

# ALLEYCAT TIMES

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## Important Dates

### MARCH

- 8 – Spring Pictures
- 10 – APEX Fun Run (am)
- 10 – PTA Board Mtg. (6:30)
- 11 – Gold Ribbon Visit – WEAR RED!
- 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

- [5th Grade Dedication Form](#)
- [Delmac Conference Flyer](#)
- [AYSO – Spring Skills League](#)
- [Torrance Spring Activities](#)
- [Bunka-Sai Japanese Cultural Festival](#)
- [Tumbling, Cheer and Hip Hop Class](#)
- [Spanish Class](#)
- [South High Cheer Clinic](#)
- [Co-Ed Volleyball](#)
- [Wellness Committee Contest](#)
- [March Calendar](#)
- [March Menu](#)

### STEAM Fair Packets by Grade:

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

### Amazing Alleycat Award Winners for the Week

Renny Antony	Joseph Pelena
Naomi Dimalanta	Toma Senzaki
Pranavi Kakularam	Seamus McGuire
Alexa Chapa	Dani Fayoumi
Mei Harrison	Colton Tuzzolino



Congratulations to Mrs. Ahmed's class who had the most walkers last Wednesday. In total 392 students walked to school...that's almost as many as our record day of 421. Let's try to beat that next month! Here were this month's top three classes:  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mastan/Gill's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class at 80%  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hitt's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at 81%  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ahmed's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class at 92%



### SPRING PICTURES

Grades K-4 will take spring pictures on Tuesday, March 8. Picture selection forms must be returned to your teacher by picture day. You do not have to send any money now, pay only when you get your pictures. You can return them or pay only for what you decide to keep.

### APEX FUN RUN IS THIS THURSDAY!

9:00 am – Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
 10:00 am – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
 11:00 am – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Please sign up to help pass out water and mark off laps by **clicking here**. The church parking lot will be open that day for parents who are coming to help out and watch.



## WEAR SPIRIT WEAR THIS FRIDAY



We are being visited by representatives from the California Department of Education as part of our Gold Ribbon Award Application (formerly California Distinguished School). Students and parents, be sure to show your Arnold school spirit by wearing an Arnold t-shirt or sweatshirt. Or, if you don't have one, just wear **RED!**



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Don't forget to set your clock FORWARD one hour at 2am on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

We now have 3 after school classes on Tuesday, so be sure that your child lets their teacher know which class they will be attending.



## ARNOLD ELEMENTARY VARIETY SHOW!

It is that time of year again to hold our amazing Variety Show! For all those interested, please see the **attached** Audition Form and Schedule of Rehearsal Dates. This year we will actually be holding it at South High School on **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. It seems that we have so much talent at Arnold, we need a bigger stage!



## GET READY TO RUN! 2016 ARNOLD TRACK TEAM!

To all interested 3rd, 4th and 5th graders: we are starting our planning for the 2016 track team. We will be holding try-outs the last two weeks in March. Please keep your eyes open for further announcements. In the meantime, there will actually be three youth track meets prior to our big District Meet (June 3rd). The first one will be on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at West High. This meet is open to all students and all you have to do is show up with your parents (Arnold coaches are just spectators). For more information, please click this link: <http://legendstrack.com/>. If you have any questions regarding the track team, please contact Coach Colan Kwock at [ckwock@socal.rr.com](mailto:ckwock@socal.rr.com).

## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YEARBOOK DEDICATIONS

To the parents of our amazing fifth graders: It is that time again where we would like to offer parents, family and friends the opportunity to create a personalized dedication to a 5th grader in our Yearbook. Flyers describing the dedication process, outline and cost will be sent home with your student no later than this Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. (Here is a **link** to that flyer.) Dedications are due back March 28<sup>th</sup> to make the deadline for inclusion in the yearbook. If you have any questions, please contact Colan Kwock at [ckwock@socal.rr.com](mailto:ckwock@socal.rr.com).

## DELMAC CONFERENCE – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

**Click here** for more details.

**ATTENTION: MOMS AND DADS!**

Next year’s Arnold PTA Board is looking for someone to fill the position of Auditor. If you are interested in this Board position, please email Barbara Penhalegon at: [thepenhalegons@verizon.net](mailto:thepenhalegons@verizon.net)



**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.



**GATE PARENT CONFERENCE – MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sign up now!**

The 2nd annual TUSD GATE Parent Conference will be this Thursday, March 19th. This is open to all parents of current GATE students at no charge. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required. Please **click here** for information on how to sign up, or visit the TUSD GATE webpage by **clicking here**.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**THE ARNOLD CARNIVAL WILL BE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup> FROM 5-8**

You won’t want to miss the fun as we celebrate our cultural diversity!



<b>DATE(S)</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>JOB(S)</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Apex Fun Run 9:00 – K/1 10:00 – 2/3 11:00 – 4/5	Help pass out water and mark laps as kids run around the track.	<a href="#">Click here to sign up through Sign Up Genius.</a>
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Rodeo – 3rd - 5th Grade We especially need dads!	1:15 Set-up Course 1:45 Check-in Participants 1:45 Testing Stations 1:45 Pass out water, etc. 1:45 Assist w/ Organization 3:30 Help with Clean-up	Bike Rodeo Chair, Kristine Che <a href="mailto:bkristineche@gmail.com">bkristineche@gmail.com</a>

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

### EARLY DISMISSAL FOR PARENT CONFERENCES – MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> -18<sup>TH</sup>

Students in grades 1–5 will be dismissed early March 16<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup> for Parent Conferences. Dismissal times are **2:03 pm** (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade) and **2:12 pm** (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade). Note the early dismissal time includes Wednesday. Please make sure to pick your children up on time.

### VALET

Please remember that safety should always come first when using our valet both before and after school.



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](#).

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

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

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