



HUGO REID ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# THE HUGO REIDER

Home of the Rocky Raiders

Hugo Reid Elementary School PTSA

December 2009 - January 2010

## PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Time to Give Thanks to Family and Friends"*

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### Important Dates

- \*Movie Night, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>/Jan. 8
- \*Restaurant Night, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>/Jan. 12
- \*Holiday Program, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>
- \*Winter Break, Dec. 21- Jan. 1
- \*Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>
- \*Intercultural Night, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>
- Founders Day, Feb 19<sup>th</sup>

### Upcoming PTSA Meetings

December 15<sup>th</sup> -  
Holiday Lunch  
January 26<sup>th</sup>  
General Meeting 8:30am

Minimum Days  
Student Led Conferences  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

## **PTSA**

**"We can make a difference by  
working together as one."  
Lisa Teraishi-Wong - PTSA  
President  
Thomas S. Bruce - Principal  
Angela Hopf - Editor**

It really has been a busy year already at Hugo Reid. Many thanks to the chairman and volunteers who have worked so hard to make so many great activities happen!

Thank you Terrie Stellern and the volunteers for getting the Rolling Readers program started this year. Thank you Janet Dang for organizing the volunteers for Picture Day which ran so smoothly and on time. Kerri Kiyomura and Deborah Howard did a fabulous job heading up the bookfair. Thank you both and all the volunteers for all of your hard work! Thank you Carla Peyton Thomas, Terrie Stellern, and Andrea Pender for the work to bring the In-N-Out truck to the book fair and for selling the delicious Baskin Robbins ice-cream. Thank you Carolyn Prater, Kristen Jardino and all the fabulous volunteers that helped distribute the boxes to each class for the fall fundraiser. Restaurant night at Pepper's was fun and delicious. It was nice talking and meeting with new families here at Hugo Reid. Most of all I need to give lots of thanks to all the families who supported the bookfair, the In-N-Out dinner, Restaurant Night, or bought or sold gift-wrap and the mixed bags design products. A special note of thanks to those families that just gave a straight donation to our school. Your support makes many extra programs at Hugo Reid possible.

Thank you so much to Kathy Cheng, Emmy Chang, and the parent volunteers that worked really hard to create our school directory and distribute it to the Hugo Reid families in such a timely manner. They have spent many hours inputting data, and collecting pictures and information to be included. We really enjoy our school directory. Thank you Sharleen Nakamoto and Deborah Howard for heading up our Box Top program. They have spent a great deal of time creating fliers, setting up collections and the prize system. Keep those Box Tops coming! Thank you Jane Garzona and Kerri Kiyomura for taking on the PTSA's Reflections program and to all the students that participated. You all did a fabulous job and you are all winners. Thank you to Ms. McGrath for the wonderful script she wrote to kickoff our See's Candy Assembly and thank you to Mr. Bruce and the wonderful teachers who participated in the assembly. You were quite entertaining and the children really enjoyed it.

Beyond the special events I have listed above, I have so many other things to be thankful and grateful for this year. I am so thankful for all the wonderful parents who volunteer and help our teachers and, most importantly, our children. This is what makes Hugo Reid a great school and a wonderful community to live in. I am so happy that we were the first city to make the "top ten cities to live in" for two years in a row. The support from parents, teachers, and the staff has been wonderful and so appreciated.

With the Holidays coming so quickly this is our opportunity to share and spend time with our family, friends, and loved ones for they are what we are truly thankful and grateful for. I know we all tend to be busy but there are times when we just need to stop, slow down, and just focus on each other. With time passing before our eyes, I believe spending quality time together will have a great impact on our children.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season filled with lots of love, joy, and gratitude!

Sincerely,  
Lisa M. Teraishi-Wong  
[Lisa.teraishi-wong@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Lisa.teraishi-wong@sbcglobal.net)

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# Principal's Message

Dear Hugo Reid Families,

Last year, Newsweek voted the city of Arcadia the number one place to raise a family in the state of California. Newsweek based the award most heavily on schools and safety. On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Arcadia was *again* named the best place to raise children in the grand state of California. As I often say, involved parents make great schools. Thank you for supporting our schools and therefore our city. Congratulations!

<http://realestate.yahoo.com/promo/americas-best-place-to-raise-your-kids>.

