

The Preuss School UCSD Insight Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal-Director Scott Barton

Dear Parents:

As I begin this article my thoughts go out to the people of San Diego who were affected by the different fires throughout the county. As you know the San Diego Office of Education along with the San Diego Unified School District recommended we close school on Thursday, May 15. The closure was held for several reasons, one being air quality concerns, in addition to allowing Preuss families, faculty and staff members living the fire areas to remain home and take care of their family and property. Parents were notified using Edulink, our automated phone messaging system. Edulink is an important component to letting parents know what is happening here at school and we ask that you listen to the message you receive in its entirety.

Another year is drawing to a close and again our Preuss students, parents, faculty, and staff have successfully worked as a team to ensure students received the best education possible this year.

This year Preuss earned many recognitions. The Washington Post listed Preuss #39 in the Nation out of 22,000 schools putting us in the top 0.18% in the country, and #4 in California as one of the Most Challenging High Schools in America. U.S. News & World Report's, Best High Schools, listed Preuss #42 in the Nation, #5 in California, #1 Locally, and the #10 Charter school in the Nation. These awards are earned by Preuss students, parents, faculty, staff, mentors, tutors, and volunteers. The success of Preuss is earned by the work of the whole team with one single purpose, student achievement.

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**SUMMER SCHOOL
BEGINS JUNE 30TH**

FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL YEAR
2014-2015
MONDAY
AUGUST 18, 2014
8:55 AM-4:00 PM



**HIGH
SCHOOL
GRADUATION DAY**
June 26th -4:00 PM
Preuss Manchester
Field
**Congratulations to the
Class of 2014*

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News from the PTA President Michael Million

Dear Preuss Parents:

The 2013-2014 school year is almost at its end, and I am sure you all are looking forward to a wonderful restful summer. I want to thank you for all of your continued support. The key to the success of your student is parent involvement, and we were very fortunate to count with your participation at our school programs and events. Thanks to your support, PTA will give back all your contributions to our students. Thank you again for your help and involvement!

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News from Mr. Barton Continued

Preuss students continue to earn scholarships, recognition, and awards. This is the eighth year in a row Preuss seniors have been named Gates Millennium Scholars, which pays for 100% of college education including graduate school. We have had 28 Gates scholars over the last eight years. In addition Preuss had three seniors awarded the Ford Salute to Education Scholarships, one California Retired Teachers Association Scholarship, one Coca-Cola Scholars Program Regional Finalist, one LPL Financial Scholarship/National Merit Scholarship, one student received recognition in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship program, and several students were given scholarships from A Bridge for Kids. Additional scholarships will be announced at Senior Awards night on June 17th.

As the Class of 2014 nears the end of their time here at Preuss they are looking forward to graduation and their futures. 92% of the seniors have been accepted to a four-year college or university. 81% were accepted to at least one CSU, 66% were accepted to at least one UC and 56% were accepted to at least one private college or university or out-of-state public school. At this time universities and colleges are still contacting students with acceptances. As of May 16, 19 seniors will receive the Chancellors Associate Scholarship and will attend UC San Diego.

The Class of 2014 has a lot to look forward to!

The Annual Parent Dinner Dance was held on Saturday, April 26, and successfully raised nearly \$3,300 for our transportation needs. A big thank you to parent Diane Villalvazo for the outstanding job she did coordinating the event and making the beautiful baskets with donated items for the silent auction. The Puente family donated and cooked the entire meal again this year, which consisted of salad, chicken parmesan or lasagna and dessert. Javier Morales again was the DJ for the evening. Many Thanks go out to the Puente Family and Mr. Morales for their continued support and help to make the dinner dance a success. Thanks to all of the parents who helped organize the event, those who set up and cleaned up and to all of you who support the event by donating money and attended the event.

Transportation donations have been collected throughout the school year. Parents have contributed weekly, monthly, and in one full amount. Transportation donations will be collected next year also. Donations make buses for all students possible. Without donations busing may be cancelled. Please submit your donations to the front office.

The month of May is very important testing time for The Preuss School. Our high school students have taken their Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. All students, except seniors, will be taking Standardized Tests from May 27 through June 3rd. These tests are extremely important for our school and I encourage you to speak with your son/daughter about taking these tests very seriously. It is also important that students are not absent or tardy during tests dates and they get a good nights sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Parent support will continue to assist our students in preparing them to be at the top of their game. Thank you for your support.

