

# News

News, events and resources for students, parents and the Torrey Pines community

## Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week: March 31 - April 4

### "Tuesday Talks:" April 1

With Principal Killeen, CCC at 10:00 a.m.

### 3rd Quarter Ends: April 4

### Spring Break: April 7 - 11

Have a safe and restful week, and we'll see you back in class on April 14, a 1-3-5 day.

### Principal's Night: April 16

Lecture Hall, 7:00 p.m.

### TPHS Foundation Rummage Sale: April 19th

### STAR Testing: April 22 - 25

See Schedule on p. 2.

### Last Day to Withdraw from Class: May 1

Transcript will reflect "W."

### AP Exams: May 5 - 16

TPHS and Del Mar Fairgrounds

### "Tuesday Talks:" May 6

Join Principal Killeen, CCC at 10:00 a.m.

### CAHSEE: May 6 - 7

Grade 10 make-ups and 11/12 retakes

### Career Expo: May 15

Visit booths during lunch.

## "Cutting Edge Conversations" Stimulate, Inspire and Empower

The Library Media Center provides a variety of services for students including a powerful series called "Cutting Edge Conversations." The concept was created by Library Media Teacher, **Lisa Goldberg**, who felt a need to expose TP students to a broad range of people who are making positive changes in our world. She invites speakers "who have gone through difficult experiences, and have done wonderful things with their lives, including giving back to the community." She also seeks speakers who are ordinary people doing extraordinary things, teaching students that they should follow their dreams. The common thread is that these individuals all stimulate, inspire and empower our Torrey Pines students.

Thanks to Friends of the Library, Mrs. Goldberg has been able to invite an impressive array of speakers as guests. Past speakers have included Gerda Weisman Klein, a Holocaust survivor; David Perez, a local businessman who made extraordinary philanthropic efforts on behalf of Hurricane Katrina victims; Craig Kielberger, Children's Nobel Peace Prize nominee and founder of Free the Children; Alphonsian Deng, one of the Lost Boys of the Sudan; and Ramon Bonfil, a shark conservationist and shark tagger. The

most recent presentation was by Quinn Early, Sr., a former NFL complete receiver who still holds the record for the longest catch while he was with the Hawkeyes and Bills, an artist, Martial Arts and athletic trainer, business entrepreneur, writer, and community volunteer.

The speakers appeal to a wide range of classes, and seating for the events is limited. The conversations are generally offered during the first two block periods, and invitations are extended to classes based on the topic. As part of the experience, the students are asked to write a thank you note to the speaker, and for Mrs. Goldberg, this feedback is what keeps her going. Student feedback to Mr. Early included, "I appreciated the fact you believe in other people and you aren't afraid to show it. You gave me motivation today and boosted my confidence. So thank you very much. I know you made others feel the same."

To know that Cutting Edge Conversations make such a difference in our students' lives inspires Mrs. Goldberg too.

*To suggest a speaker for future Cutting Edge Conversations, please contact Mrs. Goldberg at [lisa.goldberg@sduhsd.net](mailto:lisa.goldberg@sduhsd.net).*



### Congratulations to our Finalists in the 2008 Competition for National Merit Scholarships!

**Baxter, Tehya E.**  
**Brooks, Hayley M.**  
**Carmody, Michael E.**  
**Cheng, Joyce Y.**  
**Fan, Victor**  
**Feig, Vivian R.**  
**Goodman, Stephen G.**  
**Gupta, Aurovi**  
**Heunis, Olivia**  
**Hsyu, Gilbert S.**  
**Imura, Haruka**  
**Joyce, Alan M.**  
**Lake, Savannah J.**  
**Sakakibara, Reyu**  
**Sutton-Smolin, Max B.**  
**Tsao, Jeffrey Z.**  
**Wang, Alice Y.**  
**Westover, Julie E.**  
**Yang, Kevin D.**  
**Yu, Lucy Luying**  
**Zhang, James Z.**  
**Zhang, Phillip Y.**  
**Zou, Vivian H.**

