



# ALLEYCAT TIMES

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## Important Dates

### FEBRUARY

- 23 – School Site Council Mtg (3:30)
- 25 – PTA Family Fitness Night (6:00)

### MARCH

- 1 – APEX Fun Run Begins (Assembly)
- 1 – Spanish Parent Night
- 2 – Walk to School Day
- 4 – Trimester 2 Ends
- 8 – Spring Pictures
- 10 – APEX Fun Run (am)
- 10 – PTA Board Mtg (6:30)
- 16-18 – Parent Conferences/Early Out  
(K-1:50 / 1st-3rd – 2:03 / 4th-5th – 2:12)
- 18 – Bike Rodeo (2:00)
- 19 – GATE Parent Conference
- 24 – STEAM Fair (6:00)
- 29 – DELMAC Conference
- 31 – District Science Fair (5:30)

### Flyers & Links

- [Spanish Parent Night Flyer](#)
- [Spanish Parent Night – Spanish Trans Wellness Committee Contest](#)
- [Family Fitness Night Flyer](#)
- [Open Enrollment Application](#)

STEAM Fair Packets by Grade:

- [K – 1st Grade](#)
- [2nd – 3rd Grade](#)
- [4th – 5th Grade](#)

### Amazing Alleycat Award Winners for the Week

James Campbell	Lindsay Choi
Ethan Elkner	Ken Gale
Aidan Jewett	Saya Ikeuchi
Trevor Lee	Ejin Park
Landon Theurer	Caitlyn Wong



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HONORARY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2016!

These worthy recipients give graciously to our school in so very many ways. We thank Ms. Debbie Katsogianes (teacher), Susan Hodne (parent), Desiree Tuzzolino (parent), and Doyle Harrison (parent) for all that you do! [Click here](#) for more information about these Amazing Arnold Alleycats! Unfortunately, Susan wasn't able to make it to this morning's celebration, so her kids accepted the award on her behalf.

## FITNESS MADE FUN: THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>



Please join us for our next Family Fun Night this Thursday at 6:00pm in the Arnold Cafeteria. [The flyer](#) is attached. A certified fitness instructor will share health tips and demonstrate fun fitness routines that we can easily incorporate into our lifestyle. We want our entire Arnold family to be fit and healthy, so wear your sneakers and come try out these routines! All students who participate will be given a free Family Night Spirit Stick!

## PTA ASSOCIATION MEETING - THURSDAY

Just prior to the Family Fun Night, we will have a brief PTA Association Meeting to elect our 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board. Please come for this portion and make your vote count for who you'd like to help shape all of the wonderful enrichment activities we have at our school. The current list of nominees is posted inside the school office.

## APEX FUN RUN STARTS NEXT WEEK



Our school is so excited to be hosting the Apex Fun Run again this year. Apex Fun Run is a two-week leadership and fitness program that raises money for schools in America. Each student will receive daily character lessons and awards as they learn what it takes to be a true leader. Our kickoff assembly will be next Tuesday, March 1st at 1:00pm and Race Day is Thursday, March 10th. Thank you so much for your support as we raise funds for our school, and we hope to see you at the race!

## SPANISH PARENT NIGHT

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 (6:00-8:30 pm)

Hull Middle School (2080 231st St. Torrance, CA)

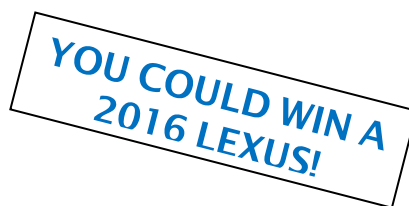
Classes for Parents, Dinner Served, Child Care, Homework Help, Raffles

See attached flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for more info.



## ART DESIGN CONTEST – ENTRIES DUE MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>

The TUSD Wellness Committee is looking for student submissions for a new logo. The winning design selected will become the Committee's official logo and will be displayed throughout the district. How exciting would that be!!! The grand prize winner will also receive an iPad mini! Be sure to check out this [flyer](#) for more details. Submissions are due by March 10, 2016 at 4pm.



## RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW

TEF raffle tickets are \$30 each and \$20 of each ticket gets donated back to your child's class or any school program you choose. 1st Deadline is Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>. The TEF Dinner is Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available from your teacher or in the school office. Please help support our school and buy some raffle tickets today!

## 2016 KINDERGARTEN AND TK ENROLLMENT

Please help spread the word for TK & Kindergarten enrollment. [Attached](#) is a detailed letter with the specific enrollment dates for Arnold students. You can also download all the forms from the TUSD website by [clicking here](#).

## PASSIVE FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

Want to donate money to the school without having to spend any extra money? There are many programs that will help our school and not cost you an extra dime! Check them out here:



You can help our school win a prize of \$250 to \$2,500 from South Bay Galleria's Galleria School Rewards school rewards program. It's easy! Between February 1 and December 31, shop, dine or see a movie, then log receipts from South Bay Galleria at the Guest Services desk. Drop off your receipts at the **collection box in the school office**, or you can

submit an electronic receipt sent to you from a retailer online, to earn five points per dollar spent at non- department stores and two points at department stores. Visit the website for store listings, shopping hours and to see how Arnold Elementary is doing in the competition. [Attached](#) is a flyer with more details about Galleria School Rewards, including bonus point offers, or you can go to [www.shoppingpartnership.com/southbay](http://www.shoppingpartnership.com/southbay) for more details. Tell your friends and family – anyone can support Arnold Elementary in the Galleria School Rewards program at South Bay Galleria. If you have additional questions, please contact Ingrid Kim at [Ingrid.y.kim@gmail.com](mailto:Ingrid.y.kim@gmail.com).



This year Arnold Elementary has decided to participate in an exciting new program that earns our school money year round. ShopwithScrip.com fundraising is a gift-card program that enables families to raise money for Arnold PTA. You purchase gift cards from Arnold PTA at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center ([www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)) at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple! Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work! Please see [attached flyer](#) for more information on how to sign up. Contact Ingrid Kim at [Ingrid.y.kim@gmail.com](mailto:Ingrid.y.kim@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Gather your Box Tops! Our last chance to submit box tops for this school year is coming up quickly, so please **turn in your box tops by Friday, February 26, 2016**. Clipping box tops is one of the easiest ways to help our school raise the money needed to support the various activities available to all of our awesome Alleycats.



<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>JOB(S)</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Rodeo – 3rd - 5th Grade  We especially need dads!	1:45 Set-up Course 1:45 Check-in Participants 1:45 Testing Stations 1:45 Pass out water, etc. 1:45 Assist w/ Organization 2:45 Help with Clean-up	Bike Rodeo Chair, Kristine Che <a href="mailto:bkristineche@gmail.com">bkristineche@gmail.com</a>
Now!	Arnold Carnival, Multicultural Demonstrations	Looking for students who participate in cultural activities and would be interested in performing at the carnival.	Email ideas to Carnival Chair, Colan Kwock at <a href="mailto:ckwock@socal.rr.com">ckwock@socal.rr.com</a>

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

### **OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD – JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Open Enrollment allows parents/guardians who live within TUSD boundaries to apply for their children to attend a school other than their home school. Applications are accepted once a year for the following school year. The Open Enrollment school becomes the student’s permanent home school. For the 2016-2017 school year, applications are due to the Family Welcome Enrollment Center **January 4<sup>th</sup> – February 29<sup>th</sup>**. **Late applications will NOT be accepted.** [Click here](#) for complete instructions and application.

### **NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the District Office – 2336 Plaza del Amo.

### **NEXT SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

Our next School Site Council Meeting will be held in Room 28 at 3:30pm on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016.

**Check back next week for more important school information!**