

BALBOA HIGH SCHOOL **PARENT NEWSLETTER**

March 2006

BALBOA'S SHARED DECISION- MAKING PROCESS

Balboa parents, students and staff members recently gathered at a Community Town Hall meeting to provide their input for the revision of the School Site Academic Plan. This academic plan, which also allocates the school budget, will determine the priorities for the 2006-2007 school year.

The San Francisco Unified School District requires each school to craft a plan to meet the individual and collective needs of students and the greater school community. We would like to express our thanks to all the parents, teachers, students and staff members who attended the February Community Meeting. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Please join us for our next Community Town Hall Meeting on **MARCH 8TH FROM 6:00-7:30 IN THE LIBRARY.** We will be reviewing the budget and presenting the final draft of the 2006-2007 Academic Plan. Your presence and feedback are an integral part of the shared-decision making process at Balboa High School. As always, dinner will be provided.

Despite sweeping budget cuts, Balboa students will continue to receive a high-quality, well-rounded education due to the combined efforts of our devoted staff and governing parent groups. Thank you again for your active participation at these very important meetings. We look forward to seeing you again in March!

"CULTURAL FAMILY DAY" **"CELEBRATING PACIFIC ISLANDERS"**

Save this date, Saturday April 22, 2006, 12:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.!! The Balboa PTSA is planning a "Cultural Family Barbeque". The entire Balboa community is invited to participate in this family fun day. We plan to have a lot of food, games, entertainment, and special performances from our Pacific Island community. To be successful we need your help. We will need parents to advertise, sell tickets, purchase food (selected items), set-up before the event and clean up afterwards. Please send a note to Balboa-sf-owner@yahoo.com and volunteer to help or call the Parent Center, 469-4090, ext 3133 Donna Smith or 3103 Ella Chiu. **Our next PTSA meeting will be April 5, 2006, 6:15 – 7:15 P.M. See you there!**

CHAPERONES NEEDED FOR AN EXCITING FIELD TRIP

Have you ever been to the Monterey Aquarium? Here is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy this marine experience. If you have seen the aquarium, I hope you would like to visit it again.

Our Marine Biology class wants to go on this field trip. It will be Wednesday, March 15, 2006 8:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. You will leave Balboa on a chartered bus, admission is free and we are sorry lunch will not be provided. Come on, pick up the phone and dial 469-4090, ext 3133 or email to: ellaychiu@yahoo.com.

THE 2006 *GALLEON* YEARBOOK **IS ON SALE NOW**

The yearbook costs approximately \$65 to produce but we offer it at a radically reduced price to our students. Get your book right away and enjoy the lowest price possible. The price of the book will increase by \$5 each week.

You MUST order a book now to ensure that you'll have one in late May when they arrive. We will order a few extra books but they generally sell fast.

Students may hold a yearbook with a down payment of \$20. The balance will be due at the time of delivery and will have to be paid before the student may pick up his/her *GALLEON*.

***GALLEON* pricing: February 27 - March 3 = \$35; March 6 - March 10 = \$40; March 13 - March 17 = \$45; March 20 - March 24 = \$50; March 27 - March 31 = \$55**

ADVERTISEMENTS/DONATIONS:

Because we keep the book affordable for our students, we must rely on advertising and donations to produce the yearbook. If you own a business or know anyone who does, please consider an advertisement in our yearbook. We have a large student population and also a large and very active alumni population.

ADVERTISING:

These rates are also reduced to accommodate our neighborhoods. Rates for other SFUSD high school yearbooks are considerably higher. We circulate a pamphlet with the names of our supporters throughout the building and run it also in the Alumni newspaper. We make it a point to patronize the businesses that support our students.

\$ 80.00 1/8th page (business card size)
\$160.00 quarter page; \$320.00 half page
\$640.00 full page

PERSONAL DONATIONS:

Please consider a personal donation. Your name will be printed in the yearbook depending upon the size of your donation as follows: \$75 and above Golden Buccaneer ; \$50 and above = Silver Buccaneer ; \$25 and above = Bronze Buccaneer ; Buccaneer Buddy = below \$25

For advertising: please put your ad and a check payable to Balboa Year Book into the envelope and send to Susan Ritter.

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Thank you very much

Susan Ritter, Galleon adviser

MOCK TRIAL CHAMPS 2006

The Mock Trial team championship was Thursday evening and the winning team was Balboa's defense team! Team members include: Attorneys Raunak Singh, Jessica Vance Hart, Venna Louie, Belinda Li, Witnesses Brian Van, Andy Huang, Sunum Mobin, Lewis Geist, Bailiff Belinda La and team captain Kyla Brooks. Teacher sponsor is Mr. Concordia and the law firm of Heller Ehrman coached the team extremely effectively. The prosecution team also deserves high praise -- everyone did such a great job -- Congratulations!

CALENDAR REMINDER

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Town Hall Meeting 6:00 -7:30 P.M. in library
Discuss the results of priorities

Friday, March 17, 2006 - 11:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Coffee and Tea with the Principal in Room 103