

With the start of the new year we thought that this would be a good time to reflect on the accomplishments of 2010 and to look forward to the rest of the school year.

Look out for our articles on upcoming activities at Prentice like the Prentice store and the sock drive. These need all our support to be successful!

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# Prentice Post

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## School Council 2010

### The Prentice Spirit In Action

Submitted by :Debbie Fischbeck / Student Council Advisor

Throughout 2010 the junior high student council members were very busy. Ending the year with smiles on our faces and pride in our hearts!

Since the beginning of the school year we have accomplished many things and we would like to thank everyone who has helped us along the way!

School spirit is important to us and each week we would meet and talk about fun school activities. Our participation in Blue Jean Friday, Hat and Slipper

Days all reflected the Prentice spirit. Our very successful monthly Bake Sales show that there is nothing like yummy home-made goodies!!

Thinking of the idea is just the start of the making an event successful it takes a lot of work and among other things we have demonstrated our art skills making posters to advertise our fun events.

We have also shown how proud we are of our school by

recycling each week to help keep our campus clean. Our popular daily snack cart illustrates our commitment to the school .

The Prentice spirit does not just end at the school gate and we are especially proud of our community service projects.



The first project was to raise and collect food for the **HEART FOR HUNGER** program with the **ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE MISSION**. We collected 376 pounds of food and \$200 cash for them. We learned so much when we received a tour of the facility in Tustin. To top off this wonderful experience, we had the **ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER** published an article about us and our desire to help fight hunger. (<http://www.ocregister.com/news/food-279599-rescue-county.html>)

We also participated in **SHARE OUR SELVES** program with the **INTERFAITH SHELTER**. We adopted 3 families and we were delighted that everyone opened their hearts and came through to help us collect gifts. Each family received 2 giant boxes of wonderful gifts, thanks to you! Bringing joy to others so they can enjoy a nice holiday has truly made us feel good inside. The Council could not do all this alone so special thanks to Susan Bailey, Jacqueline Beijersbergen, and Marina Amaya-Williams for your lovely wrapping skills.

In 2011, we are anxious to share more fun ideas in the new year. We will welcome a few new faces and surely some great new ideas in 2011. We promise to keep you posted!!

(Look out for more information on the current SOCK DRIVE on page 5)



# Stepping Up to Success!



"You're part of a very special club and it's a gift and don't let anyone ever tell you that you're not good enough. Don't ever let anyone tell you that because you struggle with dyslexia that you're never going to make it in life, because it's simply not true." - Orlando Bloom



Barcelona

Mr. Wiley's homeroom students have been concentrating on "Stepping Up To Success".

The students were asked to write a paragraph explaining what they are successful at.

We drew two names out of a hat to see who's paragraph would be featured in the Prentice Post. Congratulations to the winners, Cage Massey and Araina Peterson.

Cage writes:

"I am successful at playing baseball. I play for a team called Tustin Thunder. I am the catcher and I am also good at batting. This year I've hit 20 home runs. My batting average is 895 (out of 1000). I've thrown out at least 50 people trying to steal 2<sup>nd</sup> base. My team got to go to New York and play in the big Cooperstown tournament. My team won! I love baseball enough to play it all day long!"

Araina writes:

"I am very successful at horseback riding. I ride my horse, named Spirit, as much as I can. I have won many ribbons and awards from riding. No one else in my family rides horses, just me. I keep my horse at the Anaheim Hills Saddle Club. I plan to work hard and get even better at horseback riding. Maybe someday I will make it my career"

## NEW YEAR NEW GOALS

We on the editorial team have loads of new year goals. So we were very interested when some of the Prentice staff and students wanted to share their with us. We are now a few weeks in 2011 and we wonder how its going!!!

### Our Students

"In the New Year I want the Jets to go to the Super Bowl!"  
*Franky Casco (2nd Grade)*

"In the New Year I want to travel more"  
*Aaron Roberts (2nd Grade)*

"In the New Year I want to be with my family"  
*Sammy Mers (2nd Grade)*

"In the New Year I like to spend more time with my mom"  
*Connor Larson (2nd Grade)*

"I want my foot to be stronger."  
*Brenna Gerrior:(5th grade)*

"I want to play more sports."  
*Devon Linkon: (5th grade)*

"I want to try to start to record a demo with my friend."  
*Braedon Brawer (6th grade)*