# Principal's Corner

A MESSAGE FROM BRETT KILLEEN

## WASC Accreditation Announced

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) just notified us regarding our term of accreditation and the news was fantastic. Torrey Pines High School earned a maximum term of accreditation for six years with a midterm review after the third year. The midterm review will involve a short write-up regarding our Action Plan progress and a one-day visit by two WASC colleagues. This validates the hard work and achievement of our students, staff, and community. The Self-Study was an honest document that described our school, our strengths and our targeted areas of growth. The Action Plan addresses those needed areas of growth. Just as a reminder, they are as follows:

- Define and establish a clear process to identify and help struggling students.
- Establish a clear and timely process to identify and help at-risk students in an effort to close our achievement gap.
- Provide our staff with collaborative time to align courses and develop common formative assessments, and use the data from the formative assessments to help students achieve at higher levels.

- Develop an articulated plan to align professional staff development with students' needs.

Thank you for your continuous participation in and support of our students at this fine school. Your high level of involvement was noted as a school-wide strength by the visiting team.

### Spring: A Season to Stay Focused!

Spring sometimes presents a challenge for students to stay focused. Due to Spring Break, testing, college acceptance, and nice weather, there are certainly enough distractions to cause students to lose sight of the day-to-day engagement in academic study. Please check on your kids regularly to ensure that they stay on-track during this busy semester. Our testing schedules have been condensed to maximize instructional learning time. For example, our STAR testing in April is only four days (4/22/08 – 4/25/08) in duration. We want the students to do their very best, so that we may obtain legitimate data upon which we can make informed educational decisions. This short window gives them more time to return to normal studies and/or prepare for Advanced Placement testing in April and May. Thanks for supporting your student through this time period, and if you need additional support, don't hesitate to give us a call!

## April's Tuesday Talk and Principal's Night

You are invited to attend either the Tuesday Talk on Tuesday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the College and Career Counseling Center or the Principal's Night on Wednesday, April 16th in the Lecture Hall at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation on standardized testing. Many community members have questions and comments about standardized testing, and I wanted to give you the opportunity to hear what is being conveyed to the students, who are actually sitting down for the examinations. Throughout the month of March and April, I will visit every ninth through eleventh grade English class to give the students information about our STAR testing. They receive information about how they have done on these assessments over the past several years. I make the case for effort, since we use this data to make educational decisions that impact them. I also share how we compare as a school within the district, the county, and the state of California. At the Tuesday Talk and the Principal's Night, I will give parents the exact same presentation that I give the students, so you can become informed, as well. I will also be able to answer any questions you may have about standardized testing at our school. I look forward to seeing you!

## STAR Testing Schedule, April 22 - 25

Students will report to their PERIOD 4 class for each block of STAR testing.

All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students will be tested.

Seniors do not report to school until the completion of STAR testing each day.

Students will not report to ZERO period from April 22 through April 25.

Tuesday, April 22		
	Time	Minutes
<b>ELA 1 (Grades 9, 10 &amp; 11)</b>	7:45 - 9:15	90
Break	9:15 - 9:20	5
Passing	9:20 - 9:30	10
<b>ELA 2 (Grades 9, 10, &amp; 11)</b>	9:30 - 11:00	90
Passing	11:00 - 11:10	10
Period 1	11:10 - 12:00	50
Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	30
Passing	12:30 - 12:40	10
Period 3	12:40 - 1:30	50
Passing	1:30 - 1:40	10
Period 5	1:40 - 2:30	50

Thursday, April 24		
	Time	Minutes
<b>Math 1 (Grades 9, 10 &amp; 11)</b>	7:45 - 9:15	90
Break	9:15 - 9:20	5
Passing	9:20 - 9:30	10
<b>Math 2 (Grades 9, 10, &amp; 11)</b>	9:30 - 11:00	90
Passing	11:00 - 11:10	10
Period 1	11:10 - 12:00	50
Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	30
Passing	12:30 - 12:40	10
Period 3	12:40 - 1:30	50
Passing	1:30 - 1:40	10
Period 5	1:40 - 2:30	50