Unbelievably, holiday programs are getting underway. As in the years past, we will take this time to celebrate the diversity we have here at Hugo Reid. As a public school, we need to be conscious of all cultures and religions. I see our diversity as a unique opportunity. Our students have the opportunity to understand other cultures and holidays from around the world. I am sure your family will take time to address your own beliefs this holiday season. I look forward to an outstanding holiday show and season. Remember, through SCRIP, you could be sitting in the front row!

I have been keeping an eye on traffic at both schools. It seems when I am standing there, things go very well. If I am not, procedures and even laws are not always followed. I have added Mrs. Thomas and Ms. Hawkins to both sites in an effort to smooth the drop off times. Also, I have met with the Arcadia Police Department, Arcadia Transportation Services Manager Linda Hui and our own facilities people concerning our traffic patterns and volume. Good News – Bad News: Good News - Comparing Hugo Reid to the other sites, we are the smoothest facility in AUSD – Bad News - We have the smoothest operation in AUSD! So, it is up to us, the community, to keep the safety of

our students in mind when driving around the schools. Obey the laws of the road and keep an eye out for short pedestrians and bicycle riders. As families of Hugo Reid, we can be proactive. Work with your neighbors to create walking groups and make bicycle riders ride together. In addition, the city is looking for sidewalk projects in our neighborhood. There is grant money available to create safer walking areas for our residents – although it seems like many of the adults would rather walk down the center of the street ☺.

I continue my endeavor to involve more parents in the education of our students. There are many ways you can be involved in our school. PTSA or AEF is the obvious place to start. In fact, this topic is one of the key goals this year for PTSA. This year we are translating more information and inviting more families to help on campus. We are also inviting community leaders to speak at our PTSA meetings; guest who may share information our community finds valuable. Many parents find connecting with their teacher to assist during the day or support with work at home is easiest. In addition, we are always looking for parent support when organizing large gatherings. Finally, parent assistance for activities such as Rolling Readers, working fundraisers and even movie nights is highly regarded. Get Involved!

We at Hugo Reid are moving in the direction of helping our students to be more responsible for their own learning. I suspect this will be an ongoing process of learning and growth. Last year I included a small article in this newsletter about supporting students during homework. The author stated in his book that the best place for the children to do homework is on their own, in their own room. Parents are to support them in two ways. First, give him/her the area

and supplies they may need. Second, support them when they approach us for help, when stuck or needs a last review of finished work. Other than that, the author concludes we are merely hovering and taking the responsibility away from the student; he calls us helicopter parents. Based on the author's experience, too often we get overly involved with the child's homework, making sure they do not fail. That is when parenting by helicopter takes place. Soon we unwittingly over direct or manage the situation, actually taking away the child's learning and responsibility. Consequently, we foster the student's dependence rather than independence and responsibility.

To add to this past thought, I would like our parents to remember we need your support. Our teachers are highly qualified and well trained to educate all children. However, each of our families must be willing to support that learning at home. The school days from now until spring break are always the most effective days of teaching. We must have parents check homework, schedules, timelines for projects and agendas to get the most from this time. Have your student show and/or explain their assignments to you each night. Most of all, communicate with your teacher. You are your child's first teacher. We cannot reach our highest expectations without your partnership.

Most children in our school are very excited to come to school and excited about learning. Enthusiasm for learning makes our job easier and as you know, more fun. It is important that learning be enjoyable both at school and home. Let your children know through conversation and example that education creates opportunities for one's future. We should all strive to be lifelong learners.

Happy Holidays  
Enjoy Friends and Family

Sincerely,  
Mr. Thomas S. Bruce

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## 2009/10 PTSA Executive Board Nominating Committee

The nominating committee for the 2009/10 Executive Board has been elected. Donna Noda, Carolyn Prater, Jennifer Jackson, Jennie Tang, and Margaret Aghili have all agreed to serve as this year's nominating committee. The committee will convene in January to determine candidates for each PTSA Executive Board position for the 2009/10 school year. The committee will need your help! Nomination suggestion forms are available and give the committee vital information regarding potential candidates. If you or someone you know is a member of the PTSA and is interested in filling an Executive Board position for next year, please complete a nomination form or email suggestions to Diana Eisele, Parliamentarian, at [eisele@roadrunner.com](mailto:eisele@roadrunner.com). All of the available positions are listed and described on the form. Thank you for your help with this process!