June is almost here and the excitement around all of the upcoming events is in the air. The events begin with Senior Exhibitions, Wednesday and Thursday, June 4 & 5, and the Spring Learning Showcase is Wednesday, June 11. All 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th graders and their parents are expected to attend the Spring Learning Showcase which begins with a PTA dinner at 6:00 p.m. and exhibitions opening at 7:00 p.m. The PTA has donated money so the Showcase parking will be free to families in Lot P705 ONLY. A big thank you to the PTA! Parents should check with their students for the dates of all the activities. The monthly events calendar will be sent home early in June with a complete list of activities. Take a moment to review the daily bulletin and the monthly calendar on The Preuss School website <http://preuss.ucsd.edu/>.

With summer around the corner and students anxious for the time off it is important for students to work hard until the last day of school. With your support and encouragement to attend school every day we can keep our students on track.

Have a wonderful, safe and restful summer! We look forward to seeing all students back at school on August 18th. Remember, all students must return on August 18th. Please plan your vacations so that students do not miss any school. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Scott Barton

Mensaje del Director General de la Escuela Preuss

Sr. Scott Barton

Estimados padres de familia:

Al comenzar este artículo mis pensamientos están con la gente de San Diego que se vio afectada por los diferentes incendios en todo el condado. Como ustedes saben la Oficina de Educación de San Diego junto con el Distrito Escolar Unificado de San Diego recomendaron que cerráramos la escuela el jueves 15 de mayo. El cierre se llevó a cabo por varias razones, una de ellas esta relacionada con la calidad del aire, además de permitir a las familias, profesores y miembros del personal de Preuss que viven en las áreas donde había incendios, quedarse en casa y cuidar de su familia y la propiedad. Los padres fueron notificados mediante Edulink, nuestro sistema de mensajes telefónicos automatizados. Edulink es un componente importante para permitir que los padres se enteren de lo que está pasando aquí en la escuela y le pedimos que escuchen por completo el mensaje que reciban.

Otro año está llegando a su fin y otra vez nuestros estudiantes, los padres, los profesores y el personal de Preuss han trabajado exitosamente como un equipo para asegurarse que los estudiantes reciban la mejor educación posible este año.

Este año Preuss recibió muchos reconocimientos. El Washington Post catalogó Preuss en el lugar #39 entre 22,000 escuelas de la Nación, lo cual nos coloca en el 0.18 % más alto en el país, y #4 en California como una de las Escuelas Preparatorias Más Difíciles en Estados Unidos. US News & World Report reconoció Preuss entre las Mejores Escuelas Preparatorias, enumerando Preuss #42 en la Nación, #5 en California, # 1 a nivel local, y # 10 Escuela Chárter en la Nación. Estos reconocimientos fueron concedidos a los estudiantes, padres, profesores, personal, mentores, tutores y voluntarios de la escuela Preuss. El éxito de Preuss se gana por el trabajo de todo el equipo con un solo propósito, el éxito académico del estudiante.

Los estudiantes de Preuss continúan obteniendo becas, reconocimientos, y premios. Este es el octavo año consecutivo en que estudiantes del grado 12 han tenido el honor de recibir la beca *Gates Millennium Scholars*, la cual paga el 100% de la educación universitaria incluyendo la escuela de posgrado. Hemos tenido 28 eruditos de Gates durante los últimos ocho años. Además, Preuss tuvo 3 estudiantes del grado 12 premiados con la beca *Ford Salute to Education*, un estudiante recibió la beca de la Asociación de Maestros Jubilados de California, uno fue finalista del Programa Regional de Becarios de Coca –Cola, otro estudiante recibió beca de *LPL Financial /National Merit Scholarship*, un estudiante recibió el reconocimiento del programa Nacional de Becas de Mérito 2015, y varios estudiantes recibieron becas de *Bridge for Kids*. Becas adicionales se anunciarán en la Noche de Premiación para estudiantes del grado 12 el día 17 de junio.

A medida que la Clase de 2014 se acerca al final de su término aquí en la Escuela Preuss, ellos están esperando el momento de su graduación y planeando su futuro. 92 % de los estudiantes del grado 12 han sido aceptados a un colegio o universidad de cuatro años. 81 % fueron aceptados al menos a una universidad de CSU, el 66% fueron aceptados al menos a una UC y el 56% fueron aceptados al menos a un colegio privado, universidad privada, o escuela pública fuera del estado. En este momento las universidades y colegios aún están en contacto con los estudiantes sobre aceptaciones. A partir del 16 de mayo, 19 estudiantes del grado 12 recibirán la Beca *Chancellors Associate* y asistirán a la Universidad de California San Diego. ¡La clase de 2014 tiene mucho que anticipar con entusiasmo!

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Mensaje del Sr. Barton Continua...