Wednesday, April 23		
	Time	Minutes
<b>Hist/SS (Grade 10)</b>	7:45 - 9:15	90
Break	9:15 - 9:20	5
Passing	9:20 - 9:30	10
<b>Science (Grade 10)</b>	9:30 - 11:00	90
Passing	11:00 - 11:10	10
Period 2	11:10 - 12:00	50
Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	30
Passing	12:30 - 12:40	10
Period 4	12:40 - 1:30	50
Passing	1:30 - 1:40	10
Period 6	1:40 - 2:30	50

Friday, April 25		
	Time	Minutes
<b>Hist/SS (Grade 11)</b>	7:45 - 9:15	90
Break	9:15 - 9:20	5
Passing	9:20 - 9:30	10
<b>Science (Grades 9, 10, &amp; 11)</b>	9:30 - 11:00	90
Passing	11:00 - 11:10	10
Period 2	11:10 - 12:00	50
Lunch	12:00 - 12:30	30
Passing	12:30 - 12:40	10
Period 4	12:40 - 1:30	50
Passing	1:30 - 1:40	10
Period 6	1:40 - 2:30	50

# accolades & Appreciation

Torrey Pines High School was voted **Best Public High School** in Ranch & Coast Magazine's annual readers' poll! Look for this honor to appear in their March issue!



Photo by Scott Chodorow

Bravo to **Brandon Jones (11)**, who was accepted into the CODSA All State Honor Orchestra.

Torrey Pines Senior, **Phillip Zhang**, has won the San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory's 9th Annual Concerto Competition held February 14 at the Neurosciences Institute. He performed Cello Concerto in C, Mvt. 1 by Joseph Haydn. As the first place winner, Phillip will go on to perform his solo repertoire with the SDYS Symphony Orchestra in a prestigious concerto performance at the June 8th Ovation Concert at Copley Symphony Hall. Bravo, **Phillip!**



**MaryJane Palmer and Allan Gustafson**

presented at the American Speech Hearing Association Augmentative Communication conference in Long Beach on February 22, 2008 on "I may be nonverbal, but I have a lot to say." It was on direct instruction for individuals with severe handicaps from making ready-made choices, to spelling choices on an alphabet facsimile, to spelling choices on computer keyboard independently.



**A jubilant Science Olympiad Team!**



## Torrey Pines High School Wins First Place in Science Olympiad Again!

For the ninth year in a row, Torrey Pines High School took first place at the San Diego Regional Science Olympiad. Torrey Pines now qualifies to advance to the State Competition on April 12th. Eighty-eight amazing Torrey Pines students competed in the regional competition which was held on February 2nd at Rancho Bernardo High School. This was the largest Regional Science Olympiad competition of any county in the United States. A total of 53 teams from 18 high schools from San Diego County participated in the day's events. This was the thirteenth year that Torrey Pines has participated. The teams are organized and coached by dedicated parent volunteers.

Science Olympiad competitions encourage team work and learning across a slate of events that are developed according to the national science education standards and other guidelines that are established by the National Science Olympiad Board and State Committees. Science Olympiad events are balanced among three broad areas of the Science Standards: 1) Science Concepts and Knowledge, 2) Science Processes and Inquiry Skills, and 3) Science Application and Technology. The events include the following content areas: life science, earth/space, physical/chemistry, inquiry/nature, and technology.

Students built musical instruments, robots, airplanes, boomilevers, and electric vehicles. All were tested the day of the competition. Students were tested in a variety of subjects including astronomy, rocks and minerals, herpetology, remote sensing, food science, ecology, epidemiology, and major science content areas. They used thinking skills and demonstrated applications in chemistry, physics, oceanography, circuitry, forensics, genetics, experimental design, health concepts, technical writing, and mathematical problem solving.

