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LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of March 15, 2010

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Pasta Night

Leland's ASB, orchestra, and choir are putting on the school's annual pasta night, March 17th. The St. Patrick's Day Pasta Night will have two seating 5:30-7pm and again at 7:30-9pm. Students and parents are encouraged to attend this community event. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the school bank or from students in ASB, orchestra and/or choir.

Principal's Chat

Please join Ms. Chamberlin at this month's Principal's Chat on Thursday, March 18th at 8:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

Registration Update

Thanks to everyone, almost all current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Chargers have entered online requests for courses for the 2010-1011 school year. The website will remain open for changes until 8:00 p.m. on March 22nd.

If you have questions or concerns about your student's on-line schedule, call Dorothy Kennedy at 535-6290.

Incoming 9th Grader Registration

The incoming 9th grader registration is scheduled for next week in the school library:

Tuesday 3/23

5:30 PM – Last names beginning with A-F

7:00 PM – Last names beginning with G-K

Wednesday 3/24

5:30 PM – Last names beginning with L-Q

7:00 PM – Last names beginning with R-Z

Makeup Thursday 3/25 from 5:30-7:00pm

Please see the [attached letter](#) for more information, sent to the guardians of incoming freshmen, and feel free to forward to any other interested parties. Thank you!

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The Princess Project Drive - March 15 to April 2

Donate new or nearly new dresses for the Princess Project Drive! Princess Project is a non-profit organization that provides free dresses and accessories to girls who would otherwise afford them.

Please adhere to the following guidelines:

-Ideal donations include long, formal gowns from 2004 to new in EXCELLENT condition and in ALL sizes and colors; purses; fancy jewelry; and wraps or shawls.

-Dresses must be dry-cleaned and on hangers.

-Dresses must be formal gowns or fancy party dresses.

-Accessories should be stylish, clean and in excellent condition.

-We cannot accept shoes, make-up, casual or semi-formal clothing, wedding dresses, tuxedos, and unclean garments.

Please drop off donations at the school bank. Your dress/accessory donation is tax-deductible! Please ask Patti Young (Bank) for a receipt, which will be provided when the donation is made to The Princess Project.

Summer Internship Program

Sophomores and juniors interested in participating in the **Summer Internship Program** are invited to an informational meeting at **lunch on Tuesday, March 23rd in the Career Center.**

This program allows students an opportunity to apply their skills and explore future careers while making valuable contacts in the business world. The student will receive applied arts elective credits for the hours that they intern. Students have a choice of over 100 internship opportunities, some of which are only available during the summer.

For more information please contact Mrs. Baker at 535-6290 ext 246 or peg_baker@sjusd.org

Pest Control Treatment - Please Stay OFF Campus

Leland is scheduled for pest control treatment on Sunday, April 18th. No one will be allowed to enter any of the buildings on April 18, but will be able to re-enter on Monday, April 19. Please stay off campus for your safety. Thank you!

Exciting Opportunity for Incoming and Outgoing Juniors

This opportunity is for students that will be entering or exiting their Junior year of high school this summer. Congressman Honda is eligible to nominate a Congressional Page to the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Page Program during the **2010 Summer Term**, which begins on Sunday, June 6, 2010 and ends on Friday, July 2, 2010. The deadline to submit an application for nomination is **Friday, March 26, 2010.**

Please refer to the [Program Announcement](#) & [Program Application](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

March 2010

16th & 17th

(no change in bell schedule)

CAHSEE Exam

LHS

17th @ 6:00 pm

ASB/Band Pasta Night

Cafeteria

22nd Online

Current Students Registration Closes

ITC

2010 Booster Club Fundraiser "Denim 2 Diamonds" Evening

This year's Denim 2 Diamonds (D2D) will take place on **May 7, 2010 from 6:00pm to 11:30** once again at St. Anthony's Church on 20101 McKean Rd. in Almaden.

The D2D fundraising will consist of a Dinner, Dance and both a Silent and a Live Auction. Music will be provided by local band and alumni Free Fahlen. The cost is \$65 per ticket and includes dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions and unlimited beverages, soda, water, wine and beer.

Purchase your tickets before April 17th and receive a free commemorative D2D logo wine glass or beer stein. Last Year's event was sold out so get your table reserved early. Don't wait, purchase your tickets today! You can send an email to cathysheehan313@yahoo.com. For more information, go to <http://www.lelandhighbc.com> Look forward to seeing you there!

Stanford U School of Education: Lecture Series

The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education

"Stanford University School of Education's Cubberley Lecture Series is thrilled to present an evening with Diane Ravitch, research professor of education at New York University, former assistant secretary for educational research and improvement in the U.S. Department of Education, and co-author for Education Week's popular *Bridging Differences*."

