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LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of March 29, 2010

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Career Center News

Leland Community College Night will be held on Tuesday, April 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Leland ITC (Library). Parents and Students are invited to this event. There will be a panel presentation with representatives from the local community colleges. After the panel presentation the representatives will be available to provide materials and to talk to students and parents.

CCOC Classes

Current Juniors and Sophomores who want to take Career Technical Classes at CCOC next fall need to obtain the paperwork from the Career Center. The required paperwork needs to be given to Mrs. Albers in the Career Center by March 31st.

Senior Newsletter

Parents of Seniors are encouraged to read the [attached Senior Newsletter](#). Included in this newsletter is important information about college acceptances, next steps, UC update including wait-list details, community college process, and a Senior Calendar.

Registration for 2010-2011

If you are attending Leland next year: The website for online course selection will close **for the last time** on March 31 at 8 p.m.

New students from outside San Jose Unified School District can now go to the online registration website to select courses. Instructions are available in the office and on the Leland website.

All paper copies of course selection forms are due in the office by March 31st at 4:00 p.m.

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Congratulations!

Leland Cheer represented us with pride in Anaheim at the USA Spirit Nationals Competition. The Group Stunt Team competed in the Intermediate Stunt Group competition and was awarded third place while the Cheer Team competed in the Varsity Show Cheer Medium Division and placed fourteenth! Congratulations to all the cheerleaders and the coaches for their hard work!

Chamber Choir and Women's Choir competed in the Heritage Festival in San Diego this past Friday. The Women's Choir scored a 3rd place Gold and the Chamber Choir ranked second place Gold in their division and received an adjudicator's award for receiving a score of 95. Congratulations to all choir students and Mr. Rodriguez for their hard work!

Go Chargers!!

Junior Prom Tickets - Tickets on Sale Now!

This year's Junior Prom will be held at the Crowne Plaza in downtown San Jose on Saturday, April 24th from 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. Tickets will go on sale this week, Monday, March 29th, for \$25 with an ASB card and \$30 without an ASB. Prices will increase by \$5 each week.

Please be advised that students must be up to date with their community service hours to purchase a prom ticket. They must also clear any school debts and complete disciplinary consequences (Saturday School, AIM, etc) to the best of their ability. Please contact Victoria Kim at 535-6290 or victoria_kim@sjusd.org for questions or concerns.

Grad Night 2010 - Save Money - Get Your Tickets ASAP!!

Get your Grad Night tickets BEFORE 3/31 and SAVE \$50.00! Tickets can be purchased on the web @ <http://www.lelandgradnight.webs.com>

This is an event not to be missed; it's an extremely popular evening that offers something for every student, and should NOT BE MISSED.

Ticket price includes all access pass to rides, games and performances, food and beverages, prizes, gifts, and transportation to and from the venue.

Please call Becky Trovato @ 408-250-3970 with any questions!

Parent Club Senior Recognition Awards

The Leland Parent Club will be selecting several senior students to receive monetary awards at Leland's Senior Awards Night on May 20, 2010. These awards will recognize students who have shown distinction in one or more of the following categories: *Leadership, Citizenship, Academics, the Arts, Athletics, Leland Spirit, Creativity, Discipline, Perseverance and/or Outstanding Improvement*. We would like to encourage all students to apply. You can pick up an application form from Mrs. Albers in the Career Center.

The deadline to apply is **Thursday, April 22, 2010**.

Upcoming Events

March 2010

29th

Junior Prom tickets On Sale

School Bank

April 2010

9th

In-Class Rally, [Rally Schedule](#)

Gym

12th - 16th

Spring Break

No Classes

24th @ 8 - 11pm

Junior Prom

Crowne Plaza

30th @ 7 - 9 pm

Fashion Show

Cafeteria

May 2010

7th @ 6pm

Denim to Diamonds Athletic Fundraiser

St. Anthony's Church

Furlough Days

A Message from our Superintendent, Don Iglesias

"Dear Community,

At the March 25th School Board Meeting, based on my recommendation at the completion of negotiations with our Teachers' Association, our Board approved five furlough days for the 2010-11 school year to take place the week of October 4 through 8th, 2010. I worked closely with the San Jose Teachers' Association (SJTA) leadership in selecting the dates for the furloughs. Furlough days are related to working conditions for our staff and represent a pay reduction for employees. We are required by law to negotiate the calendar with SJTA. We considered a variety of alternate dates, including before and after the school year and linking to existing holidays and found significant issues with the alternate dates. A full explanation of the selection of the October dates is available on our website at www.sjusd.org

Please understand that furlough days are one of the only options we have to reduce expenses in our school district at this time. We have lost over \$50 million in state funding the last two years and furlough days will allow us to not further erode support services and programs for students, based on lack of adequate state funding. Thank you for your understanding of the difficult decisions that we have made to keep our students learning and our district solvent."