**First Place Medal winners were:** Wayne Cheng, Victor Fan, Oliver Fang, Naveen Krishnamurti, Ernest Lee, Kevin Lo, Stephen Liu, Laura Loegering, Arden Madsen, Natalie Moffett, Peter Tsoi, Chris Wu, and Jian Yeung.



**Second - Fourth Place Medal winners were:** Mostafa Al-Alusi, Vivek Bhagwat, Alan Cai (2), Alex Chang, David Chen (2), Gene Choi, Linda Ding, Victor Fan, Alice Fang, Oliver Fang, Kenneth Gao, Gilbert Hsyu (2), Haruka Imura, Hong Joo Kim, Makana Krulce, Regina Lam (2), Ernest Lee, Howon Lee, Jieming Li, Jae Rho, Guhan Shastri, and Peter Tsoi.

**Fifth - Ninth Place Medal winners were:** Amin Aalipour, Mostafa Al-Alusi, William Bao, Olga Batalov, Vivek Bhagwat (2), Siddhartha Bhattacharya (2), Nicholas Burbaum, Emily Cai (3), Alex Chang, David Chen, Stella Chen, Irene Cheng, Victor Fan, Alice Fang (2), Kenneth Gao, Eric Guan (2), Haruka Imura, Prabhav Jain (3), Ling Jing, Anurag Kalavakunta (2), Andrew Kim (3), Paul Ko, Ernest Lee, Howon Lee, Stephen Liu (2), Philip Lin, Kevin Lo (2), Natalie Moffett, Praneet Mylavarapu (2), Olivia Petrocco (2), Samvit Ramadurgam (2), Guhan Shastri, Joy Shi, Prithvi Undavalli, Chris Wu (2), and Caroline Yu.

**Tenth - Fifteenth Place Ribbon winners were:** Mostafa Al-Alusi, Alyssa Beck (2), Siddhartha Bhattacharya, William Bao, Alan Cai, David Chen, Michelle Chen, Albert Chung, Avijit Dalal (2), Linda Ding (2), Oliver Fang, Justin Fu (2), Stephanie Gerretsen, Albert Gordon, Chika Hirai, Gilbert Hsyu, Ling Jing, Hong Joo Kim, Paul Ko (2), Jieming Li, Kay Lin (2), Philip Lin (2), Elora Lopez, Liza Lukashev, Praneet Mylavarapu, Natalie Prussak, Samvit Ramadurgam, Aarthi Reddy, Pranay Rungta (2), Alan Sit, Prithvi Undavalli, Sharad Vikram (3), Vanja Vucinic, Larry Wang (3), and Carrie Yang (2).

**The following students also participated:** Noor Al-Alusi, Albert Chen, Miriam Choi, Varun Gudi, Andrew Jen, Cathy Jiang, Eleni Kapoulea, Rachel Kim, Mili Navani, Risha Sinha, Michelle Sit, Lucia Wang, Ling Yeung, and Daniel Zhu.

This great success was made possible by teamwork led by volunteer coordinators: Loveena Bhagwat, Azmina Madsen, Jo Ann Schorn, Sandy Petrocco, and Christina Cheng.

The time, talent, and commitment of the following volunteer coaches led the TPHS teams to victory: Mansour Aalipour, Beth Abramson, Mahvash Ardakani, Brinn Belyea, Sui-Xiong Cai, Paul Chang, Lianggui Chen, Siqi Fan, Lily Gao, Dong Jing, Tao Jiang, Clint Kirkconnell, Sagar Krulce, Frankie Lam, June Lee, Jim Lo, Lisa Loegering, Narayana Mylavarapu, Raj Pratha, Charles Prussak, Trinadh Undavalli, Weixing Shi, Jim Wu, and Sharon Wu.