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th at 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Cubberley Auditorium in the School of Education Building. A reception will be held immediately after in the adjacent lobby. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact **Holly Materman** at (650) 723-0630 or Holly.Materman@stanford.edu.

Thanks!

Many thanks to our own Leland Parent Club for providing the funding for the installation of 12 new SMART Boards. These interactive white boards will also come with interactive tablets and student response systems. The \$40,000 they were able to raise and donate through the memberships of Leland parents will allow us to install this wonderful new technology in all of our science rooms and Mrs. Arrington's robotics and PLTW Engineering room. The boards will be installed during Spring Break (April 12-16). Thank you Parent Club!

Congressman Mike Honda's 2010 Art Competition

Congressman Mike Honda's office would like to share a wonderful opportunity for your students to explore their artistic talent and creativity. This year's Congressional Art Competition, "*An Artistic Discovery*," encourages young people to preserve and promote culture, to build upon and challenge art styles and ideas, and to affect changes in our community through artistic expression.

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Art Competition (contd.)

We invite all interested high school students living in the 15th Congressional District to participate in the competition this year by submitting original artwork pieces that must be 2-dimensional, no larger than 26 inches high, 26 inches wide. The winning art piece will represent the 15th Congressional District for one year in a national exhibit at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. The winning student and 2 guests will receive 2 tickets to attend the unveiling reception in Washington D.C. For additional information, please go to Honda.house.gov or contact Danielle Duong at Danielle.Duong@mail.house.gov or at (408) 558-8085.

De Anza College's Summer/Fall Application is now available online

As part of De Anza's technology upgrade, they are now using **CCCApply** for their college application. One difference you will notice is that the Summer/Fall application is one and the same, which means students who many want to take classes in the summer and/or fall will complete just one application and are good for either one or both quarters. Students without SS# can apply and do not need to put anything in the box, but respond appropriately to questions pertaining to this information. Please advise students to provide accurate information as they complete the application. Upon completion they will receive an email with their student ID and information about what to do next.

From their home page, you can get to the application by clicking on the **"Apply Now!"** blue button at the bottom left corner (on the home page), or simply go to <http://www.deanza.edu/registration/myinfo.html>. Once you get to the "My De Anza Admissions and Registration" page, the Summer/Fall Application is clearly marked on the RIGHT side of the page as shown below. You will notice that we still have the spring application up as well for continuing and concurrent students.

Information about the new registration system, summer registration dates, and their **Open House on May 22** is also available in this section.

Scholarships to Graduating High School Seniors of Latino or Hispanic Heritage

The California Association of Latino Superintendents and Administrators (CALSA) has opened the 2010-2011 Scholarship Application period. This year 20 student scholarships will be awarded to graduating high school seniors of Latino or Hispanic heritage (application guidelines in the newsletter section of the Leland website, <http://www.lelandhigh.org>).

Last year, 10 scholarships were awarded to San Jose Unified students alone and during the last three years, the organization has awarded over \$25,000 to students in Santa Clara County.

As part of the application process, student applicants will need a letter of support from the Superintendent and a current CALSA member who acts as the student's sponsor. Both of these letters can be obtained at the district office through the school site. In order to make the application deadline, we ask that the applications are turned in to **Victoria Kim** (Assistant Principal of Activities) no later than Friday, March 26th.

Please contact **Victoria Kim** at victoria_kim@sjusd.org or at (408) 535-6290 for more information.

Young Women with Outstanding Achievements and Aspirations in Computing and Technology

High school young women in our community are invited to apply for the *NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing – Bay Area Affiliate*. This is a great opportunity for our girls to get recognized for their accomplishments in technology and leadership. Please pass this info and encourage students to apply. The deadline is 11:59pm on Friday, April 2. Please refer to the attached documents for more information (see attachments on the Leland website, <http://www.lelandhigh.org/newsletter.html>)

Graphic Novel Contest at San Jose Library

Don't miss this fun opportunity to enter San José Public Library's Graphic Novels Contest for all ages. Create your own graphic novel. Enter it in our contest for a chance to win a prize. See your winning entry published and available in the San Jose library system. **Contest will run through Saturday April 10, 2010**, with the winners announced on May 8. Contest is open to San Jose residents only.

Go to <http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/events/graphicnovel.htm> for more details.

Grad Night Update

Meetings on Wednesdays (starting 3/3/10) in the FDR room from 6-7:00pm. We still need volunteers to help with this event, please try to make it.

Grad Night Tickets on sale via the web, go to

<http://www.lelandgradnight.webs.com> and get yours TODAY! Buy your Ticket before March 31st and SAVE \$35.00!

Calling all LELAND Parents!

On behalf of the Grad Night Committee, we are asking for donations to ensure a fun, safe, and sober graduation night activity for our Class of 2010. Following the Graduation Ceremony, our senior class will be celebrating at Boomer's in Livermore. During the course of the evenings' celebration, we will be holding a raffle in order to entice our kids to sign up for this **safe and sober** event.