Please see the [attached 2010-2011 school calendar](#) for more information.

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.

Leland Art Contest

Interested in displaying your art work on one of the pillars on the quad stage? Read the [attached flyer](#) to find out how!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch - Volunteers Needed

Teachers Appreciation Lunch

May 7, 2010

The theme for the teachers' appreciation lunch this year is "AROUND THE WORLD." We need 5-7 volunteers from **each** of these different cultures to help with the teacher appreciation lunch. Please donate food or money or help with decorations and set up! Following are some of the cultures represented at Leland; we encourage other cultures not mentioned here to participate in this event.

AFRICA	ASIA	EUROPE
Ethiopian food	Chinese food	Italian food
	Indian food	Greek food
AMERICA	Japanese food	English food
American food	Korean food	German food
Mexican food	Persian/ Middle Eastern Food	Spanish food
	Philippine food	
	Vietnamese food	

Let's all show our appreciation for the staff of Leland!

If you would like to volunteer or donate money please contact: **Priti Patel** at homesbypriti@yahoo.com or (408)218-1258.

Walk/Run on May 16, 2010

Requesting local high school students to volunteer and earn Community Service hours. Please feel free to contact Shannon Brannan if you have additional questions at 408-307-9560 or shannonbrannan@aol.com.

[Walk/Run Volunteer Poster](#)

Summer Internship at Kaiser Permanente

Program Dates - June 14 - August 6, 2010

Contact Jermaine Jenkins, on-site coordinator, for a paid summer internship at Kaiser Permanente!

The application deadline is March 30, 2010. For immediate consideration, please respond as soon as possible. Please forward completed applications to directly to atJermaine.B.Jenkins@kp.org or fax to me at 510-225-3878.

Please find program information & application instructions in the attachments.

[Program Information](#) Application Form [\(Pages 1-2\)](#) [\(Pages 3 – 7\)](#)

In-Class Rally

There will be an in-class rally on Friday, April 9th. We will be following a special rally schedule. Please refer to the [attached revised bell schedule](#) for planning purposes.

Fashion Show

Look out for this year's annual fashion show *The Fifth Season* on Friday, April 30th. Tickets will go on sale soon!

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!

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.

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.

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.

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 recognize 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 scholarships 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.

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

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.

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

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Updated Important Information about Community Service Hours (Contd.)

- 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?

- **Interested in volunteering at a local farmers' market?**
If you are, South Bay Farmers' Markets is looking for few good people to help the market managers with opening and closing the weekly farmers' market in Willow Glen. It is an opportunity to learn more about farming and operating farmers' markets. All volunteers must be willing to commit to Saturday mornings or afternoons depending on the time volunteers are available and wish to commit. The Willow Glen Farmers' market opens May 8 and runs through the last weekend in October. The hours of operation are from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. However, volunteers will need to be on site earlier and stay later. This is a perfect opportunity to earn hours required for community service. Please contact Mel Defe or SuEllen Sterling at 408-353-4293 to sign up.
- **Volunteer for the Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League**
The Almaden Valley Youth Soccer League (AVYSL) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster healthful recreation and responsible social interaction through the sport of soccer. We are currently looking for volunteers to help support our spring season and have local opportunities that only take approximately 2 hours. Flexible schedules are available. Please contact Debra Fant, AVYSL Volunteer Coordinator, at debrafant@gmail.com or by phone at 408/268-3065.
- **Volunteers Needed For Almaden Library Spring Book Sale**
Friday, April 16 – Book Sale Set-up - 2 to 5 p.m. – **8 teens** (if 2:00 p.m. is too early they can come as soon as they are out of school). They will be setting up tables in the large community room and bring boxes of books into the community room and displaying them for next day's book sale.
Saturday, April 17 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - **2 teens** – Help with the preparations for the book sale.
Saturday, April 17 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **2 teens** – Straighten books on tables. Help carry customer's purchases out to their cars (can use library book trucks).
Saturday, April 17 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **8 teens** – Clean up and put away unsold books.
Contact Ed Koetitz – Youth Services Librarian – at 408-808-3040 to sign up (P.S. He'll be out of town Mar. 22 and returning to work on Tuesday, March 30th.)

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Need Community Service Hours? (Contd.)

- **The Cultural Fair is coming to Bret Harte on May 12!**
Many hands make light work! Please contact the following people to schedule your volunteer hours: Joyita Bardhan (joy_bardhan15@yahoo.com) or Zinnia Wilson (zinmania@gmail.com). We need help with set-up (as early as 3 pm) and clean-up (between 6:00-7:30 shift), and help in country booths, the raffle and silent auction tables, etc.
- **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>).