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Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> • 8 - 9am • Art Lab

1 **Cell Tower on Short Avenue** – April Bole, local resident spoke. Verizon are installing a cell antenna on a utility pole at 12909-12903 Short Avenue, approx. 150 feet from our school. By putting it on an existing utility pole, they avoid zoning oversight and aren't required to notify the community or the school. These antennas often appear overnight and when they have been installed, there is nothing to be done. Residents & the school are not allowed to contest the antenna, the only recourse is to contest the box supplying power to the antenna. If we complain enough, then the city will have to offer Verizon another location and Verizon will likely be forced to accept it. If the Short Avenue antenna is allowed, then the doors are opened to any number of other providers who want to install antennas in our neighborhood.

This has happened in other areas. The Del Rey Neighborhood Council is concerned about this situation and is working with us to prevent it. There is new legislation being drawn up about these towers & we need to get Verizon's permit delayed until public hearings can be held.

*Why should we be concerned?* There is lots of information about the [negative effects of cell towers/antennas](#) and people are particularly concerned about their effects on children. In 2009, LAUSD passed a resolution to legislate that towers should not be within 200 feet of any LAUSD schools.

FCC says that antennas are safe; however, FCC information may be considered to be out of date and incomplete.

**Things we can do to help:**

- [Send emails to city officials](#)
- [Sign petition](#) (on [Change.org](#))

We'll email our community when as this information is available.

2 **Treasurer's Report** (SD) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Movie Night awaiting profit/ financial details. Also, figures from 1<sup>st</sup> Movie Night are \$100 less, after subtracting cash box contents.

3 **Penny Wars** (SD) – Huge Success on many levels!! Not only did we raise lots of money, students learned and practiced real life strategy and math skills. Thank you to Caitlin who brought this idea to our school! Counting the coins took Suz, family & friends 11 hours and two trips to the bank with very heavy bags. Next time, we will hold a 'counting party' so that Suz, though she loves counting, doesn't have to spend 11 hours and we can share the work. We'll probably do next one in Spring, to give people time to collect more change.

Penny Wars Contest winners:

1. 6th Grade / Ms Aceret
  - o Positive - \$145.59, Negative – \$31.75, Total - \$177.34
2. 2nd Grade / Mr Shigekawa
  - o Positive - \$270.40, Negative - \$170.55, Total - \$440.95
3. 1st Grade / Ms Trapnell
  - o Positive - \$87.99, Negative \$55.75, Total - \$143.74

The contest results are posted in the library and can also be found on our [FoSA Facebook page](#).

Ms. Aceret's 6th Grade class played very strategically & didn't put in coins until the very last minute. They won because very few people sabotaged them, thinking they were not a threat. Mr Shigekawa's class collected the most money, but lost because they also received the most amount of (negative) silver coins. Most of the school teamed up to sabotage his class jar. Ms. Paulos has kindly decided to award a bonus free recess.

4 **See's Candy** (SD) – Orders due today. Delivery next week. Thanks!

5 **Dolphin Café (KP)** – Friday, December 5 This café will be a 6<sup>th</sup> grade fundraiser for their field trip to stay overnight at Dana Point. 7:25am start time. Make sure to help children be in the schoolyard by the time assembly starts at 8am.

6 **Winter Fest / Holiday Boutique (SK/AL)** – Monday, Dec 8 - Need to send email to room parents for baked goods donations. 2.30pm LAPD Santa visit. Flyer going out to whole school. Coffee Bean and Suzi Cakes want to donate to our school – we should contact them for this event. We can have donation letter for Winter Fest for local businesses. We need volunteers to work at event. Meet Sandrine at 1pm on 8<sup>th</sup>. There are no leftover auction items that we can sell. We'll sell leftover items from x-mas boutique last year.

7 **Walk & Talk (SD)** dates Tues March 10 & Wed April 15 We'll advertise on website & school fence banners, plus flyers to local pre-schools and daycares.

8 **Shop for Short** – Ralphs, School Cents, Amazon School Rewards (AC) – Holiday Shopping!

*Ralphs shoppers* - Please take [scanbar letter](#) and bring it with you when you shop. Ralphs will scan it and your shopping will automatically benefit the school (must be renewed annually). This is much easier than signing up the usual way and linking up your account to Short. [Scanbar letter](#) is in the front office and on our website. Please continue to use our [Amazon School Rewards link](#) and encourage family and friends during this major season of holiday purchases.

[School Cents](#) remember that shopping, going to the movies and eating at Santa Monica Place and Westside Pavilion earns points which = \$\$\$ for our school. Take receipts to the concierge or guest services. [The holiday flyer](#) shows lots of events this month: Hanukkah events (Dec 15, 17), Snow Princess Meet & Greet Saturday, Dec. 13 & 20, 1 - 3pm, photos with Santa, Knottsberry Farm FREE ticket offer

Additionally there is *free Zumba Saturdays* and Kids Club powered by National Geographic: **Santa Monica Place:** Held the first Wednesday of every month from 11am to noon in the Food Court, located on Level 3 Dining Deck

**Westside Pavilion:** Held the fourth Wednesday of the month from 6-7pm in the Food Court on Level 3 For more information visit [mallkidsclub.com](http://mallkidsclub.com).

9 **Book Fair Update** - We did great! \$6,372 in sales, almost *17% more* than last Book Fair sales! We can get a varying percentage of that, depending on how we want the money – in cash or Scholastic books. AC and Ms. Paulos will decide. Look for the next Book Fair in the spring.

Great news - Library is up & running & kids are borrowing books! *Volunteers are needed to scan books & make inventory of what is there.* As little as 30 mins of your time will make a difference. Stop in anytime.

10 **Food Truck Night (SD)** – is December 17. November was poorly attended & we only made \$112. It's getting dark & chilly in the evenings. Hopefully December will do better. We have three terrific new trucks, including a coffee truck!

11 **K-8 Expansion** – Do we need an additional parent fundraising group for grades 6-8? The span school application has been submitted to LAUSD & we are now awaiting approval. SD - We may want to consider an additional parent group that covers grades 6-8. Parental involvement seems to decrease as the child moves up through the grades, and falls off dramatically by 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Perhaps those grades could form a PTO. Then they could do all the types of fundraisers that FoSA can't do – car washes etc. Let's look at best practices at other K-8 schools and leverage our collective spirit.

12 **Open Forum**

*County Bookmark competition* via the county library (Lloyd Taber). We had 2 winners!

### *Kids Envision a Healthy Los Angeles Art Contest*

We are pleased to announce that some of our Short Avenue students won the Kids Envision a Healthy Los Angeles Art Contest with the theme of Family and Friends. Pictures are posted on our [FoSA FB page](#). There will be another contest in March in which other students who currently do not have art will be able to participate.

Morning meetings – what do we think of them? Morning meetings brought in some “new” parents who have not been able to attend evening meetings, so it was successful involving a different cross-section of our Short Avenue community. Shall we alternate morning & evenings? Yes, to reach the most parents and hear different voices.

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm** so we can start planning silent auction scheduled for mid-March.

Also, we want to consider doing a weekend event in the spring similar to our Fall Fun Fest. We have a new committee of people wanting to run this. May is too busy for staff & we don't want to schedule anything too close to In 'n Out/silent auction - 25 April?