

Leland's Back To School Night - Thursday, September 18th:

This is an opportunity for you to meet your student's teachers and hear information about their class expectations. You will follow your student's schedule throughout the evening and spend ten minutes in each class (with a five minute passing period in between).

0 period begins at 6:45PM, followed by 1st per at 7:00pm.

Please note: College classes such as: Math 73, Intro to Business, American Sign Language & Japanese will not be on campus Thurs. night. During this time, you may peruse the various tables that will be set up in front of the office and in the quad area. These tables will be set up by 6:30, so there will be an opportunity for you to visit the tables before the class visits begin. The Parent Club will be hosting a membership raffle that night. All membership fees & donations go to benefit our teacher's classrooms.

The district continues to have technical problems with PIV and hope to have them corrected by Back To School Night.

Plan to arrive early, as parking places are always a challenge at this event.

School Accountability Report Cards (SARC)

Public schools throughout California are required to provide information to the community in the form of an annual School Accountability Report Card (SARC). These report cards provide a variety of data about a school's student achievement, environment, resources, and demographics.

Updated SARC's for the 2006-2007 school year (published in 2007-2008) are posted on the District's website and a hard copy is available at each school site. Your principal will be able to answer any questions regarding your school's SARC. Printed copies can be provided upon request by calling the Office of External Programs at (408) 535-6650.

School Accountability Report Cards for the 2007-2008 school year will be posted on the District's website by February 1, 2009.

Informes Escolares de Rendición de Cuentas (SARC)

A las escuelas públicas de todo California se les requiere que proporcionen información a la comunidad por medio de un Informe Escolar de Rendición de Cuentas anual (SARC por sus siglas en inglés). Estos informes proporcionan una variedad de datos acerca del logro estudiantil de cada escuela, su ambiente, recursos y datos demográficos.

El Informe SARC actualizado para el ciclo escolar 2006-2007 (publicado en 2007-2008) se ha dado a conocer en el sitio de Internet del Distrito y todas las escuelas tienen una copia impresa del mismo. La directora o director de su escuela podrá contestar cualquier pregunta con respecto al Informe SARC de su escuela. Usted puede obtener una copia impresa de este informe, solicitándola a la Oficina de Programas Externos, teléfono (408) 535-6650.

Los Informes SARC del ciclo escolar 2007-2008 se publicarán en el sitio en Internet del Distrito para el 1º de febrero de 2009.

School Site Council:

Parents are needed to serve on Leland's School Site Council. School Site Council is a governing body for Leland and oversees budget items and the Leland School Plan. The group meets about six times per year, usually at 3 PM on the last Monday of the month. If you might be interested in serving, please contact Nancy Dauenhauer, Assistant Principal of Guidance, so that she can include you on the approval ballot for Back To School Night. A short profile of yourself would be helpful - age/grade level of your student(s), interest in serving - whatever you would like to share to help other parents know a little bit about you would be great.

Contact: Nancy Dauenhauer at 535-6290 or Nancy_Dauenhauer@sjusd.org.

San Jose Leadership Academy

Attention to juniors who are interested in serving in a leadership capacity through the city of San Jose! Looking for students who:

- Are able to be out of class 1 day per month
- Will not fall behind in their studies
- Who have or want to acquire leadership skills
- Are willing to share opinions
- Recognize that commitment to the program is imperative

Students receive 10 hours of community service credit; this program is for Juniors only! Five applicants will be selected to serve on this committee as representatives from Leland. See Miss Kim for more details and an application packet (due September 25th).

Attention GATE Parents, Teachers, and Advocates:

The GATE Way, the district GATE newsletter, will be electronic beginning this October. If you would like to receive a copy directly to your email box, please be sure the GATE secretary, Diane Pirlot, receives your current email address. In addition, other timely GATE news will be sent to you via email. Diane will mail a hard copy of The GATE Way to your home if requested. Please contact her at: 408-535-6087 or via email at Diane_Pirlot@sjusd.org

Message from Parent Club:

Leland Parent Club extends a warm welcome to all new and returning families. Leland Parent Club is a very important link between our outstanding school and its needs that are not covered by the school's annual budget. We hope with your donation to help make a positive impact on the classroom environment and student programs at Leland. A flyer was mailed home to introduce our fundraiser the "Membership Drive". Our goal this year is to match or exceed our budget amount of \$50,000. Please take the time to fill out and return the form to the school. Please do what you can to contribute and we will continue to improve upon Leland's foundation of academic excellence and achievement. Remember 100% of your generous donation will directly benefit your student during this school year. All donations are tax deductible. We will be accepting credit cards only at Back-to-school night. Visit our website at <http://lelandparentclub.com> for more information or payment through PayPal. Questions email info@lelandparent.com. We truly appreciate your support in making a difference for our students!