# Counseling Corner

By Mary Sanchez-Allwein  
Head Counselor

April 2008

2008-2009 Registration Update  
Counselors have just completed the registration process in which we visited English classes and middle schools and met individually with students to review and collect Registration Contracts for next year. Thank you for your thoughtful attention to course selection and in helping ensure that your student was enrolled in the correct classes

for next year and that the contract was submitted on time.

The next phase of the registration process will begin soon, during which student requests will be tallied, teaching assignments will be determined and budget constraints will be assessed. Occasionally, some electives are cancelled due to insufficient enrollment. In those cases, students' choices of alternates will be used when their first choices are unavailable.

We will mail home a copy of each student's class requests during the month of May for your final review. Students wishing to change a course request need to let their counselor know by the May 30th deadline.

Students will receive their 2008-09 class schedules during Readiness Days in August. Mandatory schedule changes will be made for students who failed a course or completed an approved summer school class. Level changes may be possible if there is space available in the corresponding class.

Summer School: Courses out of district  
If students are interested in taking a course outside the district during summer school, they need to see a counselor before enrolling. They need to be sure that the class will transfer to Torrey Pines for credit and that they are within the 30-credit limit for outside classes. They must complete an "Off-Campus Class Permission Form" which is available in the Counseling Center and online on the TPHS Counseling website under Forms. **Keep in mind that after they complete the course, it is their responsibility to have the final transcript sent to the Torrey Pines' Registrar in order to transfer the credits and grade to our transcript.**

Would you like to be a PAL?

We need your students to help make a difference in the lives of students on our campus! Peer Assistance Listeners (PALs) listen to students' concerns, give teen issue presentations, perform peer mediations, mentor new students and are involved in many other important and exciting activities. Have your students listen to the morning announcements or check the Counseling website for application information later this spring.

AVID/EL Tutors

Do you find that your student is constantly tutoring his/her peers? Does he/she have infinite patience and seems to excel in all their classes? If you answered yes to these questions, then your student should consider being an AVID or English Learner tutor. These tutors help peers in the AVID and English Learner classes and they receive elective credit. If your student is considering having a free period next year, instead encourage them to share their knowledge and become a tutor. To sign up they can see **Stephanie Muh** or **Mary Sanchez-Allwein** in the counseling office.

Important Date

May 1st: Is the last day this semester to withdraw from a course at Torrey Pines. This will reflect in a "W" for Withdraw on the high school transcript.

Career Expo

We are excited to announce the upcoming arrival of the 2008 TPHS Career Expo! Community members and professionals will be visiting TPHS on Thursday, May 15th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to present information about their careers to our students through participating classes. All students will have an opportunity to meet with community professionals during lunch, where career booths will be set up, and a local radio station will be providing music.

This is an exciting and fun-filled opportunity for our community to connect with our TPHS students. If you feel that your career is one that our students would be interested in learning more about, please contact **Loveena Bhagwat** at [loveena.bhagwat@sduhsd.net](mailto:loveena.bhagwat@sduhsd.net).

## Japanese Classes Place 1st and 3rd

Students from **Sato Umabe's** Japanese classes participated in the **Japanese Cultural and Academic Proficiency San Diego** regional competition at SDSU on February 23rd, and the team from Japanese III won 1st place and the team from Japanese II won 3rd

place. Congratulations to the following students! First place winners: **Masha Kabalnova, James Peng, and Hayward Wong.** Third place winners: **An-ti Lin, Da-Ye Shin, and Chris Nguyen.**



## Making Summer Plans?

**Readiness Days will be  
August 12 - 15, 2008**

Mark your calendar now for Readiness Days, 2008, when students turn in paperwork, pick up schedules and textbooks, take pictures, and obtain ID cards before school begins. Readiness Days are crucial to attend to ensure that any corrections to your schedule are made before the 1st day of school. Be ready to hit the ground running!

