

# Santa Lucia School Parent Letter

September 15th 2015



## Upcoming Events

### School cleaning:

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Barker  
Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> Wilson  
Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Canestro

### Picture Day

Wednesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

### Back to School Night

Thursday October 1st 6pm  
(**new** families), 6:45pm for  
returning families

### Green Door Classroom

#### Traveling Education:

Unitarian Universalist Thurs.  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 9:15-11:30 and Tues.  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> Congregation Beth  
Israel 9:15-11:30

### Indigenous People/Columbus Day-Holiday

Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>



### Back to school night

Don't forget! Santa Lucia's back to school night is Thursday,

October 1st. As well as a traditional back to school night, the evening also includes our annual parent business meeting. Orientation for new families starts

at 6:00pm in the middle school building and the general meeting starts at 6:45 sharp for returning families. After the general meeting parents will gather in their child/ren's classrooms with the teachers for discussion and refreshments. We plan to be done at 9pm. This is an adult's only evening, so please arrange childcare.

Social Crew Alert: Now you know who is on the crews for each class. Our Back to School refreshments are your first opportunity to participate and record those precious Parent Participation hours. Thank you so much!

### From the Green Door Classroom-Traveling Education (1)

Last Monday students in the Green Door classroom walked to the Bethel Lutheran church in Templeton where we met up with Pastor Amy. She taught us many things including what makes Lutheran churches different; some of their main beliefs; and the meaning of some symbols unique to their faith. Although the trip was a little "sweaty" we all enjoyed it and look forward to future educational trips!

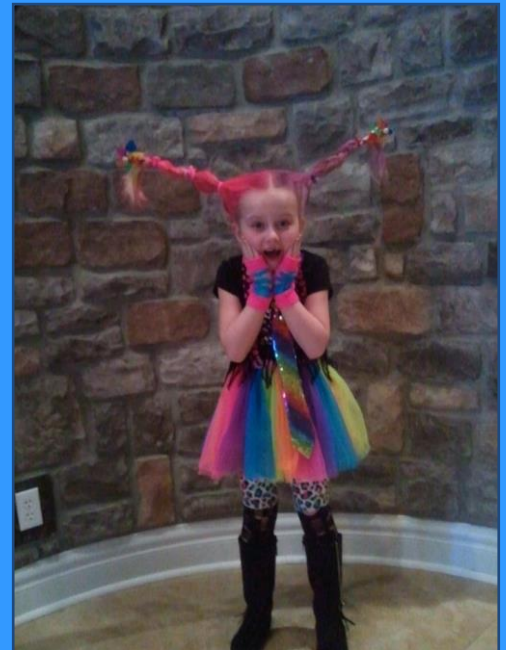
~ Sara Madgett

## Picture day

Picture Day is tomorrow: Wednesday, September 30th starting at 9:00 a.m. Every child will have their picture taken which will ensure that all children will be in our yearbook. Many parents enjoy being able to look at proofs and choose the photo they prefer, so to cut down on labor and costs, all proofs will be available for viewing online at [www.rosenthalphotography.com](http://www.rosenthalphotography.com). A password will be supplied and photos will only be available for viewing during the school photo season. You'll have a couple weeks to order. We'll set the exact deadline after the pictures are available to view.

You will receive an order form from school at which time you may order a package, if you wish, by obtaining the photo number from the website. The chosen proof number must be written on the form. If you wish to order a package of more than one proof, each proof will need to have its own order form.

The photographer offers clothing suggestions for great photos: avoid stripes and loud prints, pastels and whites; solid medium tone or darker colors are best; long sleeves are preferred; jewelry is usually a distraction but hats can be adorable and if used, photos will be taken with and without the hat.



## Message from a Santa Lucia School visitor yesterday:

What a heartwarming sight it was, stopping by school yesterday and seeing so many of the children and quite a few of you parents as well! Everyone looked so happy! It was a treat to see Santa Lucia as an “outsider”, and feel the warmth and joy of the kids, staff, parents —(not just the weather.) The school looks wonderful, especially the yellow door class — what a beautiful space it has become under Rena’s care.

Thank you for being so nice to my baby grandson Jack. He loved seeing everyone! He has been lots of work and lots of fun for me. He has many accomplishments: 2 teeth, sitting up, scooting around, trying to eat everything he can grab, and cracking up laughing. A project he hasn’t started on yet: is growing hair.

Santa Lucia Family, I wish you all the very best! Keep on keeping on. What you’re doing works so well! I love your school!

Love to you all, Kate

## Peace Day

The younger two thirds of SLS students gathered in our Peace Grove Sept. 21, sharing individual visions and wishes for peace. This year's UN Day of Peace theme was "Dignity for All." We faced the four directions and shared gratitude for all nature, respect for our differences, and harmony.

North – Reverence for life

South – Respect for our differences

East – Gratitude for all nature

West – Harmony between what is material and what is spiritual in our lives

Each student hung their inscribed Peace Dove among the trees' branches as we sang a favorite song, "With Two Wings." The wind, the breath of the Earth, is continuing to spread these sentiments as it blows through the branches and flutters our dove's wings. Take a walk through the grove and read some of the students' thoughts.

You're also welcome to view what the Green Door Classroom created during Peace Day. Each student visualized what the world would look like if peace education was widely embraced for a day, a week, a year, or decades. Their beautiful drawings were bound together to become a calendar. Be ready to be inspired; stop by the Kiosk and take a peek at their creation. The International Day of Peace is celebrated in some way every year at SLS.



## PARENT PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES KNOCKING!!

Bit of a prickly subject but does anyone want to make some headway on chipping away at those parent hours? Bring some gloves and while you're waiting for your beloved to emerge from class, why not join the cause and pull up some yellow star thistle? It needs to be disposed of in a plastic garbage bag in order to avoid spreading seed. Not sure what you're looking for? Here it is, the little devil of a prickler: *Centaurea solstitialis*.

We also need the following jobs done: painting fascia boards on the art building, repairing valve cover in parking lot near trash area and installing a new swing on the swing set. Please contact John Flanagan if you can help with these jobs.

## THANK YOU...

Harper Burk for bringing in the Monarch caterpillar which has now formed a chrysalis much to the enchantment of the Blue Door Classroom.

Thank you, Kait Hallmark, for arranging for the three wonderful seeing eye dogs in training to visit the Blue Door Classroom yesterday. We are in love with these beautiful creatures! It was inspiring to hear the stories of the trainers as well. Thanks, again.

Thanks to the Wood Family for cleaning the school over the weekend.