"I want to get more caught up with my homework."  
*Zach Endres (7th grade)*

"I want to go to Barcelona this summer for 2 months".  
*Masih Ghassemi (7th grade)*

### Our Teachers

"I will try to be less critical.."  
*Mrs Powell*

"I hope to be more outgoing."  
*Mrs Carol Stewart*

"I want to be taller and have more hair."  
*Mr Mullet*

"I am going to get a new haircut."  
*Mrs Fox*

"I want to travel to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY"  
*Mr. Wiley*

For this issue we asked a number of Students to talk about their goals for 2011. This article really stood out and I think you will see why. Well done Grayson we hope you achieve your goals in 2011  
— The Editorial Team

## Goals for 2011 by Grayson Belfer

This year I will accomplish things that I have not accomplished yet. I have three main goals for fifth grade that will help me gain new skills through the year as I go.

Now I will tell you what my goals are. I hope you will enjoy them.

First, I want to be the best reader in fifth grade because reading is very exciting and interesting. I want to read very hard books because the harder the book the better the story is.

Also I want to be a great speller because spelling is very important and it will come in handy in the future. In college when you have a big test, you need to spell big words.

Also I want to be the best at math because math is my strength. I enjoy math because I enjoy the challenge it gives me. It's easy for me. I want to be the best at math so that I can improve my good skills I already have.

Also I want to break football record for the world's most touchdowns in my age group. I want to break the record for throwing the longest pass ever. I want to be in the NFL, and breaking world records will help me get in the NFL.

These are the goals for this year for me. I hope you like them.

# *Reflections*

*Celebrating 25 Years of Empowering Children with Dyslexia*

**Save the Date**  
**25th Anniversary Gala**  
**Saturday, April 16, 2011 • 6:00 pm • Prentice School**

# Board Elections

## A message from the Parent Guild

Dear Prentice Families:

On the last page of this news letter you will find a ballot for the Election of Parent Guild Officers. It is time to start thinking about who will be running the Guild next year. We have many openings as a significant number of our officers' children will be moving on to high school.

We would encourage you to consider joining the Prentice Parent Guild Board. It is a great way to get involved with Prentice. It is not very time consuming and allows you to really get to know what is happening at the school. Being a board member does not require attendance at all school functions. Many of the responsibilities and positions could be shared. This year we had co-presidents.

The Prentice Parent Guild Board meets the first Friday of the month. The meetings usually last for an hour. If you are interested in running for an office, please sign up on the enclosed ballot. You may email your interest to: Jesse Ellison at [Jesseemom@aol.com](mailto:Jesseemom@aol.com) or Jacqueline Beijersbergen [jbeijersbergen@yahoo.com](mailto:jbeijersbergen@yahoo.com).

You may also leave the ballot form at the front desk. The election will be held in the spring.

Thank you for your consideration and all that you do for Prentice.

The Prentice Parent Guild

# The Holiday Boutique



Our Holiday Boutique was a big success. Many students shopped to get that perfect present for mom, dad, friend or anybody else.

The Prentice Parent Guild would like to thank everybody who donated gifts and/or

their time. Peggy Johnson, Sharon Gaines, Ilyse Brawer, Debra Brunner, Shari Stevens, Jesse Ellison, Marina Williams, Susan Bailey, Julia Tapia, Cathleen Gerrior, Debbie Siegel, Maria Costie, Brenda Settle, Wendy Kweller, Vivianne, Hilda Fuentes, Ella Peterson, Lauri Langdon, Julia Chavez, Dona Lang, Alana Dauphinee, Anne Keller, Kristie Holt, Christy Nimeh, Monica and Tim Towning, Angela Armen, Gea Nietsch and all the teachers who paid a visit. If we didn't mention your name



here, it's because we couldn't read it on the volunteer sheet or we didn't know you volunteered or donated because there was no name.

In any case THANK YOU all for making this a wonderful event.

# Student Store Opening Soon

Riding high on the success of the holiday boutique, in February, the Prentice Parent Guild would like to open a Student Store.

We learned from experience that our children love to shop for their friends, parents or teachers but like to do this without their parents. We want to sell toys, school supplies, and other presents.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month,

during lunchtime, we would like to open the doors of the Parent Guild room, which will be functioning as the Student Store. Our goal for the store is to be open every Friday during lunchtime, so we are also looking for volunteers who like to work in the store.