La Cena-Baile Anual de Padres se celebró el sábado 26 de abril, y con éxito recaudó cerca de \$ 3,300 para nuestras necesidades de transporte. Un gran agradecimiento a los padres, Diane Villalvazo por el trabajo excepcional al coordinar el evento y hacer las hermosas canastas con artículos donados para la subasta silenciosa. La familia Puente donó y cocinó toda la comida de nuevo este año, que consistió en ensalada, pollo a la parrillada o lasaña, y postre. Javier Morales nuevamente fue el DJ para la noche. Muchas gracias a la familia Puente y el Sr. Morales por su apoyo continuo y por su ayuda al hacer de la cena-baile todo un éxito. Gracias a todos los padres que ayudaron a organizar el evento, decorando el lugar, limpiado, y para todos los que apoyan el evento donando dinero y asistiendo al evento.

Donaciones de transporte se han recolectado a lo largo del año escolar. Los padres han contribuido en pagos semanal, mensual, y en una cantidad total. Las donaciones de transporte serán recolectadas el próximo año también. Las donaciones hacen posible que haya autobuses para todos los estudiantes. Sin donaciones, el transporte escolar podría ser cancelado. Por favor, envíe sus donaciones a la oficina principal de la escuela.

El mes de mayo es un periodo de exámenes muy importante para la Escuela Preuss. Nuestros estudiantes de Preparatoria tomaron los Exámenes de Cursos de Nivel Avanzado (AP). Todos los estudiantes, con excepción de los del grado 12, estarán tomando las Pruebas Estandarizadas del 27 de mayo al 3 de junio. Estas pruebas son extremadamente importantes para nuestra escuela y le pido a usted que hable con su hijo/a acerca de la importancia de estas pruebas para que las tomen muy en serio. También es importante que los estudiantes no estén ausentes o lleguen tarde, y durante las fechas de exámenes, ellos duerman bien y tengan un desayuno saludable. El apoyo de los padres seguirá ayudando a nuestros estudiantes en su preparación para estar en la cima de su juego. Gracias por su apoyo.

Junio está casi aquí y el entusiasmo en torno a todos los eventos está en el aire. Los eventos comenzarán con exposiciones de estudiantes del grado 12, miércoles y jueves, 4 y 5 de junio, y la Exhibición de Aprendizaje en Primavera es el miércoles, 11 de junio. Se espera que todos los padres de los estudiantes de 6º, 7º, 9º, 10º y 11º grado asistan al evento de Exhibición de Aprendizaje de Primavera que comienza con una cena de PTA a las 6:00 pm y con la apertura de exposiciones a las 7:00 pm. El PTA ha donado dinero, así es que las familias que asistan al evento de Exhibición de Aprendizaje tendrán la libertad de estacionarse en el Lote P705 SOLAMENTE. ¡Un agradecimiento muy grande a PTA! Los padres deben revisar con sus estudiantes las fechas de todas las actividades. El calendario mensual de eventos será enviado a casa a principios de junio con una lista completa de actividades. Tome un momento de su tiempo para revisar diariamente el boletín escolar y el calendario mensual en la página de internet de La Escuela Preuss: <http://preuss.ucsd.edu/>.

Con el verano ya a la vuelta de la esquina y los estudiantes ansiosos de tener tiempo libre, es importante que los estudiantes trabajen duro hasta el último día de clases. Con su ayuda y motivación para que asistan a la escuela todos los días, podemos mantener a nuestros estudiantes en la línea.

¡Que tengan un maravilloso, seguro y tranquilo verano! Esperamos ver a todos los estudiantes de regreso a la escuela el 18 de agosto. Recuerde, todos los estudiantes deben regresar el 18 de agosto. Favor de planificar sus vacaciones de manera que los estudiantes no falten ningún día a la escuela. Apreciamos su apoyo.

Scott Barton

News from Michael Million continued



2014-2015 PREUSS SCHOOL UCSD PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTS and OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

PRESIDENT– Diane Villalvazo

VICE PRESIDENT--Katia Flores

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9TH GRADE Kafisa Mohamed

10TH GRADE Maria T Gonzalez , Gabriela Carbajal

11TH GRADE Diane Villalvazo

12TH GRADE Katia Flores

Parent Dinner Dance

We had a great Parent Dinner Dance with 65 parents attending

Our Gift Baskets brought an extra \$1000 in PTA fundraising.

PARKING

The PTA has paid \$2700 to purchase the parking P705 saving our parents hundreds of dollars in parking for the Back to School Night and The Spring learning showcase.

Guest Speaker at our General Parent Meeting on Saturday, May 17th.

