



# Principal's Newsletter

## From the desk of Principal Rasnik



### Upcoming Events

January 18 <sup>th</sup>		No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
January 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00-9:00PM	Family Dinner Night out at Islands
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:30am	Pastries with the Principal
January 20 <sup>th</sup>		Fundraising Meet & Greet after Principal Pastries
January 25 <sup>th</sup>		Silent Auction Donated Items Drop off Day
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:45-8:45am	Goethe Café
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Family Dinner Night
February 4 <sup>th</sup>		Semester ends – Report Cards sent home

Happy New Year! – Frohes Neues Jahr – Feliz Año Nuevo

*It's nice to see everyone again and I am looking forward to a productive continuation of our school year in 2011. Here are a few highlights and also a few items of information:*

**One of our own students published in the Los Angeles Times - Congratulations, Cory from 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – We are very proud of you**

Below is the poem he wrote:

## Creativity Corner

The Texting Problem

Cory, 9

Goethe International Charter School, Los Angeles

Moms do and Dads do, too: Text, text, text. All they do is just look at the screen. They act just like a teen. Their eyes are like a beam. It's like I'm hardly seen. They barely sleep it seems. And when they finally crash, they've used up all their cache. There's one more thing I'll tell you about. When my parents play with me, I'm so happy I could shout. And that's why I like it when their cell phones juice runs out!

**Big Shout Out to the Goethe Café organizers:** The campus was just abuzz on Friday morning. I had not seen so many parents coming in with their kids and milling about since the first day of this school year. There were some wonderful treats to be bought and I thoroughly enjoyed my cup of coffee and pumpkin muffins. Due to some technical difficulties I was unable to make an announcement but wanted to be sure to acknowledge all the hard work. It is wonderful to see the school community getting together.

**Parent University – I.B.** - Thank you to all of the parents who showed up for the recent Parent University where the topic was I.B. - It was a great turn out and many relevant questions were asked. Ms. Tyerman gave an excellent presentation and answered many parent questions. Given the interest in this topic, we've classified this session as the primer and will continue to give future presentations that will build upon this knowledge base. For those parents who were unable to attend we download relevant information from each of the Parent University sessions on the website. Information presented at the I.B. P.U. will be accessible on the website very soon.

**Comfort Station** - The time has finally come to use the Comfort Station which took some time to adapt to our needs. But as everything in life, it has its positives and its negatives. We all really need parent help, especially from parents of Kinders and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. As much as we've conducted training on the proper use of the toilets, we have already encountered problems with toilets clogging up. We need your help in reminding your kids on the use of toilet paper every morning as you drive to school. Since these toilets do not flush like regular toilets with suction, it is important not to stuff too much paper into the toilets. The actual culprits however are the paper towels used to dry hands. We found wads of paper towels in the toilet. The paper towels are of heavy gauge paper and have a tendency to get stuck in the pipe. We already had a toilet overflowing in the boys room and the girls room. Until the kids get used to the new system, a reminder everyone is very much appreciated by our supervision staff and myself. Thank you.

**Up to \$345.00 fine for making a U-turn** - A reminder that U-turns at the end of the street on Westlawn Drive is illegal. A Policeman has been patrolling and issued a warning that they will be coming by. This can be a very expensive proposition for someone who is not willing to go along with the law (not to mention endangering the safety of our children and adults). **DO NOT MAKE A U-TURN – PLEASE CONTINUE DRIVING AROUND THE CORNER ON WESTLAWN !**

**Crossing Guards** – We have been exploring the possibility of training some of our upper classmen as crossing guards. More information about that will be distributed soon.

**Board of Trustees and Principal working together** - As the school year continues the Board of Trustees has been working very hard in continuing with projects for the continued growth and development of the school. If you would like to be informed please check the website for announcements and attend a Board meeting.



