

*Harvey L. Lewis Middle School  
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### **Lewis e-News (January 10, 2007)**

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### **Foundation**

Our first Silent Auction is coming. Mark your calendars for April 21!!

### **Chicken Pox**

Be aware that an 8th grade student at our school has the diagnosis of Chicken Pox. Following district regulations and state guidelines, all of the student's classroom teachers have been notified and flyers have been distributed to these classrooms.

### **Traffic Safety**

One of our students was hit by a car after school on December 15th. He was knocked to the ground, but fortunately was not hurt. A girl walking just in front of him was apparently just grazed by the car. It happened while crossing in the crosswalk on Princess View and Glenroy.

Parents please, slow down when driving around the school. If older siblings drop off or pick up your child, please remind them to drive carefully and safely.

Please be aware that making a U turn on Glenroy is not only dangerous, but against the law. Police have been visible in the morning and afternoon and have been ticketing drivers. Please adhere to all traffic laws for the safety of our children.

### **Employee Recognition**

The district will be recognizing and providing a high level of customer service through their new Family Friendly Schools effort that begins this month. They want to honor those school employees who go above and beyond the call of duty to provide friendly assistance to parents.

To recognize exemplary service that you experience, look for the Family Friendly Schools display on the counter in the main office.. If you have received superior service from a Lewis school employee, please take a minute or two to fill out a card, indicating how you have been helped and who was most helpful to you. Each month, outstanding school employees who are nominated by parents for providing superior assistance or for doing an especially good job will receive school district recognition. Thank you in advance for noticing those hard-working employees who go the extra mile to treat you with friendliness, respect, appreciation and care--the way we all want to be treated.

### **Holiday Basket Program, the Gift of Giving**

Who says that people who work at schools only care about homework? Well that is not true at Lewis Middle School. In the spirit of giving, the staff at Lewis put together a Holiday Basket Program this holiday season which was coordinated by Nurse Breslow. The program was a volunteer community service and because of the generosity of the staff at Lewis, three families

were pleasantly surprised. These families had the opportunity to go to a local grocery store to purchase a dinner and gift cards to local general merchandise stores. Lewis staff not only influences the Allied Garden community as a Distinguished School, but it takes care of deserving families through their generosity and thoughtfulness. Hats off to Lewis Middle School!

Foundation Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Wed., Jan. 17 in room 501. All parents are invited to attend this dynamic parent organization. A special Silent Auction planning meeting is scheduled for Jan. 11 at 6:30 pm in room 501. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please consider getting involved!

### **ASB Dances General Information**

The next school dance will be held on Feb. 14. School dances are held from 2:20 to 3:15 in the school cafeteria. Students must remain in the cafeteria until the dance is over. If a parent wishes their child to depart early from the dance, the Vice Principal must have their request in writing prior to the dance. However, parents may come to the dance and pick up their child. Phone calls made during the dance to release a student cannot be accepted, because we are unable to verify the parent's identity. This is for your child's safety and protection.

Students who misbehave or dance inappropriately will be asked to leave the dance and will be detained in a holding room until the dance is over. Students must have a 2.0 GPA in both academics and citizenship on their most recent report card and no suspensions for the grading period to buy a ticket to the dance. Tickets are sold in advance and are not available on the day of the dance. Our next dance is on February 14, 2007 and we ask you to review these rules and regulations with your child to ensure a good time is had by all students.

### **Science Teacher wins \$10,000 Grant**

Teacher, Susan Glembotski just received a \$10,000 grant from BiogenIdec. These funds will be used to buy up-to-date, expensive equipment, like that used in university and biotech research labs, and supplies for her classroom which will be shared with other 7th grade Science teachers. Lewis will have equipment that students may not have access to at many high schools.

Our teacher found out about this grant because she has worked with BiogenIdec Community Lab, which brings students and teachers together with working scientists, in a true biotechnology lab. With the grant money she will buy equipment and supplies to up-date her classroom and to provide ALL 7th grade students with the type of hands on activities that a few students get to do in the Community Lab. These activities include techniques that will allow students to carry out procedures used in forensics and diagnostics, such as DNA fingerprinting and disease identification (electrophoresis gels).

Part of the mission of the BiogenIdec Foundation is to help educators promote science literacy and to encourage young people to consider science careers, but they are not limited to Science Departments. They offer grants to teachers and schools and other agencies each year. They are also partners with Lewis. They want to support Lewis other departments may be eligible for grants from them. Susan has the contact info for the person in charge of outreach, please see her if you think BiogenIdec could help you.

### **New Look for Lewis & Color speaks louder than words!**

In the spring of 2006 the District asked the firm of HMC Architecture, along with Kathy Davis & Associates, to assist in developing "color standards" for schools in SDUSD to enhance the curb appeal of the schools. Adherence to standards will ensure consistency and ease of maintenance & facility management. This program will create pride of place for each school that will reflect our own style.

Lewis was selected as the first school to participate in this new program. We were able to review ten (10) comprehensive color schemes with twelve (12) colors each based on schemes used throughout San Diego neighborhoods with some color trends added. With staff and parent input, we selected a color scheme of warm neutral colors. We then had 12 options with variations, such as color of doors, etc. We narrowed our selection to 4 color variations and submitted them to the district. We should have our new look this spring!!

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## **Dates to Remember**

### **JANUARY**

15\* Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
17 Foundation 6:30 pm  
18 Technology Committee Meeting 2:30  
19 Minimum Day - 11:30 Dismissal  
22 SSC/Gov  
23 Character Assemblies  
24 Latino Parent Meeting 6:30 p.m..  
26 Uniform Optional Day  
30 NAEP Testing

### **FEBRUARY**

2 Fall Semester Ends  
8/9 Henry articulation through 8th grade English classes  
12\* Lincoln Day Holiday  
14 Valentine s Day Dance, 2:15-3:10, cafeteria  
15 Cookie dough assemblies through PE  
16 End of 4th grading period  
19\* Washington Day Holiday  
21 Foundation 6:30 pm  
23 Minimum Day Parent Conferences -11:30 Dismissal/  
Uniform Optional Day

### **MARCH**

21 Foundation 6:30  
22 Open House in the evening  
23 Minimum Day - 11:30 Dismissal  
30 Uniform Optional Day

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