Mae Brown

Preuss Board of Directors member.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Admissions and Enrollment Services

Presentation:

University of California: A- G Courses

PARENTS! Please "like" [The Preuss School UCSD PTA Facebook page](#) for important updates and information!

MEMBERSHIP

- ♦ Last year we had 144 paid PTA members, as reported to council
- ♦ 200 PTA Paid Members, which is 39% increase over last years 144 members.
- ♦ We had average 265 Parents at the monthly association meetings. Almost 24% increase over the year before which was 215

The PTA is going to start selling School Uniforms

- ♦ The PTA will start selling School uniforms on May 31st 2014
- ♦ This is a great opportunity for the PTA to raise more money to fund more of our students donation requests.
- ♦ We also have an opportunity to save money by cutting out the middle-man to offer our
- ♦ Parents better pricing.

FUNDRAISERS

Applebee's April 19th 2014 \$10 \$740.00

We raised \$1540.00 At the Science Festival

Parent Dinner Dance April 26th 2014 \$3300.00

SPRING LEARNING SHOWCASE:

June 11, 2014: 6:45 PM– 8:00 PM. PTA will have a Pizza/Nacho Fundraiser from 5:30 pm—6:30 pm.

Year-End PTA House keeping

Year-End Audit

Historian Report

Secretary's book to be completed

Treasurers book

Training on June 7, 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day is May 23rd 8:00am-10:00am

Next PTA Executive Board Meeting June 3, 2014

Parent Appreciation Event is June 7th Last meeting of the year.

A NOTE FROM ANNE ARTZ, OUR PREUSS SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER

Anne Artz, a teacher at The Preuss School UCSD is representing our teachers in the Nation's Capitol. She was selected as one of only 27 educators nationwide to be a Congressional Fellow for the 2013-2014 Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program.



Anne Artz. Photo by Erik Jepsen/UC San Diego Publications

Greetings from Washington DC.

I have felt so honored to represent Preuss and all teachers here in our nation's Capitol. I have spent most of the 113th Congress (similar to a school year) working on Capitol Hill for Congressman Tonko from New York. He represents the area surrounding the New York capital region of Albany and Schenectady. I work with a group of very dedicated, hardworking legislative assistants whose job is to keep the Congressman updated on all issues. Congressman Tonko is an engineer who is committed to protecting our environment, seeking and supporting alternative energy sources, and seeing that all students, beginning in elementary school, have access to quality STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education, particularly engineering.

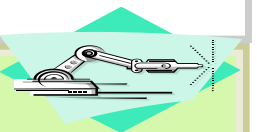
People ask me what I do here. Well, no two days are alike. I do a lot of computer research on education issues so that the Congressman can be up to date on legislation related to STEM education, teacher training, and Common Core State Standards. I attend hearings and briefings with both members of Congress and outside lobbyists who each have something they are passionate about and want to garner votes for their legislation. I meet with people from local and national organizations who want to discuss specific issues and I read letters from our constituents and write responses that explain the Congressman's position. I've met some very interesting (and famous) people just walking the halls of the Capitol – athletes, TV stars, Neil DeGrasse Tyson, and my hero, Bill Nye (the Science Guy).

I think the most important thing I've learned here is that government works slowly – and that is a good thing. When people complain the government doesn't do anything, they couldn't be further from the truth. The people I work with work incredibly hard. And we don't want a government that rushes into things. It's important to have dialog about issues related to finances, to our nation's defense, to rules that will impact businesses or individuals, and to make sure we are passing laws (and that's the role of the Congress) that are fair and will improve the quality of life for all Americans.

I love living in Washington DC. I love the seasons – even the snow. We had quite a bit of snow this year, so much at times that they had to close the government buildings because people couldn't get to work safely. What are some of the best things about DC? Well, you don't need a car – the public transportation is so good. I walk everywhere, and now that the weather is better, I ride my bike. I've done quite a bit of sightseeing including touring the Library of Congress, the NASA Goddard Space Center, the Supreme Court, and the Dibnar Library which has a collection of ancient science books and documents. I've traveled to Boston, New York City, Niagara Falls, Mt. Vernon, Monticello, and I'm proud to say I've visited every one of the free Smithsonian museums. You can visit DC for a week and not pay to visit any of the museums or the zoo – they're all free.

I will miss the excitement of Washington DC but I am looking forward to returning to Preuss. I return with a new perspective of what our government does and, contrary to what you hear on the news our country is in very good hands. The leaders here are thoughtful and educated. While they may not always agree, rest assured that your elected officials do work together for the American people.