If you like to donate or have items available that you don't want anymore but are in new or good condition, please give them to the Student Store. You

can deposit them in a box at the front desk

To display our merchandise we also need book or display cases. If you have any available or have questions, please contact Jacqueline at [jbeijersbergen@yahoo.com](mailto:jbeijersbergen@yahoo.com), please indicate "student store" in the subject line or call on 310 594-7117

Parent Guild



# Sock Drive

Our Junior High Student Council is launching a **SOCK DRIVE** donation for the **Orange County Rescue Mission**.

They are in constant need of any kind/type of socks for all

ages (babies – adults). With Valentines Day not far off, we thought this would be a wonderful way of helping others in our community.

Please join us and support our **SOCK DRIVE** because "Everyone Loves to be Warm &

Cozy"! There is a big red box located by room 304 for the sock collection. Thank you!

Student Council and Debbie Fischbeck Student council advisor.

# Keeping Fit in 2011



The holidays are a time for celebrating and enjoying family and friends. But, for many kids and adults the holidays are also a time when we have a hard time sticking with our healthy habits like getting enough rest, eating well and exercising daily.

For many kids, eating extra junk food and spending less time outdoors starts at Halloween and continues throughout the holiday season. This holiday season give yourself the gift of good health! One way to help you stick with healthy habits like exercising daily is to write down your goals and create a written contract with yourself. To make your fitness contract official, you can have a “witness” sign it as well! Keep your fitness contract

somewhere you can see it every day to help you stay on track.

By Kristie Holt, MPH, CHES

## FITNESS CONTRACT

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
commit to be fit! I want to add more activity into  
my everyday life.

My fitness goal is to: \_\_\_\_\_

To reach my fitness goal I will:

For \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ times each  
week.

I will remember to warm up before exercising, and  
cool down when I am done.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Have you  
resolved to do  
something  
differently this  
year. Tell us  
about your  
progress—we  
would love to  
hear from you!*

# 9 simple questions

Julian Chavez  
4th Grade



Amir Larijani  
Kindergarten



Danny Khouri  
7<sup>th</sup> grade



Miss Votova  
1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher  
Elementary Principal  
Intern



Where were you born?	Long Beach, CA	Orange, California	Tustin, CA	Santa Monica, CA
What is your favorite food?	Hamburgers from In & Out	Macaroni and cheese	Spaghetti with meat-balls	Sushi or Mexican (Is McDonald's Iced Coffee a food?)
What's your favorite movie	The Other Guy	Ice Age	Red	The Wedding Singer
What do you like to do for Fun?	I like to play video Games	I like to draw	Play baseball	Make a fort out of blankets with my daughter. We go inside and read books with her Princess flashlight
What music do you like?	The Beatles	I like Christmas songs	Hard Rock	Opera and Linkin Park
Who do you most admire?	My Mom	My uncle	My parents	People who always do their best and never give up.
What would you like to do when you grow up or retire	I want to be an animator	Be a chef	Play professional baseball	Travel, live at the beach, and ride horses.
If you had one wish—what would you wish for?	I would like to have a lot of money	That I will always be with my family	To be very athletic	For everyone to say and do kind things
What do you like best about the Prentice School	I like art	Drawing	There is not much homework	Everything. It is my second home and I love it here!.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR THE SIMPLE QUESTIONS COLUMN?**

**CONTACT THE PRENTICE POST**

# The 5th Grade Getty Museum Trip



The Getty Museum tram rails.

On Wed. Jan. 12, the fifth grade students, Ms. Robbins, and their teachers visited the Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

They loved the tram ride up the hill to the museum, the walk in the beautiful gardens, and learning more about life and art in the time of Louis XIV.

Here are some student comments from Mrs. Stith's students:

"I liked the garden because of the stream that ran through it."

(Kieran Lang)

"I liked the Louis XIV bed with the blue velvet

covers and the ostrich feather decorations."

Micheal Wolfe



## My Favorite Thing

For this column we asked Robert Cleland who is in Mrs. Buttes' class to write a few words about his favorite thing—in this case LEGO.

**Hey all you LEGO lovers!**

"I got the new police station and airplane for Christmas. The police station is cool because it has jail cells for the prisoners and it has a garage that rolls up and down. The airplane is cool because it has two jet engines. This is why they are so cool!"

