

Rosa Parks Elementary Newsletter

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Welcoming Schools Guide,
www.welcomingschools.org*

EVENT CALENDAR

September

16th: (Friday), 6-8PM

*Family Dance Party at
Rosa Parks*

17th: (Saturday)

11AM - 3 PM

Black Family Reunion

18th: (Sunday)

2-5PM

*Green School Yard
Conference*

22nd: (Thursday)

6-8PM. (Dinner,
Childcare, Spanish
Translation):

PTA Meeting

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Join us on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Rosa-Parks-Elementary>.

Principal's Message

Dear Rosa Parks families,

I hope that this letter finds you in good cheer and enjoying the first weeks of school. Opening week was wonderful and we are happy to be off and going as a school and community. It was great seeing so many parents at our new student dinner.

We have some exciting news to share with the Rosa Parks community. To quote the most recent district correspondence "Rosa Parks Elementary School's API score was up 28 points reaching an API score of 825 which far surpassed the target of 800 and scores for their Socio-Economically Disadvantaged students increased by 56 points, leading the county in growth."

"Even with the significant increase in the percentage of students who must reach proficient or advanced on the test, there were five schools that have met or exceeded all components of their targets. They are: Jefferson, Malcolm X and Rosa Parks Elementary Schools as well as King and Willard Middle Schools."

The Rosa Parks' staff, students and

parents are all very proud of these results, and the hard work of our students.

We are excited not only about our academic progress but also the wonderful new programs at Rosa Parks. After school we have a wide variety of academic support and enrichment classes. This year we will be offering the "Renzuli Scholars" program after school that will work with 4th and 5th grade students that are GATE designated, or have exceeded benchmark. We have a new Restorative Practices coach that will be working with kids to sort out differences. Lisa our coach will be working to train 4th and 5th grade students as conflict resolution coaches. Kids helping kids is truly amazing.

Many great things are happening for kids at Rosa Parks, and we look forward to another awesome year. Please follow us on Facebook or on our Rosa Parks Elementary Website (see above).

Best wishes,

Paco Furlan

EVENT CALENDAR (Con't)

October

2nd: (Sunday)
10:00 AM

*ELAC/PTA Soccer
Game, Rosa Parks*

7th - 9th:
(Friday-Sunday)

*Gourmet
Camping Trip!!*

*Huddart Park,
Woodside, CA*



**Register Now
Before Space
Runs Out**

For Details, Visit:

www.RosaParksCampingOut.Blogspot.com

PTA MEETING - Thursday, Sept 22nd, 6-8PM

Food, childcare and spanish translation provided.

Come meet the PTA Board members and learn how to be involved!

Agenda Items Include:

- Principal Furlan's Report on the state of Rosa Parks
- Everyday Math presentation.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (SGC)

Nominate yourself to serve on the Rosa Parks School Governance Council (SGC)! The SGC is the committee that determines budget and funding priorities for Rosa Parks. It is made up of teachers, other Rosa Parks staff, the principal, and parents. This year, we need six new parent representatives. It is a great way to get involved and make a difference. No prior experience necessary!

The SGC generally meets the first Monday of every month from 5:30 to 7:30pm. Questions? Contact Principal Paco Furlan at 644-8812 or current SGC Chair Ty Alper at 525-2395. To nominate yourself, fill out the form that went home in last week's Wednesday envelope or get one from the office. Nominations are due Monday, September 19.

Please Consider Being a Room Parent

A room parent reaches out to families to create a close-knit classroom community; serves as a liaison between the classroom and PTA; encourages parent participation in classroom activities; and helps the teacher find ways to further support classroom learning. Attend a Room Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 25!

Please Volunteer for Family Math Night

Last year's Family Math night rocked! We are now looking for volunteers to help with this Fall's Family Math night on November 2. We need folks to help set up and run the activity tables. Please email Tamar Todd at tamartodd@gmail.com as soon as possible. The PTA has set aside funds for the event, but volunteers are needed to make it happen!

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms

Please remember to fill out and return your free and reduced price lunch forms. We need ALL families to fill out the forms - regardless of whether you think you qualify - in order for Rosa Parks to get critical funding for important programs.