Career Center Bulletin:

The following colleges will be visiting Leland's Career Center:

9/17	Wednesday	3	Arizona State University
9/17	Wednesday	5	University of Illinois
9/23	Tuesday	5	William Jessup University
9/24	Wednesday	3	Point Loma Nazarene University
9/29	Monday	5	Azusa Pacific University
10/2	Thursday	2	Carnegie Mellon University

All students (9-12) are welcome. In order for students to attend college presentations, they must obtain a Career Center Pass and have their teacher sign it **BEFORE THE DAY OF THE PRESENTATION!**

Youth Job Fair for Juniors and Seniors:

On Saturday, September 20th, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, Work2Future and Westfield Oakridge and Kathy Sutherland are sponsoring a Youth Job Fair and Workshop. This will be an excellent opportunity for Juniors and Seniors to get information about how to complete an employment application, interview skills, write a resume and then meet potential employers.

The workshop and job fair will be centered at the Sears Courtyard within Westfield Oakridge:

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:00-11:00	Work2Future Workshop
11:00 – 2:00	Job Fair

If you need more information, please contact Kathy Sutherland of District 10 at: (408) 535-4910 or Kathy.sutherland@sanjoseca.gov

Need Community Service Hours?

- Volunteer at the **Art and Wine Festival** on Sunday, September 21 and receive community service hours! There will be three shifts: 7 a.m. - 11 a.m., 11-3 p.m., and 3-7 p.m. Interested students should visit almadenwine.com or call (408) 997-7264 to sign up.
- Students from Graystone Elementary will be going to **Science Camp at the YMCA Camp Campbell** between Sept. 30th through Oct. 2nd. If you know of seniors or juniors needing volunteer hours and would like to participate, please have them contact Kara Walker at: KWalker@scvymca.org or 831-338-2128.
- **Leland Boosters Club** is looking for student volunteers to help out at this year's **night football games**. Contact Coach Carrozzo at lelandfootball@aol.com or call @ 408-888-7570

Hoops for Hope

When: Saturday, October 11, 2008

Where: Pioneer High School 1290 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118

Cost: \$100 per team of 3-5 players (until 9/12)

\$125 per team (after 9/12)

Teams: Ages 3rd grade to adults, male and female

Registration Deadline: Friday, Sept 26, 2008

*SPACE IS LIMITED! Online or mail-in registration available at www.hoopsforhope3v3.com

Hoops for Hope was created in memory of local Almaden, San Jose resident Christiana Powery, a Williams Elementary student who enjoyed playing soccer and basketball. She was diagnosed with Juvenile Dermatomyositis in July of 2005, an autoimmune disease that causes the body to attack itself, resulting in muscle inflammation and weakness. Complications from the disease continued to arise until her body was too weak to handle it. By November, she was confined to a wheelchair and her hospital bed at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Yet she continued to inspire others with her faith, smile and positive attitude. On December 14, 2005, Christiana passed away at just 10 years old. All proceeds from this event will benefit Friends of Carra (www.friendsofcarra.com) in support of research for cures of childhood autoimmune diseases. Please visit www.alsotouch.com for more about Christiana's life. Also visit www.hoopsforhope3v3.com for tournament registration.

Spirit Week at Leland:

Monday marks the beginning of our first Spirit Week this year. The days have been set as follows:

Monday: Crayola Day (kids dress up in one color to look like a crayon)

Tuesday: Crazy Hair Day

Wednesday: Twin Day (kids find a friend to be their "twin" - meaning they dress identically)

Thursday: Shades Day (sunglasses - FYI: kids are NOT permitted to wear their sunglasses while in class)

Friday: Class Color Day (Frosh: yellow; Soph: white; Jrs: light blue; Srs: navy blue)

We will be tallying spirit points throughout the week at lunch. Each class is awarded a point for each student who participates in the activity. Various prizes based on spirit points will be awarded to the winning class throughout the year...

Please encourage your student to participate in these activities! We'll end our spirit week with a day rally on Friday, just in time to set a mood of celebration for our football game that night!

GO CHARGERS!

Back To School Mixer

Our first dance is on Friday September 26, from 8pm to 11pm. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 with an ASB activity card and \$7 without. Tickets will be sold at lunch and after school this week. This year's Back-To-School Mixer theme is "Glow-in-The-Dark." Come out and "Glow In The Dark" with us.

Upcoming Events

Spirit Week: Sept. 15-19th

Club Day: Thursday, September 18

Back to School Night: Thursday, September 18

First HOME Football Game: Friday, September 19 (4:30, 7:30)

Back To School Mixer: Friday, September 26