

# Fourth/Fifth Grade News...from Room 5

December 13, 2007

Dear Families,

As a whole, our entire class has shown improvement since September, both academically and behaviorally. Upon receipt of your child's report card, please discuss his/her grades and help him/her set goals for the second trimester. I can assist you with this process if necessary.

Thank you to the following volunteers who helped inside and/or outside of class 12/7-12/13: **Mrs. Cortez, Mrs. Falone, Mrs. Guercio, Mrs. Moreno, Mrs. Rodriguez, Mrs. Tadeja, & Mrs. Tello.** Volunteer duties have included: chaperoning on recent field trips, correcting papers at home, and/or preparing class materials. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated! Thank you to the **Littleton and Tadeja** families for donating extra aquarium entrance fee money.

☺Hip, Hip Hooray for ALEJANDRA, next week's V.I.P.! ☺

"My History, My Future" writing contest winners have been selected and will be honored at a celebration Friday evening.

☺Hip, Hip Hooray for JENNA, a writing contest winner! ☺

Earlier this week, your child received his/her peer evaluation slips from Science Fair and Explorer report presentations. For future oral reports, all students are encouraged to use notecards when presenting as it is very difficult to remember key points when speaking in front of the class. Your child's next project presentation opportunity will occur after Winter Break. We have been working on Native American reports in the computer lab. Your child has had enough time to complete the written component of the project in class. The only parts that need to be completed at home are the visual and speech preparations.

**Fifth grade Camp Ocean Pine payments are due January 7.** You may make your payments early. Every camper (student and/or chaperone) must pay and/or have earned a total of \$155.00 at this point for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of his/her total camping fee. Thank you to the campers who have already submitted their payments. (Please make checks payable to GPTO as we will be submitting one group check to the camp). We are holding camping meetings on Tuesday, 12/18. For your convenience, one meeting will be held at 2:15 PM, the other at 6:00 PM. You only need to attend one session as duplicate information will be presented at both meetings. **BRING FUND RAISING IDEAS!**

We will be having a holiday party on 12/20. Please read the attached note about donation items that we need for holiday crafts and for the party. We will be having book gift exchange during the party. Each child is asked to bring a new book that would be enjoyed by his/her peers. The book should be wrapped and should not exceed the price limit of \$5.00. Please place a nametag on the book as follows:

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Miller