

Wednesday, December 4 • 6 - 7pm • Auditorium

1. Treasurer's Report (SD)

We have sold 36 banners for a total of \$760.

[Amazon](#) – Remember to use the link for any online holiday shopping!

Fall Fun Fest total = \$4139 plus \$454 for raffle.

See's candy coming up, as well as holiday boutique, which will bring in more \$.

Financially, we compare better to this time last year and have raised about \$2000 more at this point!

Vons/Pavs no longer gives contribution for credit cards. Any other form of payment will generate a donation to us (debit card, check, cash, SmartCheck, CalFresh, WIC, gift card). How do we get more people to sign up? - Alicia does an amazing job at signing people up to eScrips.

Restaurant series = \$408 for 3 events, disappointing because last year we raised \$300 for each one. Perhaps the days are inconvenient? - but we book the best days that we're offered. We want to do Chipotle because they give 50% of purchases, but it is time consuming to sign up for and we were turned down when we tried. We need much more participation for restaurant series! Ask family & friends to sign up for [eScrips](#), even if they live in different parts of US.

2. Amazon School Rewards (AC) – Holiday shopping!!

Use the link on our website {[FriendsOfShortAvenue.org](#)}! And *please* tell friends and family, wherever they live in the US or the world, to please use our link and book mark it

{<http://www.amazon.com/?%5Fencoding=UTF8&tag=friofshoave-20>}.

3. See's Candy (SD) -

Orders due THIS Friday, 12/6. Need volunteers for Tues/Wed delivery day

Suggestion: we promote See's Candy through the teachers – their encouragement will motivate the children.

4. Winter Fest/Holiday Boutique (SK/AL) – Dec 9 & Dec 19

Dec 9th. LAPD Santa will be here 3.30 - 4.30pm. There will be a bake sale and craft table. We intend to keep it simple and fun for kids. We need volunteers for baked goods – home-made only. We will serve hot chocolate made with milk – question: please, can it be organic?! We need donations of candy canes (petite ones, not too big), cups with lids needed and also large containers of water. Ideally, donations should be enough to cover both events (9th & 19th).

Holiday Boutique (SK/AL) –Thursday, Dec 19

19th Dec. holiday boutique. Kids have already started making things to sell. Girl scouts are making ornaments & art classes making wood block ornaments with seasonal sayings. 'Tree of love' signs will be available for personalization and sale. There will be homemade crepes as well as hot chocolate. It will take place in front of auditorium to coincide with parents attending the concerts - we will plan for morning and afternoon audiences. Perhaps we will do Dolphin Café setup in the morning and boutique and café in the afternoon. We need volunteers!

5. Barnes & Noble Night (JH) - FRIDAY, Feb 21 from 5-8pm

There is a preference for holding the event on the 7th so families can get Valentine's Day gifts.

6. Walk & Talk (SD) dates

Tues Feb 25 looks likely, but the second date in April is still to be decided. Please volunteer to be there and chat to prospective parents about our great little school.

7. Food Truck Night (SD) – Wednesday, January 15

We need lighting -Please bring your outdoors lights. We probably want 5.30-8.30pm time slot - Idea of expanding event to copy "Are you smarter than a 5th Grader?" – Could happen in the auditorium & followed by food trucks out front. Jamie presented the idea of showing cartoons in auditorium, if the game show doesn't work out. Do we need tables & chairs? Picnic blankets? It will be cold and possibly muddy. People will probably stand and eat. Connect Ed. needed for this event and we need to bring in local community – we must distribute flyers. Please help to print out and hand out flyers in nearby streets.

8. Restaurant Series – need help advertising to get families to attend

Can there be school-wide loud speaker announcement regarding these events? Can we choose ‘better’/different restaurants? Our restaurant selections are in response to requests. Thursday or Friday evenings, at beginning of month are ideal, but not always possible. Please talk to your favorite restaurants and find out if you can work with them to set up a fundraising night. We should apply to Chipotle once a month so that eventually we will get it – Todd Lowey would like to do this application until we get our fundraiser. However, we **MUST** attend these events; otherwise the restaurants will start turning us down because we don’t generate enough income!

9. International Day (AL)– update

Ms Paulos is excited about this event. Possible date Jan 31st. Idea is for kids to do research according to their grade.

Should each class choose one country? Should it depend on the origins of the majority of the students? January is cold for holding entirely outside, but it could be in classrooms & kids could walk around. We have 14 classes – 14 countries? However, at this point in the year, this puts a great burden on teachers and Jan 31st is very soon. Do we have enough time, if there isn’t another parent meeting before this date? It could be an opportunity for kids to learn about and show their own heritage – almost everyone here has a connection to outside the US. Kids could bring in food & make flags. The kids could make an exhibition of cultural family artifacts, make explanatory material and then classes could visit this exhibition. Could there be a special assembly? Jamie H could contact university student cultural groups for dance performances. Parade of students in costume? Students could perform a dance? Idea of making a map of the world that the kids can stand on and that can be photographed from above. International flags hung on kinder yard fence? Could we solicit parents to present their heritage to the children? January 31st feels too soon, perhaps March? Idea of classes presenting to each other was popular. Need a committee meeting about this before we break up for winter. AL will ask Ms. Paulos for other possible dates a little later in the year. Update - The new date is March 31.

10. Box Tops update (SD) – can 80% money go back to teachers?

How to distribute the proceeds? Winner takes 80% or teachers get their share of the pie? However, we are talking about quite small sums of money, so probably winner takes 80%... Idea: use the school loudspeaker for announcements like these. It is important to remind teachers to remind students about BoxTops to generate excitement.

11. The Nutcracker Ballet (Los Angeles Ballet) (AC) – FREE tickets

December 21st at 1pm at Royce Hall. Sign-up sheet will be in the main office. Please *only* sign up if you will be able to go. Families who did *not* attend last year will get ticket priority.

12. Open Forum

Discussion of breakfast in the classroom – Not too popular, as this will be taking at least 30-40 minutes away from learning!!

Todd Lowey showed delightful marshmallow snowmen he made with his family and encouraged everyone to contribute baked goods (there are lots of fun holiday treats to make) and attend the LAPD Santa event on Monday.

The next Dolphin Café is Friday morning, Dec 13th, the same day as Fox Studios tour.

NOTE: we must be extra polite with businesses and establishments when we are asking for donations and help with our events. This is a courtesy extended to us and it can be taken away. Please, always be pleasant and polite when you are representing our school. Thank you!