave of absence to have her two daughters, Ella (2 years old) and Savannah (1 year old). During that period of time, she and her family relocated to Georgia for one year.

Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Franz enjoys swimming, running, bike riding, snowboarding in Mammoth with her husband, and reading. Her favorite drink is coffee and her favorite foods are chocolate chip cookies and oatmeal.

As she celebrates her 11th year of teaching, Mrs. Franz is enjoying her return back to California and teaching the 1st grade again. When asked about the best part of her return to Huntington Seacliff Elementary, she replied, “I love my students in Room 6! They are stars!”

Welcome back Mrs. Franz!



Molly Lowder

Meet our 5th grade teacher in Room 23!



Hello, fellow Sea Stars...I am honored to be writing this and be a part of the Seacliff family! My name is Miss Molly Lowder, and I have had such an amazing start to the 2010-2011 school year. Thank you to everybody for welcoming me!

I was born and raised in Mission Viejo as the youngest of five children. Over the course of the past 9 years, I became an aunt to five nieces and four nephews so it’s safe to say I enjoy the company of children! My dream of becoming a teacher began when I was in the sixth grade, when I would help out in my sister’s classroom when she became a teacher herself, and realized I wanted to be somebody else’s mentor instead of the one who always looked up to others for advice. Since then, my education led me to earning my Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Hispanic Studies and a minor of Education at the University of California, Riverside. After my undergraduate

studies, I spent a few years being an accountant at a mortgage company as a way to get back on my feet before I began more school. I earned my Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential at the University of California, Irvine, and couldn’t stay away from school for very long considering I then went on to earn my Master of Arts in Teaching at the same school a few months after receiving my credential. I am a lifelong learner and know I will be enrolled in another Masters program in the near future because I just can’t seem to get enough learning!

This is my third year with the Huntington Beach City School District, and I am very fortunate to have been hired back every year. I love the Huntington Beach community! The closeness of the students and their families, along with the parent support, amazes me every day. I worked my first year in HBCSD at Smith Elementary as the Read 180 Teacher working with students to enhance their Reading comprehension skills. I am very happy to say that 35% of my students graduated from the program and returned to their homeroom teacher’s classroom during the English Language Arts timeframe before the end of the school year. Last year, I was a fifth grade teacher at Moffett Elementary, where I grew even more professionally and became formally trained in Reciprocal Teaching, Thinking Maps, Write from the Beginning, Cognitively Guided Instruction, 5th grade Science skills and strategies, and also completed my Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment program, which all new teachers must complete over a two-year period to obtain their clear credential. This past September, not only was I welcomed as a Sea Star from the start, but I also became engaged and will marry next summer!

GATE TESTING

The district provides a special program for students who are intellectually gifted. Children in grades 1 – 7 who perform extremely well on the district-administered Otis-Lennon School Ability Test and other standardized measurements may qualify for placement in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. If you think your child might qualify for this program and would like to have him/her assessed, please contact Debbie Bartlett in the GATE Office at (714) 964-8888, Extension 2036, beginning on Monday, November 1, 2010 to request a Permission-to-Test Form.

The last day to request permission forms is Tuesday, December 7, 2010.

Please note that district policy limits the number of times a student may be assessed. Students may be assessed a maximum of two times between first and seventh grade. Due to the limited opportunities to test for the GATE program, you might want to discuss with your child's teacher at your parent conference in December if this would be an appropriate time to have your child assessed.

Testing will take place during January and early February 2011. Children who qualify for placement in the program will be placed in the fall of the 2011-12 school year.

EDUCACION TALENTOSA

El distrito proporciona un programa especial para estudiantes que son intelectualmente talentosos. Los niños del primer grado – 7 que realizan muy bien las pruebas administradas en el distrito en la Habilidades en la prueba de la Escuela de Otis-Lennon y otras medidas estandarizadas pueden calificar para la colocación en el Programa de la Educación Talentosa. Si usted piensa que su niño quizás califique para este programa y querría que a él/ella le hagan una evaluación, por favor pongase en contacto Debbie Bartlett, Servicios Técnicos del Program de Educacion Talentosa, al 964-8888, ext. 2036, empezando el 1 de noviembre de 2010 necesitará la Forma de Permiso de Pruebas

El último día para solicitar las formas de permiso es martes , el 7de diciembre de 2010.

Note por favor que esa política del distrito limita el número de veces que un estudiante puede ser evaluado. Los estudiantes pueden ser evaluados un máximo de dos veces entre primero y séptimo grado. Debido a las oportunidades limitadas de evaluar para el Programa de Educación Talentosa, usted quizás quiera discutir con el maestro de su niño en la conferencia de padres en diciembre, si es el tiempo apropiado de evaluar a su niño.