# Honorary Service and Reflections Awards

Please plan to join us for our  
annual  
Honorary Service and Reflections  
Awards for  
*"Beauty is....."*.  
Friday, February 19th, 2010  
at 7 p.m. in the cafetorium

**Watch for the nomination form  
coming in  
the Wednesday folders.  
Please nominate the volunteers  
that you know have worked  
above and beyond  
the call of duty!**



## Musical Theatre Coming Soon...

Get ready to brush up on your acting skills- Musical Theatre Group begins rehearsals in January. We are fortunate to have Janice Clark returning this year as our director and choreographer. The kids have had so much fun with her plays in the past!

The Musical Theater Group has room for 35-40 performers and is open to 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Rehearsals are held 3 times per week from January – March at 7am Mondays and Wednesdays, and 7pm Thursdays. Final performances are held

April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd. Students will be introduced to all segments of a musical production including auditions, staging, acting, singing and dancing.

Interested students please join us with your parents for our sign up meeting on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Elementary Campus Cafetorium.

## Student Council



Student Council has been quite active fundraising this last month with our Dollar Drive. We were able to provide Arcadia Child Health Council with a check for \$500. This money was used to provide families in need in our community with Thanksgiving dinners.

December 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our annual Toy Drive. We are asking families to provide a new unwrapped toy for a child in need. Student Council will work with the Arcadia Fire Department to distribute the toys to the boys and girls in our community.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our organization and participation in all of our fundraisers.

-Ms McGrath and Ms. Garber

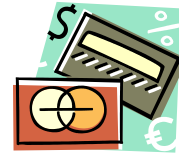
## Rocky Raccoon Has a New Look!

Finally, after over 20 years in existence, Rocky Raccoon has gotten a make-over! Special thanks to Kristine Morris for creating and sewing the new and improved Rocky Raccoon mascot outfit!



## Scrip & Hugo Reid

Holiday Season Contest



The scrip contest for first row seats at the Christmas Shows is on! Families will get one raffle ticket for every \$100 spent in scrip during December. December scrip sales schedule will include Thursdays beginning at 8:10 am (elementary school) and 2:20 pm (primary school), in addition to the usual schedule (elementary school Wednesdays 8:10-8:30 am and primary school Fridays 8:10-8:30 am).

Please order scrip for the Holiday Season and support your school!! There are gift cards available for a large selection of stores and supermarkets. Don't forget, it's at no additional cost to you!

You can also send your order forms to school with your student and a check made out to AEF (Arcadia Education Foundation). Order forms can be picked up at the school office or downloaded from the school's website (<http://www.ausd.k12.ca.us/hugoreid/>). Forms are also sent home in your Student's Red Folders regularly.

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Scrip parent volunteers...

Thank you to Felice Kwan, Janet Au, Claire Lo, Norman Offstein, Sharleen Nakamoto, Janet Do, Ana Li, Diane Chang, Caroline Prater, Lisa Teraishi-Wong, Stephanie Yang, Winnie Wang, Kerri Kiyomura and Rocio Ribero, our eager group of parents who volunteer their time every week to sell scrip and manage the program. Our school scrip program depends on their generosity!

# 3 Cheers for... Character at Hugo Reid Primary



***In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.” – Thomas Jefferson***

The Hugo Reid Primary Campus has kicked off two Character Pillars this year! We started with Respect and will be focusing on Citizenship until we come back from our Winter Break.

In October, we recognized the children that showed good respect characteristics. A warm congratulations to all of those students that are respectful at home and at school. In November, we recognized the children that showed good citizenship characteristics. Congratulations to all of the good citizens of Hugo Reid that help make this a great school. The awards assemblies were full of fun “character” songs and dances. Mrs. Kirkendall’s class entertained us with songs and dances about respect while Mrs. Swanson’s class performed a skit about being a good citizen. Each first grade class will have the chance to perform at an upcoming Character Counts assembly. In between these two assemblies we celebrated good character on Friday afternoons with chalk play and bubbles. The children loved these activities!