**Robert Cleland**

*Thanks Robert, we know there will be loads of Prentice students who also find LEGO fun.*

*What games or toys do you really like? We would love you to submit articles about your favorite toy or pastime. You might like riding, baseball like Ariana and Cage in their article of success on page 2 or there is a particular computer game or you have found a great app you would like to write about.*

*We would like to hear from you and perhaps you will find other students at Prentice you didn't know shared the same interest.—ED*



## The Student Review

By Benjamin Kweller 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



A few weeks I was lucky enough to see the **Pacific Symphony's Tchaikovsky-Nutcracker for Kids**. The production is a shortened version of the original because it is for kids, I suppose the long one might get boring....The orchestra plays all the wonderful music while ballet dancers perform. I have two favorite parts; the great battle between the mouse king and the nutcracker and the dance of the sugar plum fairy. The dance of the sugar plum fairy uses an instrument called the Celesta, the Celesta sounds a lot like chimes but when you see one you might think it is a small piano. I learned the Celesta was used for the first time by a major composer in the Nutcracker. Another interesting fact about the Celesta is that it is the instrument used for the Harry Potter theme music very cool! I really like going to the symphony because I enjoy the music and dance but I also get to learn about the instruments and how the music is made.



**Pet of the  
Month  
Spirit**



My pet is a quarter horse named Spirit. Spirit stands 15 hands tall. He is a 13 year old Buckskin Dunn and a gelding. Together we have won 62 ribbons and many awards. Spirit is a big part of my life.

Submitted By Araina Peterson

## PRENTICE EVENTS—FEBRUARY 2011

2/1 – NO 1:00 DISMISSAL –TRAINING CANCELLED-REGULAR 3:00 DISMISSAL

2/1 – 10:00 – 2:00, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade fieldtrip to the Ocean Institute, “Big Al in the Lab”

2/2 – 8:20 – 1:00, 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Ocean Institute, Dana Point Harbor

2/3 – Lunch on a Blanket – Elementary – various lunch times-Quad Area

2/3 – 2:00 dismissal

2/4 – 9:30 – 2:30, Pre-K-K fieldtrip, “Pretend City”

2/4 – Parent Guild Meeting, 8:30 in the Keck Auditorium, Guest Speakers

Melody Skaggs-P.E. Programs and Ann Marie Occhipinti-Yoga

2/10 – 2:00 dismissal

2/11 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade to UCI for tour, leaving at 11:00

2/16 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Mother/Daughter Tea, 1:00 – 2:45 in the Keck Auditorium

2/17 – 2:00 dismissal

2/18 – End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

2/18 and 2/21 – No School, Presidents’ Day

2/23 – Monthly Open House, 9:00 in the Keck Auditorium

2/23 – Portfolio Picks – Elementary Keck Auditorium

12:15-1:00 Primary Grades

1:15 – 2:55 Intermediate Grades

2/24 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade fieldtrip, “First Flight”

2/24 – 2:00 dismissal

2/25 – New Parent Tea, Susan Konier’s Home

2/28 – 3/04 – Parent Conferences, 1:00 dismissal (Entire Week)

## Prentice’s list -For Sale, Wanted, Services

Nice albino corn snake. Loves to be held. Easy to take care of. Eats mice. Comes with cage and water bowl. \$40 Please call Matal Martin or his mom at 310 594 7117.	Use this space to advertise			
Very curious bearded dragon. Eats crickets and vegetables. Likes to look around, sit in the sun or under his heating lamp. Comes with cage, several heating lights and climb tree. \$40-. Call Matal Martin or his mom at 310 594 7117.	Got furniture to sell?	Got loads of cardboard boxes from a house move that someone might be able to use?	Offering Music lessons?	Like to hire someone?
Beautiful Rosie Tarantula. Easy to feed. Eats crickets. Comes in cage and with water bowl. \$25 Call Matal Martin or his mom at 310 594 7117	Looking for some extra help?	Need donations of food and clothing for a charity that you are working with?	Got to get rid of that garden shed?	Offering a servie?
	Want to sell the bicycle that’s cutting up the garage	Want to start a book club in your area?	Car for sale	<b>Classified ad 40 words \$2 – contact Prentice Post</b>

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**For More Information contact:**

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# Parent Guild

## Officers Ballot

2011 - 2012

If you are interested in serving as 2011 – 2012 Parent Guild Officer, please add your name on the line below the office you would like to hold. You can share positions with a co-president. **This form must be returned to the front desk by Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.**

PRESIDENT:

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VICE-PRESIDENT:

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SECRETARY:

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TREASURER:

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