

Dear Parents,

Reflections entries are open! Read all about it from our chair below.

Magazine Sales end tomorrow. To volunteer and to donate a magazine to IRC, please contact the chair.

7/8 STEP will begin next week. Your students will be given their schedule tomorrow.

Please read and familiarize the Attendance Office procedure as school needs to account for all students during the school hours.

Best regards,

Sharon

MAGAZINE ORDERS DUE BY 10/9!

Magazine Sales orders are due this Friday October 9th! 40% of all proceeds from this fundraiser go to support the ASB. .

Please consider donating a magazine subscription to the IRC. Your student will get credit for the sale and there are plenty of magazines to choose from. For more information on how to donate contact Elizabeth Bohannon at elizabeth@mtbohannon.net

VOLUNTEERS are needed for our final collection day on Friday 10/9 from 9AM - 1PM. Please contact Elizabeth Bohannon at elizabeth@mtbohannon.net if you can help. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE OFFICE PROCEDURES

Absence Reporting

When a student is absent, regardless of the reason, it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to call the attendance office at 818 952-4237. It is very important to excuse your child's absence promptly. Please send notes or phone calls to report absence. Only parents or guardians may verify absences or have students released from school. If you go out of town on a business trip or family emergency, we must have in writing information stating who is authorized to act on your behalf for attendance issues.

Leaving campus during school hours:

If your student must leave during the day for any reason, (medical, dental appointments, family emergencies etc.) please call the attendance office IN ADVANCE with the student's name, time he/she needs to leave, reason, and whether or not he/she will return to school that day. Please call either the evening before or very early in the morning. All students must have a "Permit to Leave Campus" pass to leave during school hours. This includes all appointments, emergencies etc. Please Remind your child to pick up their pass at the Attendance Office prior to leaving. We encourage students to come before school , at break, or at lunch, not during class time. In order to minimize disruption to classroom instruction, the attendance office does not send reminder notices to students. It is student's responsibility to come and get the permit to leave school and leave at the appropriate time. Students who leave school without a pass will be referred to the Assistant Principal's office. Students who arrive at school late, or are returning from appointments etc. need to Sign In at the attendance office. Please send in a note or call if your student is late coming to school.

Please note: If your student is ill during the school day, he/she must go to the health office who will contact you to take your student home. If your student contacts you directly, please ask he/she to go to the health office first to obtain the pass and then to the attendance office before leaving the campus.

Doctor Notes:

It has been recommended by our District Office that parents send a doctor's note to the attendance office for extended absence due to injury or illness over 3 days.

Homework Request:

If your students are absent for 3 or more days for illness only, you may request for homework with the attendance office. It is parents/guardians' responsibility to come and check for homework request packets in the attendance office.

RED RIBBON WEEK STARTING 10/12/09

Red Ribbon Week Volunteers Needed for the Week of 10/12/09

Parent volunteers are needed to staff the Red Ribbon Week Table for 7/8 students during Red Ribbon Week. We need about two volunteers per day during the lunch hour for 7/8 students. Please contact Kaitzer Puglia at kaitzer@yahoo.com or 818.281.8472 if you are interested and available to volunteer.

The history of Red Ribbon week is summarized below. Please take a moment to read why we all focus so greatly on Drug Awareness. Your help will only add to the positive impact of the message.

Why Do We Celebrate Red Ribbon Week at LCHS?

In 1985, Red Ribbon Week was created to honor the memory of the Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was an 11 year veteran with the U. S. Drug

Enforcement Administration, known as the DEA. Agent Camarena had been working undercover in Mexico for over four years where he was on the trail of the country's biggest marijuana and cocaine traffickers. In 1985, he was extremely close to unlocking a multi-billion dollar drug pipeline. On February 7, 1985, he was kidnapped, brutally tortured, and murdered by Mexican drug traffickers. His tragic death opened the eyes of many Americans to the dangers of drugs and the international scope of the drug trade.