News from The Preuss School FIRST Robotics Team



This year, The Preuss School UCSD FIRST Robotics team, The Midnight Mechanics, has had an exceptional year participating in FIRST LEGO League (FLL) and attending two regional FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) robotics competitions. From September to November, we helped coach over 60 middle school students in FLL, a program that teaches middle school students how to program robots in order to complete missions based on the year's theme. The students not only get to learn programming but also gain public speaking and leadership skills as well. This year's theme was Nature's Fury, and the young FLL competitors worked their hardest during this time to prepare their robot and presentations. Many of the high school members of our team volunteered to coach these kids and help out during the Preuss School Regional Competition which is completely student planned and run. After FLL season was over, the team goes straight into FRC season. For the next 6 weeks we worked on our robot as well as Chairman's, which includes an essay and a video that showcases what the team has done throughout the year and how we stand out as a team. From March 6th to March 8th, we attended the San Diego Regional Robotics Competition and managed to rank 7th out of 60 teams. We also traveled to Chandler, Arizona to compete in the Arizona Regional robotics competitions at Hamilton High School from March 19th to March 23rd. Being the only team that was not from Arizona, expectations were high and we did not disappoint. Our team ranked 4th out of 50 teams and lost in the semi-finals to the eventual championship team. Aside from competition, our team has done several outreach activities as well. One of the main ones was FLL, however several members of our team went to various boys and girls clubs around San Diego to teach kids about FIRST and did demonstrations of our FLL robots. We also held the Marie Curie camp, which was a camp that we did over last summer where we did FLL with elementary aged kids. The team also reached out internationally and also arranged a skype call to Afghanistan where we sponsored a FLL robot kit. This year has been very successful for Team 812 and if it wasn't for all of the help we've received from PTA, Administration, our teachers, and our parents, we wouldn't be here. Our team continues to work hard each and every day to strive to become the best that we can be as The Midnight Mechanics.

Natalie Ruybal

Media & Communications Officer-FIRST Team 812: The Midnight Mechanics

Healthy Ideas From Your School Nurse: Summer 2014

By Chris Richter

End of the year tasks at the school health office:

Please note the end of the school year will be upon us before we know it. If your child has medication at school, the medication needs to be picked up prior to the end of school, please pick up a new doctors school order form for the next school year. (A new doctor's order form is required for each school year). This applies to inhalers, prescribed medications, over the counter medications (A health exchange form will be sent out with the new school year packet). By being prepared for any medical needs, your child's health, safety, attendance and success at school can be at its optimal level.

Health promotion: "Healthy children perform better at school"

Parents can promote good health habits and preventive health practices by setting up their teen yearly physical and or sports physicals for the summer break (appointments fill up fast). The yearly physical exam is great as a screening tool for any medical concerns as well as screening for any vision/hearing deficits and dental needs. The doctor can promote health by referring to the appropriate services your child may require as well as managing any significant health conditions to keep your child healthy. Certain communicable disease can be prevented by following immunization recommendations and requirements. These vaccines can be administered at the yearly check up or through the local health department. Please see the nurse if you would like additional resources or information. *Call 1-800 675-2229 to find a physician participating in the free CHDP physical program.* Please note the toll free line 211 has resources r/e health and disaster services ([includes information on nutrition, diabetes, healthy weight and physical activity](#)) and many other resources such as food, housing and financial assistance, employment services and many more services for your child and family. If you need assistance in obtaining insurance for your child please see the nurse.

The following are vaccine recommendations for 11 and 12 year olds (AICP federal advisory):

*MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE: protects against meningitis & other related infection

*TETANUS BOOSTER (Tdap): protects against tetanus, diphtheria & whooping cough ([state requirement for 7th grade entry](#))

*HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS Vaccine (HPV) 3 dose series that helps protect girls & boys against the types of HPV that most commonly cause cervical cancer.

*SECOND DOSE OF CHICKEN POX VACCINE (if your child hasn't had the chicken pox disease)

*REGULAR SEASONAL FLU AND H1N1 VACCINE to protect from influenza and its complications

Please note that the meningococcal vaccine is recommended for ages 11 to 18 years, college freshman who will be living in dormitories and for those with certain medical conditions.

Children and weight: What families can do:

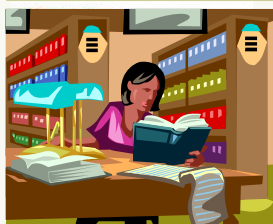
Obesity can lead to various health issues. Diabetes, high blood pressure, stress on the heart and joints are some of the health problems seen in many overweight children today. The following steps are suggestions on ways to help your child stay at a healthy weight.