Character is bound to prevail with Hugo Reid teachers, staff and parents working “hand-in-hand” to incorporate lessons for strong and good character amongst our children. Character doesn’t just happen. It is an outcome of the efforts of parents and teachers who lay a strong foundation of good character for our children. Our children are counting on us to be good examples of character. Thank you to all of the teachers, staff, parents and children that continue to exhibit great examples of character - making Hugo Reid a caring and wonderful school to be a part of!

***Wishing you a holiday season filled with good cheer!***  
**Carolyn Prater & Cheryl Wong, Character Counts – Primary Campus Co-Chairs**

## Respect Winners

### Winners

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don’t threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements



## Citizenship Winners

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment



## Character Counts Elementary Kick Off "Pillars of Our Community"

We kicked off this year's Character Counts with an assembly in September called, "Pillars of Our Community." We are so fortunate to have such great role models that have grown up, live, or work in Arcadia. Our first pillar to start off the school year was Respect. A dear friend of Hugo Reid, Mr. Michael Simoniello Jr. came to speak to us. He reminded the students to remember to respect their parents, principal, teachers and classmates. Mr. Bruce, our current principal, spoke to the students about "Fairness" and how it applies to our children not only at school, but at home as well. Mrs. Sandi McGrath, who happens to be a retired teacher from Highland Oaks as well as Ms. McGrath's mother, spoke about the pillar "Responsibility" and how our teachers, students and parents need to work together to ensure our children get the most out of their education. Mrs. Lori Phillipi, Vice President of the Arcadia School Board and a long time resident of Arcadia, went over the pillar "Caring" by showing us how important our schools are to her. Officer Mitchell Thomas, who is a Hugo Reid alumni, talked about the importance of the pillar "Trustworthiness" and the role it plays not only in law enforcement, but at school and home. Mrs. Andreen and Ms. McGrath emphasized how important the pillar "Citizenship" is at school as well as in our community. We would like to thank all of our speakers for taking time away from their work and busy schedules to come and speak and show our students that "Character Counts at Hugo Reid".

In October, at the kick off of the Citizenship assembly, Gary Kovacic, former mayor of Arcadia and present City Councilman, spoke to our Hugo Reid students about Citizenship at our monthly Character Counts assembly. Mr. Kovacic discussed some important qualities of being a good citizen in your community. He discussed solving problems, volunteering and helping others in your community, taking care of our earth/resources, cooperating with others and obeying rules. Mr. Kovacic attended Arcadia schools and his own children were Hugo Reid students. His daughter was recently awarded one of five "California Teacher of the Year" recipient.

The Character Counts committee decided that instead of two assemblies a month there will be one assembly where we recognize one pillar and kick off the next. Students are recognized for exhibiting good character, Random Acts of Kindness, and Accelerated Reader grade level winners. Then we have a drawing of the Character Slips, where 3 students from each grade level win a prize.

Have you seen our new Character Counts banners gifted by the PTSA and thoughtfully designed and made by Candace Powers? Our lovely new banners will serve Hugo Reid's Character Counts program for many years to come. Besides we will be saving school resources by not having to paint a butcher paper sign each month as well as helping our environment by not being wasteful. Another new addition this year Character Counts Tee-shirts available in four styles and can be worn every day. Order forms available in the office. We are proud to say that "Character Doe's Count at Hugo Reid" and we expect nothing less!



Character Counts Co-Chairs,  
Jane Dang, Carla Peyton-Thomas





Hugo Reid PTSA 2009-10 Reflections Program  
 "Beauty Is . . ."

Congratulations to the following students who received awards:

**Award of Excellence**

*Kylie Strong-Dance Choreography, Primary*  
 Micah Tang-Film Production, Intermediate  
 Kayla Noda,-Literature, Primary  
 Jannell Lo-Literature, Intermediate  
 Edrick Tan-Musical Composition, Intermediate  
 Justin Liao-Photography, Primary  
 Seryeong Lee-Photography, Intermediate  
 Andy Sun-Visual Arts, Primary  
 Clarice Kwan-Visual Arts, Intermediate

**Award of Merit**

Jordan Soldo-Film Production, Intermediate  
 Charles Lahey-Literature, Primary  
 Christie Wang-Literature, Intermediate  
 Altana Schweitzer-Musical Composition,  
 Intermediate  
 Delaney Prater-Photography, Primary  
 Derek Chen-Photography, Intermediate  
 Derrick Lam-Visual Arts, Primary  
 Matthew Pender-Visual Arts, Intermediate

**Honorable Mention**

Kolby Fang-Literature, Primary; Jason Soldo-Literature, Intermediate; Matthew Medina-Photography, Primary; Jack Ding-Photography, Intermediate; Timothy Guo-Visual Arts, Primary; Jonathan Powers-Visual Arts, Intermediate



Congratulations to all our children who participated...