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### Other Key Dates to Remember:

**May 1--** last day to withdraw from a course; transcript will reflect "W".

**May 30 --** last day to change preliminary course selection.

## 4th Annual Saturday Swish

Members of the Torrey Pines High School **Varsity Girls Basketball** team hosted a basketball clinic for 8-14 year olds at the Mountain View Recreation Center in National City in February. The event, Saturday Swish, was started by 2007 TPHS graduate **Devin Regis** and is now in its 4th year. This year the clinic was led by **Nadia Farjood** and **Liz Donahoe**, juniors on the varsity team. Each year the girls end their season with this community service event. The team teaches drills and basketball fundamentals in a two-hour clinic which wraps up with a pizza lunch, cake for the kids and a T-shirt and ball signing session. T-shirts and basketballs were donated and distributed to all the attendees.

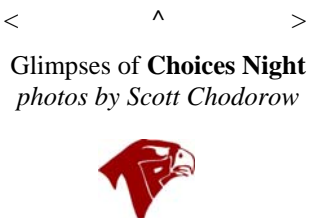


Torrey Pines Girls Basketball Team Members pictured: **Liz Donahoe, Nadia Farjood, Megan Fennessey, Fantine Giap, Emily Hewitt, Kelsea Mathews, Kristen Nasella, Heather Serven, Kalin Sommer** and **Angie Tseng.** Not pictured: **Kinsey Bettencourt** and **Tarlan Zaltash.**

# Seen Around Torrey Pines...



Freddie Falcon cheers at the APE Soccer Tournament



Glimpses of Choices Night  
photos by Scott Chodorow



## College Career Center Happenings

By Loveena Bhagwat

### Torrey Pines Students Take the Career Aptitude Test

Sixty-three Juniors and Seniors took the Career Exploration Test offered by ASVAB at Torrey Pines on February 5th, 2008. The ASVAB is a comprehensive multi-aptitude skills assessment and career-planning instrument, one of the best, and most widely used vocational multi-aptitude indexes in the United States.

The eight skills that are tested in the ASVAB are General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information and Mechanical Comprehension. The results from the ASVAB can serve as a component of a comprehensive educational counseling program; they are an invaluable tool in assisting students, especially juniors and seniors in career planning.

On March 12th, students received their test scores. These results were divided into two parts, the Career Exploration Scores and the ASVAB test score. These scores were reported to the students both as a percentile and standard score.

## Financial Aid Presentation Offered to Torrey Pines Parents

With standing room only, parents and students came to hear Ellen McClain, Assistant VP of Citibank, discuss Financial Aid. Some highlights from the presentation:

--Everyone should fill out the FAFSA by going to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

--Families should apply for their PIN. This is a personal identification number that is used to sign the online application and it takes 2-3 days to get the PIN by email, so make sure that you apply for it early.

--Families should do their taxes as early as possible.

--Keep copies of all information you used to fill out the FAFSA.

--Many private colleges require the CSS Profile to be filled out in addition to the FAFSA, so students should check with each institution to see if they need to fill it out, and the deadlines also vary by institution. Remember that unlike the FAFSA, the CSS Profile is not free. It costs about \$23 for the first school and \$18 for each additional one.

--CAL Grants are offered to California students who meet academic and financial criteria and will be attending schools in California.

--A family's need is calculated by the following formula:

**Cost of Attendance – Estimated Family Contribution = Financial Need**

--The different types of financial aid are:

- Grants (several different kinds, don't have to be paid back)
- Federal Perkins Loan (start to pay back 9 months after graduation)
- Federal Work Study (not considered as income for next year's FAFSA)
- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan (Fed. Govt. pays interest for students)
- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan (fixed low interest loan that students have to pay interest on).
- Institutional Aid offered by the schools students will be attending

--Look for free money in the form of scholarships at the colleges.

- Academic Scholarships
- Presidential Scholarships
- Honors Programs
- Trustees' Scholarships

--Look for free money in the form of community-based scholarships

- College websites
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.scholarshipexperts.com](http://www.scholarshipexperts.com)
- school Naviance website, [www.connection.naviance.com/tphs](http://www.connection.naviance.com/tphs)
- Dollars for Scholars

Remember that if you have to pay to get money for scholarships, it is probably a scam. Be careful when giving out personal information on the web. Let me know if I can help you with any of your financial questions. [Loveena.Bhagwat@sduhsd.net](mailto:Loveena.Bhagwat@sduhsd.net).

Pep Rally!

## TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

By Rick Ayala, School Improvement Program Coordinator

The Site Council met on February 5th. The Council discussed the Governor's proposed state budget and a possible 10 percent cut in state funding for all programs. This will affect all schools, including TPHS. The Council discussed possible strategies for the use of the remaining Site Council funds. The Council will continue to diligently review all funding requests and ensure that these requests are directly connected to the goals of the Single Plan for Student Achievement. These goals are aimed at improving proficiency levels for economically disadvantaged and English-learner students on the English Language Arts and Algebra I portions of the California Standards Tests. The plan also seeks to increase participation of under-represented students in the GATE program.

The Council approved two proposals totaling \$475. The approved funding will assist with costs related to a mathematics workshop and registration fees for the USA Bio Olympiad test.

The next Site Council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 1st.

### MRSA Update

Many families have asked for information regarding staph infections, particularly the strain known as MRSA. The San Diego County Office of Education has posted a great list of resources from respected sources on the subject. If you would like to visit the site, the address is <http://www.sdcoe.net/news/08-02-04-mrsa.asp>.

### Multi-Cultural Club Reaches Out to the Community

by Leah Kuriyama (11), Club President

When students hear of the Multi-Cultural Club, they think it's just another non-important extra-curricular activity for college. While extra-curriculars for college are important, they are not nearly as valuable as the lessons learned through our community activities. Our club brings together the diverse population at Torrey Pines High School. We try to meet on a regular basis on the first Tuesday of every month. During those meetings we plan outside activities coordinated with local community organizations such as Casa de Amistad, "House of Friendship," that provides educational mentoring with the goal of improving academic achievement to low income young students. Recent projects have included a holiday party at Casa de Amistad, and a Valentine's party for Head Start preschool children promoting literacy. MCC students brought a donated book, read with the children, and assisted with art and play activities. MCC is also bridged with the San Diego Center for Children, a



therapeutic program facility designed to promote the well-being of children, youth and families in developing a healthy sense of self-hope. Later this spring, MCC will assist with fundraising by participating in the SDCC Walk for Kids by forming Team TPHS! MCC is grateful for the time, support, and sponsorship provided by **Mrs. Carol Carrillo**, TPHS math teacher.

## Torrey Pines Hosts Second Annual APE Soccer Tournament

Students from Oak Crest, La Costa Canyon, Earl Warren, and Carmel Valley M.S. joined TP students for the 2nd Annual Adapted Physical Education Sports League Soccer Tournament in February. The league was created last year by the 3 APE teachers in the district, **Kasey Galik, Karen Geaslin, and Torrey Pines' Joy Kuemmerle**. Three tournaments are held each year at a different site and each focusing on a different sport. Participants in sports league are students who have physical and or mental disabilities who receive Adapted Physical Educations services. According to Ms. Kuemmerle, "These students worked hard on their soccer skill for two months before the tournament... The goal for the day was for the APE students to put their soccer game skills learned into a game situation that was fun, safe, and non-competitive."



## Creative Interiors: "Room in a Box"

Students in **Ms. Hernandez'** Interior Design class were given the project of creating a "Room in a Box" as their final exam. The assignment was to design and construct an actual 3-D model of a room of their choice based on their selected design style, to make a scaled floor plan, and then use this floor plan to build the room. Students drew on principles of design, such as color and texture, to create their rooms and their furnishings.



< Green Tiled Modern Bathroom by **Anique Hermann (9)**



< Pink and Orange Bedroom by **Michelle Hong (9)**



^ Scandinavian Walk-in Closet by **Mandee Jang (9)**

**Jill Wong (9)** shows her floor plan of a modern living room. >



## Senior To-Do List



**March 31 - April 4** -- Senioreed Out

**April 26** -- Senior Yacht Party

**May 20** -- Singled Out

**June 9 - 12** -- Senior Week (Details on [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) > Students)

**June 12** -- Graduation, 4:00 p.m., Stadium. No tickets required.



# Foundation Forum

Torrey Pines High School Foundation, P.O. Box 2489, Del Mar, CA 92014-1789, (858) 793-3551 fax (858) 793-3405

## Attention Parents, we need your help with something trivial.... Your child's education!

**Please give generously to the TPHS Foundation. Just \$100 per student goes a long, long way!**

By Steven Osinski, TPHS Foundation Board Member

Of course, your child's education isn't trivial. It is of paramount importance to all of us but the Foundation would like to focus your attention on some very critical information.

As you may already know, Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed cutting the state's education fund by roughly 9% or \$4.4 billion next year. That would be the largest reduction in educational funding in US history. **For Torrey Pines High School and the San Dieguito School District, that converts into a \$3.7 million funding loss.** Even before these budget cuts, CA education spending is approximately \$1,900 less per student than the national average, 45th in the nation in terms of educational spending!

### So in light of these challenges...how will our students succeed?

As they always have, through the support of the Torrey Pines High School Foundation and our extended family of involved parents and supporters. Only this year, we really need your help. To meet the goals and commitments of our SHARED VISION FOR EXCELLENCE program, we have asked parents to match \$105,000 in funds that the Foundation has raised. Since September, all we have raised is \$67,000, or just two-thirds of our goal. This money is 100% allocated to programs that benefit all TPHS students.

### Only 8% of our parents have contributed to our SHARED VISION.

You can make a big difference and help us to keep TPHS one of the best in the nation. Please give generously to the TPHS Foundation. Just \$100 per family will help us reach our goal. All gifts are tax deductible.

We know that times are tough. The economy is cooling, gas prices are surging and the dollar is shrinking, BUT something like your child's education isn't trivial. It deserves your full attention and your full commitment.

**To make your donation or for more information, please call Bobbi Karlson, Director of Operations at (858) 755-0125, Extension 2024.**

#### Grad Nite Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 1st at 6 PM in the College & Career Center in room 401. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to get involved. To put your name on the meeting e-mail list e-mail Sue Regis at [Sue.Regis@sduhsd.net](mailto:Sue.Regis@sduhsd.net).

The 15th Annual **Rummage Sale** is set for Saturday, **April 19<sup>th</sup>** from 7 to 11 AM. Gently used items may be dropped off Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 PM in the back parking lot. For more information call the Foundation office at (858) 793-3552.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>23</b> <b>Mar.</b>	<b>24</b> Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Newsletter Collating, 8:30 a.m.	<b>28</b> Course request submission deadline	<b>29</b> GATEway Study Skills Workshop, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> "Tuesday Talks," CCC, 10:00 a.m.; Site Council, rm. 205, 2:45 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 3rd Quarter ends	<b>5</b>
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## Apr.

<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Holiday	<b>8</b> Holiday	<b>9</b> Holiday	<b>10</b> Holiday	<b>11</b> Holiday	<b>12</b> ACT, Off Campus
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Spring Break, April 7 - 11, 2008

<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Parent Assn. Mtg., 9:00 a.m.	<b>17</b> Campus Tour, Admin. Bldg., 8:15 a.m.; School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> TPHS Foundation Annual Rummage Sale 7:00 - 11:00 a.m.
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Newsletter Collating, 8:30 a.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Senior Yacht Party
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Star Testing, April 22-25

<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Drop Deadline tomorrow	<b>1</b> School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> SAT, TPHS
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## May

TP Players present two comedies April 30, May 1-3, 7-10, The Black Box, 7:30 p.m.

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CAHSEE make-ups and retakes, May 6-7

AP Exams, May 5-16 at Del Mar Fairgrounds and TPHS

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