La pruebas se llevarán a cabo durante enero y el principio febrero 2011. Los niños que califican para la colocación en el programa serán asignados en el otoño del año escolar 2011-12.

MARATHON KIDS KICKING OFF IN NOVEMBER

SeaCliff Elementary is now part of a national program called "Marathon Kids" (www.marathonkids.org). Marathon Kids learn to live an active and healthy lifestyle by running or walking 26.2 miles, a quarter mile at a time. The program kicks off November 15 and runs through May 7 with our "finisher" celebration taking place at the "Family Fun Run."

Throughout the program, there will be monthly organized runs at a local park and opportunities to earn prizes and incentives for participating. Also, the children who complete the 26.2 miles by April 30, will receive a Marathon kids finisher t-shirt at the Family Fun Run.



REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME the WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8th.

STUDENT STORE UPDATE

Show off your school spirit! Thank you for visiting us at the student store and turning in your orders. The response for spirit wear was tremendous. All orders should be filled by the end of October. Please let us know if you have any problems with your order. Remember, Spirit Days are every Friday; however, don't hesitate to let your children wear their Huntington Seacliff wear EVERY DAY! Also, Field Trips, Skating Parties, and Author's Day are all great times to show your school spirit.

We do have a limited supply of extra items for those who would still like to place an order. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Sakamoto (714) 848-1774 jncsak@verizon.net or Stephanie Franklin (714) 960-2743 sfranklin7@socal.rr.com.



Thank You!!



Volunteer help is critical to creating a community. We are so glad that as volunteer coordinators, we have the opportunity to work with all of you. We already have so many people to thank for helping us get this year started. We had 30 volunteers spend their time before school started making up our first day of school packets, which enabled us to make 702 packets – one for each of our students. We had over 50 volunteers who helped the first few weeks of school. Those individuals stepped up and guided traffic in our new parking lot. We had volunteers to help our kindergartners and first graders walk to lunch. We had wonderful people assisting with kinder coaching. We had volunteers who helped our front office staff. Our school is a wonderful place because of all of you!

Thank you for everything you do in the classroom and behind the scenes.

Susan Petersen & Jane Gardner
Volunteer Coordinators



BOOK FAIR 2010

It's time for the annual Huntington Seacliff Elementary Book Fair! Come and partake of the high quality books and gifts, including best sellers, award winners, cookbooks, reference, and holiday books. There is something for everyone.

The Book Fair is not only an awesome way to expand your child's home library and promote his/her love of reading, but it is an excellent opportunity to build both the teacher's classroom and school libraries! Supporting the Book Fair helps to support special school projects and Accelerated Reader.

The cafetorium will be converted into our Book Fair the week of parent/teacher conferences beginning on **Monday, November 29th through Friday, December 3rd**. The hours will be from **7:30a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

Please watch for fliers with more details, as well as opportunities for your child to win a \$10.00 Book Fair gift certificate. There also will be information regarding pre-purchasing gift certificates for your children and teachers.

The Book Fair is a lot of fun, so please stop by and support the Book Fair while doing a little Christmas shopping! There are plenty of ways to get involved, so don't be shy.

Please feel free to contact either Linda Jones at lrjones@socal.rr.com or Kirsten Mindlin at kk@mindlin.com with questions or to inquire about volunteer opportunities.

Fall Fundraiser 2010

Seacliff Elementary's Fall Fundraiser was a SUPER *duckerific* success! Our *Heroes* raised a *Quacktastic* amount of bucks while collecting their ducks! Thank you everyone for the tremendous effort!

The following Seastars are our top sellers:

Overall sales winners

- # 1 Cody Thomas
- # 2 Brandon Bui
- # 3 Ryan Bui

Highest internet sales

- #1 Cole Lewison
- #2 Nicholas Umphreyville
- #3 Adam Cargasacchi

Highest class sales

- #1 Mr. Hardy
- #2 Ms. Todd
- #3 Ms. Kelly



Thank you, families and friends of Seacliff for uniting and helping to make a difference. We are so grateful for the amount of support and participation. As you know, Seacliff has tremendous programs and state of the art learning tools. But, it is the support of our fantastic teachers, students, and families that make us most successful!!!

Thank you,
Paula Cargasacchi and Kim Webb
Fall Fundraising Chairs

Gala Class Baskets

GOT BASKETS? Do you normally get a wonderful basket* from a friend or family member over the HOLIDAYS filled with such goodies as baked yummy treats or spa packages. Then after you take all those items out you are stuck with a basket that you probably already have 2 or 3 of... Stop right there!!! If this sounds like you, PLEASE PLEASE donate that basket to the Gala Class Basket committee! We need various shapes, sizes, and colors of baskets when we assemble the class baskets for our beautiful Gala. So, we would love to take that basket right out of your hands! Just drop them off in the school office, or contact one of us and we would be happy to pick it up from your house!