The following suggested interventions are adapted from the Coalition on Children and Weight San Diego:

- ◆ Love and accept your child. Give love attention, praise, support and respect. Comfort your child with love not food. Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and plan to talk to your child every day.
- ◆ Enjoy regular meals as a family. Sit together and use the time to share happy events with each other. Try to make meal times fun and include the whole family in planning, preparation and clean up of a healthy homemade meal. Listen to your body and eat when hungry, stop when full. Serve smaller portions and let your child ask for more.
- ◆ When eating at a restaurant, choose meals carefully. Drink milk (reduced fat or non-fat, whole milk should only be served to children less than 2 years of age), juice or water instead of soda. Choose baked or broiled meats instead of fried. Share dessert or larger combo meals.
- ◆ Offer healthy foods, snacks and beverages. Growing children need 3 meals and 2-3 snacks per day. Pre-portion your child's snacks to grab on the go. Save money by planning ahead for shopping by making a list of items that are healthy food choices. Cut up fruits and vegetables ahead for quick snacks. Make sure to eat 5 servings of fruits or vegetables per day. Save ice cream, cookies or candy for special times.
- ◆ Find ways to get the whole family moving. Plan exercise or active play each day-move at least 60 minutes daily. Plan fun family activities. Go to parks, recreation centers and playgrounds. Play with balls, Frisbees, jump ropes and kites. Be active; walk, run, cycle or hike. Take a walk after meal time. Encourage your child to join sports teams, to play at recess, to walk to school or bus. Limit TV watching and video games to 1-2 hours a day. Always keep in mind safety-wear a helmet when cycling or skating, sunscreen when out in the sun, practice safe pool behaviors and follow all traffic laws when riding a bike on the street. Be a good example to your children by observing traffic laws, avoiding cigarette smoking and being active yourself.

For further information feel free to call our nurse, Christine Richter RN at 858-658-7422

LIBRARY NEWS



Whispers from the Copley Media Center

We are nearing the end of a very busy and successful school year. We thank you for all your support and help in the library. If you still need volunteer hours, we will definitely need lots of help in cleaning and prepping all the textbooks being returned.

Speaking of returning textbooks, last year we had many parents help to go through each and every textbook to make sure markings were erased, pages were taped and the covers were cleaned. At the beginning of this year we announced to all students if there was any damage in their textbooks to bring it to our attention, so we could mark it down or else they would be held responsible for the damage. **We will be charging students at least \$5.00 if the damage is beyond the normal wear and tear.** Encourage your sons/daughters to go through and remove any papers/post-its, erase any pencil markings or pictures and white out any ink markings that should not be there. It is important that every student treat all their textbooks with care and respect so that future classes will have access to good quality books.

All Seniors and 8th graders must turn in all library and textbook materials and pay all fines before they will be allowed to walk for graduation, receive their diploma or participate in "Celebration of Learning" ceremonies. If you have any questions about lost textbooks or library books please call us (858-658-7425). We can let you know how to take care of this matter. Thank you for your cooperation.

All library materials (does not include textbooks) are due by June 12th. No check outs allowed after this date. Summer Reads will not be checked out until student's account is clear.

We are currently hosting our 1st Annual Create Your Own Masterpiece. Students, who wish to participate, have received a bag of various items. Using only what is in the bag the students will create a work of art to be voted on by the student body. The masterpiece is due to the library by May 30th.

Don't forget we have eBooks available to all our students through the library page on The Preuss School UCSD website. All the students will need is their student ID, a computer, tablet device, smart phone or MP3 player. A great way to pass the summer by and not worry about incurring any fines!

We have one last event for the school year. We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair here in the library. It will run from June 9th through June 13th. It is a BUY ONE GET ONE FREE EXTRAVAGANZA. The Fair will be open the night of Spring Learning Showcase. A great time to get some good summer reads. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sandra Gutierrez..

Sincerely,
Karen Nance and Maria Gonzalez

PARENT APPRECIATION EVENT

Saturday, June 7th 9:30 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

Walton Center, The Preuss School UCSD

Dear Parent Volunteers,

The Preuss School would like to invite you to this special appreciation event in recognition of all your hard work and dedication this school year. A light lunch will be served and certificates will be given to parents who were able to complete their volunteer hours between August 2013 through May 6, 2014. Certificates will be mailed to parents who complete their hours after the May 6th date. We hope to see you there!

Thank You!