***Apply Now For Siblings:*** Applications for the 2011/2012 school year are available on-line and in the office. Current students do not need to reapply, however all siblings planning to attend in the fall **MUST** apply during the lottery application period (December 1 to February 28, 2010). **Siblings that do not apply during the lottery application period will not be able to keep their sibling preference.**



**Silent and Live Auction Fundraiser– “A Night in Paris” March 26<sup>th</sup>** : Thank you for all of your wonderful donations so far. We have a Helicopter ride, Snowboarding lessons & gift certificates to popular restaurants to name a few. **Our next donation drop off day will be on January 25<sup>th</sup>** either at drop off or pick up so bring your Auction items on that day along with a completed donor form. You can bring completed donation forms anytime to the school office in the envelope labeled “Completed Donor Forms” and pick up a blank one to solicit more or you can find all the forms in the Yahoo Fundraising

Folder. Also, we need your **leftover gift baskets** from the holidays to help us package the items. Bring those to the drop off day as well. Don’t wait to get your donations - the **final deadline is February 4<sup>th</sup>**! If you have any questions you can contact the Auction Chair, Stephanie Baca [sbaca@hlw.com](mailto:sbaca@hlw.com) and Sage Raval the Event Chair [sage@sageraval.com](mailto:sage@sageraval.com).



**Willkommen from the Goethe International Dinner Club!** It is a new year and a new month for the dinner club. We have secured a night at the Island's Restaurant in Marina Del Rey on Wednesday, January 19, from 5-closing. The address is: 404 Washington Boulevard, Marina del Rey, CA 90292-5214 (310) 822-3939. Please plan to bring your family, friends and neighbors to Islands this night, and our school will receive a 20% donation from your dinner check!! You must present a flyer with your dinner check. Please look for this in your child's folder on Monday, January 16. These flyers will also be available for you to download from the yahoo group, and they will be available in the school office as well. We look forward to seeing you Wednesday, January 19th!!!

**Goethe Café – January 28<sup>th</sup> 7:45-8:45am:** There will be another Goethe Cafe on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring a couple of dollars, skip breakfast and come enjoy some healthy food such as fruit, hard-boiled eggs, and bagels. Come and grab that cup of coffee, hang out with your friends and meet someone new! Find out what is going on and how you can get more involved with the GICS community. For more information on the Goethe Café or to volunteer contact the Co-Chairs Cory Birkett [coryjane@ca.rr.com](mailto:coryjane@ca.rr.com) and Jessica Miro [hopman579@yahoo.com](mailto:hopman579@yahoo.com)



**Family Dinner, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm:** Another community event, save the date! Come and join GICS families for a spaghetti dinner Expect a flyer for this FREE community event on Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm! Come and join GICS families for a spaghetti dinner in the Multipurpose Room. Space is limited to please RSVP so that you don’t miss out. For more information contact Natalie Kurtz [info@kurtzworld.com](mailto:info@kurtzworld.com)



**Parent Night Out – February 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30-9:30pm** Save the Date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent Night Out. Our fabulous GICS teachers are donating their time to babysit for your kids while you have a romantic night out. Details will be coming soon. For more information email the event Chair, Mrs. Selena Mitchell, [selena@goethecharterschool.org](mailto:selena@goethecharterschool.org)



## **Thank Yous!**

Thank you to **Kendall Severson**, Chair of the Ice Skating Event and to her whole team for putting on such a fun and successful fundraising event.

Also a huge thanks to the Chairs of our ongoing fundraising activities:

International Dinner Club – **Carol Earle**

Shop for Goethe – **Jenny Van Le and Eric Deyerl**

Scrip – **Pam Brissette**

Spirit Store – **Sandy Mar**

Calendars & Notecards- **Donata Takahashi and Maureen Sautter**

CSA – **Kendall Severson, Audrey Morris & Susi Bachofner**

Volunteer Coordinator- **Cory Birkett**

Fundraising website- **Kara Taylor**

Fundraising Taskforce Secretary – **Kathy Mulligan**

Room Parent Coordinator- **Pam Brissette**

Corporate Outreach – **Thea Mercouffer**

Grantwriting – **Jeremy Miles and Liz Fuller**

**We wouldn't have such a successful fundraising program for our school with out all of our volunteers!**

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**