Kevin W, Emi P, Siddharth R, Melissa M, Erin W, Michael M, Gavin T, Cole P, Samantha L, Aaron H, Ryan W, Peyton T, Gurmehar C, Ryan K, Sandra T, Shivani C, Gabriela Y, Trinity C, Jocelyn H, Natalie W, Clarissa K, Derina C, Venkata S, Jocelyn C, Melanie C, Christina W, Armando S, Gissel R, Joshua R, Jaimie G, Feng-Yu L, Nathan U, Kaitlyn L, Amanda J, Ryan F, Adam P, Phoebe C, Madeleine F, Wesley C, Ethan C, Michael M, Tania M, Jennifer M, Sarah R, Hannah R, Darren W, Claire S, Krishna P, Aaron H, Jonah T, Roshan K, Emily P, Cassidy C, Swetha S, Maegan U, Lance W, Averi W, Emily P, Dakota H, Braden W, Joshua K, Melanie G, Leo L, Jocelyn L, Kali T, Kyrene T, Andrew P, Evelyn C, Mikaylie K, Aronne C, Sophia G, Alison W, Abhimanyu B, Sage S, Preston W, Zachary M, Leon I

**Thank you to our wonderful Parent volunteers...**

Cielo Ruiz, Pamela Wang, Carolyn Prater, Carla Peyton-Thomas, Janet Dang, Sarah Callahan, Jennie Tang  
 ~Jane Garzona and Kerri Kiyomura, Reflections Co-Chairs~

# 2009 Fall Fundraiser The Results Are In....



During the final stretch of our fall fundraiser, we reached out to all Hugo Reid families explaining that if we all did our part, we could reach our \$14,000 net goal. There were two different ways you could contribute. The first option was to send in a straight donation of \$22.58, while the second option required that you sell \$45.16 in Great American or Mixed Bag Designs products.

With tremendous pride, we are pleased to announce that not only did Hugo Reid families come together to reach that goal, we surpassed it by it raising \$16,716.00. Webster's Dictionary defines "TEAMORK" as the actions of individuals, brought together for a common purpose or goal. The interactions among the members and the work they complete is called TEAMWORK. "TEAMWORK" was the number one factor in helping us achieve our fundraising goals this year. A majority of all Hugo Reid families did their part and as result we all win by contributing to help our children receive the best education they can at Hugo Reid.

Below please see a summary of the profits:

<b>Great American:</b>	\$11,144.88
<b>Mixed Bag Designs:</b>	\$2,389.00
<b>Straight Donations:</b>	\$2,727.02
<b>Reach Out Booklets- sent to out of town family:</b>	\$455.10
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>\$16,716.00</b>

Thanks a million to the Fall Fundraising committee for showing up to sort, distribute and count money. Thank you ---Terrie Stellern, Donna Noda, Janet Dang, Kerri Kiyomura, Carla Thomas, Lisa T. Wong, Cindy Riegsecker, Margaret Aghili, Cielo Ruiz, Julie Ambrosini, Bert and Yan Wong, Deborah Howard, Candice Powers and Adriana Lim. We'd also like to thank all of the teachers for supporting this fundraiser by attending the assembly and making announcements to your students when asked. Your enthusiasm and cooperation makes a difference. Special thanks to Dave Weidaman for going out of his way to help us alphabetize the boxes and distribute them to classes without being asked.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the families at Hugo Reid who supported this year's fall fundraiser. As a result of your contribution and the fundraiser's success, our gift committee will be able to meet with Mr. Bruce in early December to discuss needed equipment that will be purchased from the proceeds of our fall fundraisers.

*Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!*

Carolyn Prater and Kris Jardino  
2009 Fall Fundraiser Co-Chairs



## Say Cheese!

Picture Day and Make-Up Picture Day was held on October 8th and November 13th, respectively. A special thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers...