Queridos Padres Voluntarios,

La Escuela Preuss UCSD quiere invitarlos a este evento especial de apreciación especial en reconocimiento de su trabajo y dedicación este año escolar. Se servirá un almuerzo ligero y se les entregara su certificado a los padres quienes han completado sus horas de voluntario desde agosto del 2013 hasta el 6 de mayo del 2014. Mandaremos por correo los certificados de los padres quienes completen sus horas después del 6 de mayo. ¡Esperamos verlos ahí!

¡Gracias!

There is still time to complete your volunteer hours

Todavía hay tiempo para completar sus horas de voluntario

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities/ *Siguientes Oportunidades para Voluntarios*

May 31st - Enrollment Day - 10:00am-1:00pm; Parents needed at the sign in table, translation devise table, and to help clean up.

June 7th – Parent Appreciation Event - 9:30am-11:00am, Parents needed at the sign in table and to help distribute parent certificates.

June 11th - Spring Learning Showcase Food Sales - 5:30pm-6:30pm, Parents needed to help sale pizza and nachos and to help clean after the event.

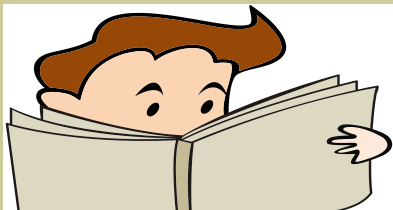
June 12th – Mentor Appreciation Event - 4:00pm-5:20pm, Parents need to decorate before the event, sign in table, and clean up after the event.

* You can also donate water, healthy snacks, games such as; chess, scrabble, monopoly, checkers, etc. for students to play during lunch time on finals week. *También puede donar agua, aperitivos saludables, o juegos; ajedrez, scrabble, monopolio, etc., para que los estudiantes jueguen durante el Almuerzo durante la semana de exámenes.*

Phone: 858-658-7473

If you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities please contact Ms. Gutierrez.
Si le interesa participar en los eventos favor comuníquese con la Srta. Gutiérrez.

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Student Support Services The Preuss School UCSD

By Counselors Jennifer Nieto, Erin Patrick, and Jessica Resendez

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

The Preuss School will be offering summer school through an online credit recovery system called APEX and it will be held **4 days a week** (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) from June 30th – 2517th. Students will have the opportunity to “make up” courses which they have earned a D or F in one or more semesters. The following courses will be offered this summer: Western Civilization, European History, US History, and Advanced English 9, 10, 11.

There is a Summer School Parent Orientation by invitation only on **Monday, June 16** from **4:30 to 5:30** in the Walton Center at The Preuss School UCSD. Mr. Barton, Ms. Nieto and the Summer School teachers (Ms. Gabay and Mr. Ramos) will go over their policies and curriculum. The meeting has been scheduled late in the day to facilitate your attendance. Students will be expected to attend the meeting with the parent, as paperwork will be completed and a summer school contract will be signed.

Here are some important facts about the Summer School program:

- o Summer School is **June 30th – July 17th**
- o A majority of the online work must be completed at home
- o Students must provide their own transportation or pay a total of **\$20** for bus transportation.
- o Students will be in school for 6 1/2 hours (**9 am -3:30 pm**).
- o Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.
- o Failure to complete summer school will make the student ineligible to complete the A-G requirements for admission to UC or CSU universities and/or possibly graduating from The Preuss School UCSD.
- o English and social studies courses can no longer be repeated within the school year.

Students and parents must attend a Summer School meeting and sign an attendance contract to be eligible for participation.

Student Award Ceremonies in June

Preuss students have worked arduously this year and we would like to celebrate their accomplishments with an Award Ceremony. Students will be recognized for Honor Roll, Academic Department Awards, scholarships and other special awards received throughout the school year. Please note that most awards are self-reported. If your student has received a special award, please notify his/her counselor. Award Ceremony attendance is by invitation only. Please remember that you must park across the street (P702 or P705) and pay for parking.

Middle School Awards Program:

Monday June 16th from 2:30pm-4:00pm

High School Awards Program:

Tuesday June 17th from 1:00pm-2:30pm

Senior Awards Program:

Tuesday June 17th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

*Incoming 9th Grade High School Orientation Meeting
on Wednesday, June 11th from 6:00 p.m.-7 p.m.
in the Walton Center
at The Preuss School UCSD.*

*Learn about the requirements for high school graduation, college eligibility
and the courses your child will take and teacher expectations.
Parents and students are **required** to attend.*

*Parking will be in the UCSD lot P705 on Voigt Drive.
Please get a parking pass from the attendant on duty.*

Student Support Services

2014 Spring Final Exam Schedule

Final Exams will be administered June 20-26 to all students in grades 6-11. Seniors' Final Exams will be administered June 20 and June 23. Examinations and culminating activities should be planned according to the schedule. Grades will be due to the Registrar on Friday, June 27 by 10 am. Signed grade verifications will be due by 12:00 noon. Report cards will be mailed home to parents/guardians by July 3.

