



## **Pine Hill Elementary Newsette**

February 5, 2010

The recent fire at South Bay Elementary saddens us all; however, the outpouring of concern and offers of help from our community has been tremendous. We are truly lucky to have such supportive parents and neighbors.

Kindergarten registration is open – and now is the time to get your child signed up for next year. If you know of someone interested in having their child attend Pine Hill, please have them stop by the office and pick up a registration packet as well. Our website will have registration information and a calendar of events for prospective Kindergarten parents and students.

Just a quick word about Valentine celebrations: parties are fun – and we invite families to help out in the classroom with such events. Please work with your classroom teacher(s) about what to provide for the parties. We ask that you keep in the spirit of our Wellness Policy and respect our parents who avoid sweets for their children. Consider some of the many alternatives to cupcakes and candy: veggie or fruit trays, cheese and crackers, or muffins. You can also check out our website: Mr. Lentz will be posting some information about party foods that are fun and nutritious.

Presidents Week is February 15-19 – NO SCHOOL! We'll see everyone back on Monday, February 22. Have a safe holiday. Maybe the weather will cooperate and you can get out with family to enjoy a local park, the zoo, a bike ride or hike, or just plain fun being outside in the sun.

Other dates on the horizon include:

- Wednesday, Feb. 24: PTO Meeting/Pine Hill library at 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 2: Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Day
- Week of March 15-19: Parent conferences – early release at 1:30 p.m. all week
- Friday, April 2: Milbre Birch, storyteller: her website is [www.kindcrone.com](http://www.kindcrone.com)
- Week of April 19-23: Spring Break
- Thursday, April 29: Spring picture day
- Week of May 3-7: STAR Testing
- Thursday, May 27: Spring Concert at South Bay
- Monday, May 31: Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- Friday, June 4: PTO Carnival
- Thursday, June 17: Last day of school – early release at 1:30 p.m.

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