The dramatic events that followed Agent Camarena's disappearance were chronicled in the US national media. The public grieved as they watched Agent Camarena's coffin being carried from a military plane as his young widow and children watched. In Agent Camarena's home town of Calexico, California, the outpouring of support turned in to an organized community response in which citizens donned red ribbons. Shortly after Kiki's death, Congressman Duncan Hunter and Kiki's high school friend Henry Lozano launched "Camarena Clubs". Hundreds of club members pledged to lead drug-free lives to honor his sacrifice.

The following year the California State PTA adopted the Red Ribbon campaign. Then, in 1988 Red Ribbon Week was recognized nationally with President Ronald and First Lady Nancy Reagan serving as the Honorary Chairs. Today, the Red Ribbon Celebration brings millions together to raise awareness regarding the need for alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention, early intervention, and treatment services.

For more information online, see

http://www.usdoj.gov/dea/ongoing/red_ribbon/redribbon_factsheet.html

JOIN BOOSTERS!

Open to parents in grades 7-12

The purpose of the Spartan Boosters Club is to raise and distribute money for the La Canada Junior High and High School athletic teams, academic departments and extra-curricular activities not funded through the school's annual budget.

During the 2008-2009 school year, Boosters distributed over \$150,000 to 7th-12th grade programs that might not otherwise be adequately funded through the schools budget. Its goal is to continue to fund these important school programs, and we work closely with the school administration to identify and prepare a budget to provide students with supplies, equipment, uniforms, tournament fees and other items and services that will enhance and enrich their educational experience while at LCHS. The club is unique in that approximately 40% of the funds it raises are distributed to non-athletic programs. It also actively supports our students

by our attendance at concerts, plays, athletic events and other school-related functions and by recognizing their achievements through congratulatory letters, senior awards and scholarships. Please download this form to join now.

Please attend the annual Booster Club Dinner & Auction on Saturday November 7th @ Oakmont Country Club. Tickets are \$125.00 per person and can be purchased at www.spartanboosters.org or by emailing Jim Moore @ jamespmoore@earthlink.net

REFLECTIONS

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program that provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme.

This year's theme is "Beauty is . . ." Applications and entries will accepted in the front office from Thursday, October 1st through 3 PM, Thursday, November 19th, 2009.

[Application and Guidelines](#)

Please contact June Lam, PTA Reflections Chair, at june.lam@sce.com, rjmdlam@sbcglobal.net or 818-952-3953 if you should have any questions.

Founder's Day Nominations Due by November 6.
Please take the time to nominate a deserving honoree. Forms are available in the office.

Founder's Day 2009-10 Nomination Form

Founder's Day provides an opportunity to recognize and appreciate those whom, through their efforts and achievements, prove themselves true advocates for our children. Their ongoing dedication and hard work seek no reward, which is the most compelling reason to show them our gratitude.

On March 9, 2010 we will honor those selected to receive awards. If you know someone deserving, take a moment to fill out this form and nominate him, her, a couple, or a group. Remember: No one can be selected who is not nominated, so please make the effort.

Nomination deadline is November 6, 2009. Nominations can be turned in at any school office or at the District Office. Contact Karen Bauer (952-0239 mktbauer@sbcglobal.net) or Kaitzer Puglia (952-2797 kaitzer@yahoo.com), PTA Council Founder's Day Chairs for more information.

PAST 7/8 HONOREES: Todd Kissell, Elise Kilbride, Paige Salardino, Denise Longo, Lisa Singelyn, Shannon Brascia, Hope Miller, Katie Champ, Sandy Chan, and Jody Powers.

I nominate the following person or group to receive a Founder's Day Award:

I make my nomination for consideration from:

LCE PCR PCY 7/8 LCHS Council

Please use the space below to describe, briefly, your reasons why you feel this person is deserving:

(Optional) Nomination Submitted by:

Phone number or email: