

Principally Speaking

SOUTH BAY PARENT NEWLETTER

Principal, Marie Twibell

June 1, 2010

HAVE A SAFE AND FUN SUMMER
SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2010

I want to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the South Bay Union School District Community. My eight years in the district have been very challenging and rewarding. The challenges have provided great opportunities that brought our small school district closer together. Working as a highly committed team of students, staff, parents and community members we have overcome obstacles and maintained our focus on student learning. I feel very privileged to have been part of the South Bay Union School District and working with such a caring, hardworking and generous group of individuals.

My sincere thanks go out to each of you who played a pivotal role in supporting my efforts to meet the needs of our students. Throughout the course of our lives we experience many endings and many beginnings. For me this is a bittersweet ending and a very exciting new beginning. South Bay Union School District will remain in my thoughts and heart.

WELCOME NEW South Bay Union School District **SUPERINTENDENT MR. PAUL MEYERS**

The district has the honor of welcoming Mr. Paul Meyers as the new Superintendent/Principal of South Bay Union School District. Mr. Meyers has been the principal at Ferndale Elementary School and is very excited to be assuming his new position. I am confident that he will enjoy your continued support and successfully lead the district forward in providing students with an excellent education.

EXPLORE 2010 SUMMER PROGRAM June 21-July 19 at **Pine Hill**

Pine Hill and South Bay K-5th grade students during 2009-2010 are welcome to attend our Summer Program. There will be a morning session 8:15-12:15 at a fee of \$30 per week (scholarships available). The afternoon session will be 12:15-5:15 at \$50 a week (no scholarships available). This will be a fun learning experience that we are offering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Mr. "O" is retiring after 23 years of service to the South Bay Union School District. Mr. Osborne's commitment to his students and generosity will be missed. An active member of the School Site Council and the PTO, Mr. "O"

goes above and beyond what is expected of him. Thank you Mr. Osborne for your smile, generosity and commitment to students, families and the South Bay Union School District.

Mr. "P" is retiring after 30 years of service to the South Bay Union School District. He is better known as Mr. Science or the Rock Man. Mr. Passarini has shared his love of science with all our upper grade students and provided them with a strong foundation. All will miss his sense of humor and smile. Thank you Mr. Passarini for sharing your love of science with the students of the South Bay Union School District.

Mr. Xavier is moving back to Ventura and the sunshine of Southern California. He has been our bus driver/custodian/maintenance person for 3 years. We want to thank him for all he has done for our students, staff and district. Good luck in the Southland!

Ms. Younger retired at the end of March as our library aide. She is spending her time caring for her new baby granddaughter. We want to thank her for her dedication to books and reading. She made the South Bay Library a place we all like to go.

SIXTH GRADE PROMOTION—JUNE 17th

The sixth grade students' promotion will be held at South Bay Elementary at 10:30 a.m. and a potluck lunch will follow. Come and celebrate this special event with your children.

AWARDS' ASSEMBLY

On Monday, June 14th, at 8:45 a.m. there will be an Awards' Assembly to recognize and honor our students for their hard work and accomplishments. This is always an exciting and fun event. Please plan to attend.

STAR Testing

Throughout the state of California all students in grades 2-12 have experienced state mandated testing. I want to express my appreciation to all the students, staff and parents for their support in this process. These tests are one important way we assess student learning, and it helps us to plan and focus our teaching. Parent reports will be mailed out in August once we receive the results. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

NO MINIMUM DAY ON WED. JUNE 2!

JUNE 4th FRIDAY—MINIMUM DAY 1:30 release

Dates to Remember:

June 3	PERK Fun Day
June 4	PTO CARNIVAL (5-8 p.m.)
June 7	PERK BBQ
June 14	Student Recognition Assembly
June 15th	Staff/student softball game
June 16th	Talent Show
June 17th	LAST DAY /K Promotion/6th Promotion 10:30 a.m.

