

PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

FREEDOM SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

By the time you receive this letter, I hope that all of the roadwork in front of our school is finished and students and parents will be enjoying a smooth ride on the street and a brand new sidewalk, too. Thank you for all your patience in the past month, and for cooperating to ensure the safety of our students.

From the GATE department: Are you the parent of a fifth-grader who is looking for something different? Pacific Coast Charter and GATE invite you to attend an informational meeting for a new (6-8th) Middle School daily "Options Class." The following are components of the new class: differentiation, flexible grouping, college preparation, acceleration, catch-up options, intellectual peer interaction, continuity, individualized learning, and social and emotional development including issues of motivation. The class will begin in the Fall of 04-05. For more information call 786-2180 or 728-6287. This meeting will be held on Monday, May 24 in the District Office Board Room at 6:30.

Important Events for April and May:

Friday, April 30th: SBC Day- No school. Teachers will be attending one of two professional development workshops, either the "Step Up to Writing" program or strategies for English language learners.

Saturday May 1st from 10:00 to 4:00: Student Authors' Fair, Capitola Mall
Come and see for yourself how hard Freedom student authors have been working in writing! This is a county-wide event and offers a great opportunity for sharing and learning.

Tuesday, May 4th: Fifth grade students to Outdoor Science Camp. Departure time: 10:00. Return: 10:45 on May 7th. These lucky students have been fund-raising all year, and will be off to an experience they'll never forget!

Thursday, May 6th 6:30-8:00 p.m: ELAC Waiver information night and Home and School Club organizational meeting. At this meeting, waiver information for

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the bilingual program will be discussed and parents will be able to join to participate in the exciting projects of the Home and School Club.

Friday, May 7th: Furlough Day. Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
(Afternoon kinders will attend school in the morning.)

Wednesday, May 12th: Home and School Club Carnival Committee, meeting in library at 6:30 p.m. This will be a planning meeting for the Annual Freedom Spring Carnival. We will be joined this year by the First Five Santa Cruz County School Readiness Project.

Thursday, May 13th, 6:30 p.m: Spring Program.
Our Winter Program was such a success that teachers and students wanted another chance to share their artistic talents! The Spring Program will be held in the cafeteria. You will know soon if your child's class is going to participate, and guests are expected to stay in the cafeteria for the duration of the program.

Friday, May 14th: SBC Day- No school

Saturday, May 22nd 11:00 to 4:00: Freedom Spring Carnival and First 5, School Readiness Project Kick-off. Please mark your calendars so the whole family can join in the fun and games.

Friday, May 28th: Furlough Day: Students are dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
(Afternoon kinders will attend school in the morning.)

Monday, May 31st: Memorial Day- No school

Friday, June 4th: Math Day
Math Day is a special day at Freedom School, devoted entirely to math-related activities and fun.

Thursday, June 10th: 5th grade graduation at Rolling Hills Middle School at 6:30 in the Multipurpose Room.

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Kindergarten graduation dates will be set soon and I will keep you posted.
As always, please feel free to call with any questions or concerns and we look forward to seeing you and your family on campus soon!

Sincerely,

Jean Gottlob