Janet Dang, Angela Wong, Sophia Nguyen, Doris Gadoury, Jen Gassner, Laura Conner, Deborah Howard, Nicole Pham, Sherry Medina, Kristine Chen, Ling-Ling Chung, Jessie Garcia, Sarah Javaheri, Pamela Wang, Carolyn Prater, Cielo Ruiz, Carla Peyton-Thomas and Lisa Teraishi-Wong.

Thank you for making sure our children were 'picture-perfect'!

~Kerri Kiyomura  
Executive V.P.

## Hugo Reid's 2009 Book Fair Fair "Fallin for Books"



This year's Book Fair opened its doors on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and ran through Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, families came by to shop and enjoy some ice cream hosted by our PTSA Ways & Means committee. Monday evening, families shopped and had a delicious dinner provided by In-N-Out Burger. Thank you to all who purchased dinner tickets, 75% of the proceeds was gifted back to Hugo Reid.

Thank you to **ALL** our Book Fair volunteers, and especially the ladies who closed up our registers every night – your time and financial dedication was greatly appreciated.

TO OUR PARENTS and FRIENDS, who came out to support this event, we thank you for your generous contributions. We look forward to seeing you at our next Book Fair!

**Kerri Kiyomura, Janet Dang,  
and Deborah Howard**  
2009 Book Fair Chairs

## Box Tops...



Box Tops will give us 10¢ for every Box Top coupon turned in.

In addition, each month Hugo Reid will draw one winner in each grade level from the Box Tops submitted. The more Box Tops your child turns in each month, the better his/her chances of winning a prize!

Here's all you need to do:

- Clip your Box Tops;
  - Write your child's name/room number on the back of each Box Top; and
  - Have your child bring the Box Tops to his/her classroom.
- No expired box tops please!**

At the end of the school year the classroom that collects the most Box Tops will win a special treat. Look for those Box Tops and clip, clip, clip!

Sharleen Nakamoto and Deborah Howard  
Box Top Chairs



## **“Hugo Reid Rocks - DRUG FREE!”**

During the week of October 19<sup>th</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Hugo Reiders rocked and showed their support for the Red Ribbon mission.

Students and staff participated in many of the Red Ribbon activities and showed that Hugo Reid is committed to being drug free!

From wearing the “Hugo Reid Rocks- Drug Free” wristbands to the highly anticipated “Wear All Red” day, it was so impressive to witness the enthusiasm and support of each student and classroom. Congratulations to Mrs. Klipstein’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, the elementary campus winner! Mrs. Klipstein’s students wore the most red and were covered from head to toe. Congratulations to Mrs. Laudenslager’s kindergarten class, our primary campus winner. Mrs. Laudenslager’s little ones showed their amazing support and dressed in the most red at the primary school!

Thank you to all the volunteers who made Red Ribbon week a huge success. From decorations, raffling prizes, to the classroom presentations, we appreciate all your efforts and support for the Red Ribbon cause. Thank you to Sophia Lopreiato, Jane Garzona, Carmen Pon, Cielo Ruiz, Carla Peyton-Thomas, Carolyn Prater, Cheryl Wong, Lisa Teraishi-Wong, Kerri Kiyomura, Margaret Aghili, Takako Iwasaki, Nancy Ruano, Patty Soldo, Jennifer Holt, Yoko Harder, Emmy Chang, Sarah Javaheri, Jennie Tang and Wendy Strong. Thank you!

With Sincere Appreciation and Gratitude,  
Jennifer Jackson and Donna Noda  
Red Ribbon Committee

## **The Arcadia Educational Foundation**

During the 2008-2009 school year, the Arcadia Educational Foundation (AEF) contributed nearly \$400,000 to our District. This includes \$210,000 to support staffing in light of the budget shortfall and \$50,000 for supplies at all ten school sites.

Why do cities such as Arcadia, San Marino, La Canada-Flintridge – cities with outstanding schools – have educational foundations?

These districts need more money than the state provides to maintain their outstanding public schools. Since school districts are prohibited from soliciting funds directly, they have turned to educational foundations to raise money for them and then donate it to the district.

AEF provides supplemental funds to AUSD that can be used for salaries or other projects. These funds enable AUSD to offer programs, computers and supplemental educational materials that would not otherwise be available.