Note special schedule on June 20th to have longer blocks for testing. Please also note special schedule on day of Graduation, June 28. Only Block 3 and 4 will meet on Thursday, June 26, to accommodate 8th Grade Exhibition.

Friday B Day June 20	Monday June 23	Tuesday June 24	Wednesday June 25	Thursday June 26
<u>Late Start "B" Day</u> Block 5-FINAL 10:15-11:45 BLOCK 6-Instruction •Middle School 11:45-12:18 (Lunch 12:18-12:48) 12:51-1:22 •High School 11:50-12:52 (Lunch 12:52-1:22) Block 7-FINAL 1:25-2:55 BLOCK 8-Instruction	BLOCK 1-Final Block 2-Instruction BLOCK 3-Final Block 4-Instruction	Block 5-Instruction BLOCK 6-Final Block 7-Instruction BLOCK 8-Final	Block 1-Instruction BLOCK 2-Final Block 3-Instruction BLOCK 4-Final	<u>Minimum Day</u> Block 3 8:55-10:30 Block 4 10:35-12:00



The Preuss School UCSD & The Class of 2017

Cordially Invites you to Attend
**EIGHTH GRADE EXHIBITIONS AND
 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING**
On June 26th, 2014

8th Grade Exhibition Location:

Bottom floor B Building and the Courtyard Space between the B and C Buildings

Ms. Milloy Room B101
Mr. Phillips Room B102
Mr. Rupert Room C102
Ms. Wolin Room B103

Summer Reading Assignments

All Preuss students are required to read an assigned book during the summer. Students will need to clear all fines before checking out their summer reading book from the Preuss library. Parents please encourage your child to read their assigned book this summer. Students are held accountable in the fall for their summer reading assignment.

Incoming 7th graders:

Choose one of the following books:

- *Tears of a Tiger*
- *Ella Enchanted*
- *Sasquatch*
- *P.S. Longer Letter Later*
- *Tangerine*
- *Kira Kira*
- *Call of the Wild*

Incoming 8th graders:

- *The Pearl*

Incoming 9th graders:

Of Mice and Men by
 John Steinbeck

Incoming 10th graders:

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer

Incoming 11th graders:

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer

Incoming 12th graders:

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton

Upcoming School Events

May 31– 6th Grade Enrollment Day: Amphitheater,
Times by appointment
June 4 & 5—Seniors Exhibitions– Classrooms
June 7– SEA: Classroom– 9:00-11:00 a.m.
June 7– Parent Appreciation Event: Walton
Center, 9:30 a.m.
June 9-13– Scholastic BOGO Book Fair: Copley Library
Media Center, 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
June 11– Spring Learning Showcase: Grades 6, 7, 9, 10,
11–PTA Pizza Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Exhibitions, 7:00-8:30
p.m. Free Parking in Lot P705
June 12– Mentor Appreciation Event– Walton Center,
4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
June 13– Middle School Dance: Walton Center,
1:27 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
June 14– Prom 2014: The Bristol Hotel Downtown
7:00-11:00 p.m. For 11th & 12th graders only.
June 16– Middle School Awards Program: Walton Center,
3:00–4:00 p.m.
June 17– High School Awards Program: Walton Center,
1:27–2:45 p.m.
June 17– Senior Award Program: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
June 20-26– Second Semester Final Exams
June 26– 8th Grade Exhibitions: Walton Center,
9:15-10:15 a. m.
June 26– Senior Class Graduation- 4:00 p.m., Manchester
Field.

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858) 658-7412– Reporting a
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your child early

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Transportation Department –
Emergency number to call
when a bus is late or has not
pick-up students.

We're on the web
www.preuss.ucsd.edu



Spring Learning Showcase

June 11th, 6:00-8:30pm.

All students, except 8th and 12th grade, will be presenting a collection of their work from this year. This is a big event and we need parents to participate. It's a great way to get caught up on how your student did this year.

Free Parking in Lot P705

Exhibición de Aprendizaje en Primavera
11 de junio, 6:00-8:30pm

Todos los estudiantes, con la excepción de los estudiantes del grado 8 y 12, presentarán una colección de trabajos realizados este año. Será un gran evento y esperamos que todos los padres participen. Esta es una muy buena oportunidad de mantenerse al tanto del progreso de su hijo/a.

Estacionamiento gratuito en lote P705

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