Donations are needed in the form of: gift cards (such as Starbucks, Jamba Juice, Cold Stone, gas, etc.), restaurants, movie theaters, sports tickets, car washes, or events such as paint ball, laser tag, museums, mini golf, etc. **All donations, large or small, are welcome!**

In addition, we would love to have "**scholarships**" donated to raffle. If any parent or group would like to donate money specifically to be used as a college scholarship that would be absolute wonderful...any amount would be terrific!

Thank you so much for your continued support of our Leland students and, particularly, the Class of 2010!

For questions and to give donations, please contact Kim Anzalone at clio843@sbcglobal.net or 408 209-4814.

Breaking the Silence Mixer

The students of the San Jose Unified High School District have been invited to attend the upcoming "Breaking the Silence" Mixer! The mixer will provide plenty of community service opportunities for your students and will raise public awareness in youth about marginalized populations, specifically the individuals with autism in our society. High school attendees will literally be "Breaking the Silence" of these individuals, many of whom are incapable of expressing themselves fully. Through this mixer, the youth will gain a valuable learning experience, raising money that directly impacts the lives of individuals with autism and providing hope for this community.

The event will be on **March 20, 2010** from **7:00 – 10:30 PM** at **San Jose City College's Main Gym**. Our DJ is from the widely acclaimed Wild 94.9 Radio Station! Tickets are \$10 and will be sold online at www.pace.ticketleap.com. **100% of the proceeds will go to benefit Pacific Autism Center for Education, a non-profit organization that provides educational programs for the Bay Area's Autism community.** In order to be admitted into the event, student must bring their High School ID. For more information, please see the flyer at in the newsletter section of the Leland Website, <http://www.lelandhigh.org/newsletter.html>.

Meeting at DeAnza College about Programs and Services for Students with Disabilities

Please see the flyer in the weekly newsletter section of the Leland Website (<http://www.lelandhigh.org/newsletter.html>) for information about an invitation to students and/or parents to attend one of three scheduled "High School Transition Information Meetings."

Traffic Safety

Some members of the community have expressed concerns about traffic safety around Leland and Bret Harte. Those interested in sending their concerns to the City of San Jose can go to the following website to communicate their specific concerns. The City keeps this database and responds to those areas of greatest expressed need.

https://www.sjpd.org/forms/TEU_Request_Form.asp

Attention ALL Seniors!

If you have not ordered your cap, gown and tassel beginning 3/8 you will be called into the school bank to place your order. The price for all items is \$33.00. The price will go up on 3/21 to \$50.00. Notifications will be sent out beginning 3/8 to all students who have not placed their order. Checks should be made out to Herff Jones. Any questions, please contact Patti Young at 535-6290 x230.

American Muslim Voice 2010 Peace Convention

From Fear to Friendship: Replacing the Culture of Despair, Division, and Violence with a Culture of Hope, Inclusion, and Peace.

Saturday, March 20th, 2010

5:30 to 9:00 pm

Muslim Community Association

3003 Scott Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054

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AMV 2010 Peace Convention (contd.)

More information can be found online at www.amuslimvoice.org or by calling AMV at (650) 387-1994.

SJUSD Starts Search for New Superintendent

Community Forum Sponsored by San Jose Unified and Leadership Associates

With the impending retirement of San Jose Unified School District Superintendent, Don Iglesias on June 30th, 2010, the District has contracted with Leadership Associates to conduct the search for a new Superintendent.

Leadership Associates will be hosting a community forum to gather input from the public as to the qualities and characteristics desired in a superintendent. The Community Forum will be held on Tuesday, March 9th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the San Jose Unified, 855 Lenzen Avenue, San Jose, 95126.

If you have any questions regarding the Public Forum, please contact Yolanda Beatty at (408) 535-6069 or via email at yolanda_beatty@sjusd.org.

2nd Annual GATE Contest

Please see the flyer in the weekly newsletter section of the Leland Website (<http://www.lelandhigh.org/newsletter.html>) for more information about the SJUSD 2nd Annual GATE Contest. Flyers are available in both English and Spanish.

Parking Permits

There are no parking permits left for the school year 09/10. If your students parks in the school lot without a permit, they will receive a parking ticket. Parking is available on Via Valiente where indicated.

Attention Almaden Valley Students!

Are you college bound? The Almaden Valley Women's Club is proud to continue its support for students looking for financial assistance for the upcoming Fall 2010 college entry and continuation.

Our 2009 Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival has once again enabled us to offer eligibility for scholarships to Almaden Valley Students living in the 95120 area.

Criteria for application:

- High school seniors living within the 95120 area code
- Attending college, community college, university or trade school
- Experience of school and community service
- Minimum GPA of 3.3 or higher

Applications are now being accepted & are due no later than April 15, 2010.