AEF was founded in 1981 as a nonprofit organization and is operated by community volunteers. Trustees meet monthly to discuss issues relating to AEFs fundraising and how best to aid the district. Superintendent Joel Shawn and School Board members assist in AEF’s effort to identify high value funding opportunities and enhance AUSD programs.

The importance of AEF as AUSDs largest single financial booster will only continue to grow as the state budget crisis worsens. AEF is committed to seeking increased parent and community support. Thanks to all who have participated in our previous campaigns, and please continue to show your support.

Norm Offstein,  
AEF Liaison for Hugo Reid and Secretary for AEF

# **2nd Annual HR Remixer! Got Bruce Bucks?**



**Don't throw away your old clothes!**

**Bring in your gently worn, outgrown clothing  
starting Monday, 12/7/09.**

**Get a Bruce Buck for every 5 items you donate.**

**The more you donate, the more Bruce Bucks  
you get!**

**Use your bucks to shop for "New to You"  
clothing at Hugo Reid's Holiday ReMixer on  
12/11/09,  
featuring Steve Snyder's Jazz Band &  
delicious holiday goodies!**

# Upcoming Events...

## DECEMBER 2009

Family Reading Nights (alternate between the primary and elementary school campuses-check with school office)

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm-Primary School Library

Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm-Elementary School Library

- 1 **Arcadia Council PTA Meeting- 9:00am Community Room @ Arcadia Police Department-Principal**
- 1 Arcadia President's Meeting- 10am (Holly Avenue & Longley Way) – **Only Lisa M. Teraishi-Wong**
- 1 See's Candy Ends
- 2 PTSA Board Meeting-8:30am (Place to be Determined)
- 7 **Holiday Luncheon & First District Meeting- 10:00am – 1:00pm – Principal & Lisa M. Teraishi-Wong**
- 7-11 Student Council Toy Drive
- 8 Restaurant Night – CPK (California Pizza Kitchen)
- 11 Rocky's Green Team Meeting- 7:45am (Rm. 101)
- 11 Movie Night-6:30pm (Elementary Cafetorium)
- 15 PTSA Meeting & Holiday Lunch
- 16 Holiday Program Dress Rehearsal/Video Day 9:00am
- 17-18 See's Candy Distribution
- 17 Holiday Program-Show #1-9:00am (A-M), Show #2-10:30am (N-Z)
- 17 Musical Theatre Sign-Ups-7:00pm (Elementary Cafetorium)
- 18 Rocky's Green Team Paper Drive-Please deposit newspapers, magazines, and paper (Recycle Bins)  
**\*NO CARDBOARD, PLEASE!!!\***
- 18 Elementary Character Counts-Recognize Caring/Kick Off Responsibility (Wear Green)  
(8:30am in the cafetorium)
- 18 Classroom Holiday Parties
- 21-31 Winter Break-No School through January 1<sup>st</sup>

## JANUARY 2010

Family Reading Nights (alternate between the primary and elementary school campuses-check with school office)

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm-Primary School Library

Thursdays 6:00-7:00pm-Elementary School Library

- 1-3 Winter Break-continued-No School
- 4 School Begins
- 4 Musical Theatre Cast meeting-7:00am (Elementary Cafetorium)
- 5 Arcadia President's Meeting-10:00am (Dana Middle School) – **Only Lisa M. Teraishi-Wong**
- 6 PTSA Board Meeting-8:30am (Place to be Determined)
- 8 Movie Night-6:30pm (Elementary Cafetorium)
- 11-15 Student Council Snowball Contest
- 12 Restaurant Night-Arcadia Tasty Garden
- 15 Rocky's Green Team Meeting- 7:45am (Rm. 101)
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School
- 25 Winter Conference: First District PTA Meeting (TBD)-**Only Lisa M. Teraishi-Wong**
- 26 PTSA Meeting-General Meeting-8:30am (Elementary Cafetorium)
- 26 Rocky Readers Lunchtime Book Club-Meet at 12:00pm (Room 101)
- 29 Rocky's Green Team Paper Drive-Please deposit newspapers, magazines, and paper (Recycle Bins)  
**\*NO CARDBOARD, PLEASE!!!\***
- 29 Elementary Character Counts-Recognize Responsibility/Kick Off Trustworthiness (Wear Blue)  
(8:30am in the cafetorium)
- 29 Intercultural Night Dinner-6:00pm (Elementary Cafetorium)