*If you have any fun, pretty containers that would work as a basket (i.e., bins, nice wooden crates, stainless steel tubs, etc...), we would love those as well!

Much appreciation in advance!

Tracy McKelvey (714) 843-1199 and Yvonne Palmer (714) 308-3148.





1st Annual Harvest Festival A Big Success

Dear Seacliff Families and Seacliff Staff,

Sometimes, everything just comes together. Since this was the first year for the Harvest Festival (HF), we had no idea what to expect. Our goal was to create something that would help bring our families, faculty and friends together as a community; but, no one could have predicted how wonderfully successful our little event would be. As the HF Chairs, we would like to thank all of you for your amazing support in planning and executing our first ever Harvest Festival. We were blessed to have so many parents step up to volunteer their time, make donations, and loan us needed supplies to make this event possible. There were over 135 parents that signed up to volunteer! In addition, we had some fantastic participation from our lovely Seacliff staff. Thank you to Mr. Hardy, Miss Horn, Mrs. Frasz, Miss McKnight, Miss Todd, Miss Baker, Mrs. Clem, Miss Lowder, Miss Arriola, and Mrs. Strickland for helping to judge contests and for all the other staff and teachers that came out to show their support.

We hesitate to start thanking people by name because we do not want to hurt anyone's feelings, since every one of you who participated was a critical factor in this event... With that said, we just can't go without paying special homage to a few key volunteers: Rhonda Biel, thank you for organizing the pre-sale tickets, ticket sales, and finances. Thank you to her wonderful team (Karen Moynihan, Yuki Tomooka, Tina Haidl, and Thomi) who wrapped up the finance paperwork at the end of the evening. Many thanks goes out to our volunteers who took on a booth or committee to help the HF run smoothly: Jon Biel, Debbie Teckler, Kirsten Kirleis, Cathy Dean, Karis Shaffer, Gary Stenlund, Nikki Schutz, Susan Peterson, Jane Gardner, Sally Mestas, Trevor Schulte, Alex Lunoe, Kirsten Dunlap, Noelle Capulong, Tiffany Chandler, Kim West, Don Schulte, Sara Bean, Dana Matsuoaka, Cristiane Foster, Jen Buenzli, Becky Ingram, Terri Yost, Stephanie Nguyen, Anne Pugh, Kathie Sitton, and DeEtte Kirkconnell. Special thanks go out to our dads who stepped up to allow the children to throw sponges at their faces: Herb Umphreyville, Mark Niedringhaus, and Andy Marsoun. This booth was a definite winner with the children!

Thank you to the many parents who donated such beautiful cakes for the Cake Walk booth! Rumor is one of the Cargasacchi boys tried 12 times to win one of those fabulous cakes! Unfortunately, he was not a winner that day, but as fate would have it one of our generous and lovely families surprised the Cargasacchis that evening and "Booed" them with a cake!

It was such a joy to see all of the adorable and creative costumes that the children wore. We had too many winners in the costume contest to mention, but I am sure they were all captured on film! Thank you to Corinne Burton for helping us gather the cutie pies and put them in their appropriate categories to be judged. The pumpkin carving entrees were outstanding! In all, we gave out 24 trophies and over 35 medals to the winners. Congratulations to all of you!

Thank you to Mrs. Sullivan and the PTA executive committee for taking a risk and allowing us the opportunity to try something new. We had a wonderful time planning this event and the turnout was astonishing. We had over 850 families R.S.V.P. for the event. It is estimated that there were over 1000 people in attendance! Stonefire Grill served over 570 dinners! We sold over 350 cupcakes and cotton candy. All in all, we think that it was a success. We hope that you and your children enjoyed yourselves.

Many thanks and aloha,
 Roberta Long and Judy Schulte
 Harvest Festival Co-Chairs





**Huntington Seacliff PTA Calendar
November 2010 - February 2011**

November 2010:

16th—Art Masters Assembly
17th—Delivery/pick-up of Fall Fundraiser items
29th—PTA General Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the
Library
29th through Dec. 3rd—Book Fair in cafetorium

December 2010:

14th—Skating party
16th—BMX show for students who sold quota for
Fall Fundraiser
17th—Student holiday parties

January 2011:

4th—Art Masters Assembly
10th—PTA General Meeting 8:30 a.m. in cafetorium

February 2011:

2nd—Kindergarten Roundup
2nd—Skating party
11th—Valentines parties
17th—Seacliff Open House
22nd—Art Masters Assembly

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