You can view more information and download our application www.almadenwomen.com and click on the *2010 Scholarship Application link*.

Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities

July 24-29, 2010 at Cal State University, Sacramento

Develop leadership skills, and learn how to reach academic and career goals. Get information about resources that are available to help achieve independence. This forum will be at "no cost to you!"

Apply now at: www.calylf.org or call (866) 296-9753 for more information.

Relay for Life

Save the Date: June 12th & 13th at Leland. Contact Marj Moehrke via email at almadenrelayforlife@yahoo.com or phone at 921-6646 for more information.

Updated Important Information about Community Service Hours

Students are required to complete 40 hours of community service. We recommend that students complete 10 per year. Juniors and Seniors will need to be up-to-date with their Community Service hours to attend their respective formal dances.

Please remember the following for community service requirements:

- Must be done through a NON-PROFIT organization; the organization must have a 501C3 tax ID number to prove their non-profit status
- "Community Service credit will not be granted for recruitment, membership building or teaching about an organization or its beliefs, philosophy or mission. For example, Community Service credit will be granted for volunteer work performed at a church providing childcare, directing recreational activities, helping to feed or clothe those in need, and providing other community services, but credit *will not* be granted for teaching about religious beliefs or for organizing or participating in religious ceremonies."
- No more than 8 hours per day may be rewarded
- Service completed through week-long camps during the school year may only be rewarded 20 hours maximum for the entire week
- Service must be completed outside of the regular school day

Please be sure to read the back of the Community Service Time Sheet available in Miss Kim's office and the school bank.

Need Community Service Hours?

- **Great American Litter Pick Up**

Sign up, Pick Up and Clean Up Your Community! Saturday, March 20th. Clean up: 8:30-11:30 a.m. For more information or to sign up, call: (408) 277-3208. For online information, go to www.sanjoseca.gov and scroll down to Events & Exhibits.

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Need Community Service Hours? (Contd)

- **Earn Community Service Hours and Have a Blast: March 27th**

River Glen K-8 school in Willow Glen is having its annual walk-a-thon Saturday, March 27th. Caminata (Walkathon in Spanish) is a fun, day-long event filled with music, food and activities along with an entire day of walking by students to make money for our school. The event website: www.boldblue.net/Caminata2010.

High School students are needed to help with:

1. Set up/Tear down (6am to 9am and then 2PM to 5PM)
2. Staff booths along with River Glen parents (9am to 3pm)

Students can come and do the whole day and get all their hours for the whole year! Or some part of the day. Students who volunteer more than 5 hours will be fed lunch and get breaks to enjoy the carnival atmosphere. To sign up, send michele@boldblue.net the following info: Student's Name and Grade, High School They Attend, Cell phone number (their's or parent's), Email address, Start/End Time

- **Interested in Volunteering at Good Samaritan Hospital?**

Good Sam used to have two recruitment periods and, for the last couple of years, they have conducted only one in the fall. Their next high school recruitment is scheduled for October 1st, 2010. They have a one year commitment and have no summer only positions. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact **Kate McNally** (Supervisor, Volunteer Services) at (408) 559-2155 or at kate.mcnally@hcahealthcare.com

- **Bret Harte Tutor Needed**

Bret Harte requests a student volunteer to tutor English for 1-2 hours after school, 2-3 days a week to an English Language Learner in their Homework Center. Please contact Bret Harte Principal, Dominic Bejarano, at dominic_bejarano@sjusd.org or at 535-6270 for more information.

- **Earn Community Service Hours**

BRET HARTE may have something for you to earn your COMMUNITY SERVICE. We have a 6TH GRADE BOY in need of a tutor in Math, Social Studies, and Language Arts. Help in any or all of these areas will be greatly appreciated. He is available after school on Mon., Wed., and Thurs. from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. If interested please contact Mr. Hjalmarson at 535-6270 or by e-mail : joel_hjalmarson@sjusd.org

- **County Parks** invites you to volunteer in their beautiful parks. Join their team of dedicated staff members and core volunteers in maintaining and restoring historical sites at Almaden Quicksilver County Park. Help remove invasive plant species, build and repair fences in order to secure structures, clear brush for defensible space and fire prevention, and much more! Please contact the Volunteer Program Office for event details at (408) 355-2254 or volunteer@prk.sccgove.org or visit www.parkhere.org for ongoing volunteering opportunities.

- **Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley: For volunteer opportunities, go to www.vcsv.us to find an opportunity that fits well with your interests. Be sure to ask if the organization is a NON-PROFIT organization.**



Repeat News from Last Newsletter

Please see the last week's newsletter in the weekly newsletter section of the Leland Website (<http://www.lelandhigh.org/newsletter.html>).