



Correia Cougar News

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Spring Already?!

The year is flying by? Being involved at Correia Middle School has been really enjoyable and I want to compliment the teachers and the staff for working so hard for our children! The atmosphere at the school is very positive; there is wonderful energy focused on supporting the students; hard work is being done to continue to upgrade the facility . . . and it shows!

I was asked to take part in the Coordinated Compliance Review with a few other parents, which you will read about below. It was a little nerve-racking as I anticipated what types of questions the California Department of Education team would ask, but as it turned out, the parent interview was the



last one conducted and it was evident that the team had already been impressed by what they saw and heard earlier that day; the comments from the parents seemed to be in keeping with what their experience had been as they "examined" all aspects of the school. When the CCR team revealed their findings to the staff and teachers, they were very complimentary of everything and everyone! Although our school was chosen to be representative of the other middle schools in the district and will not be singled out in media coverage, the personal report they gave to Correia personnel and parents was very UPLIFTING!! Everyone involved with Correia Middle School should be very proud!

By Kris Spathas

Correia Goes Through Coordinated Compliance Review (CCR)

Correia Middle School was CCR'd on April 14, 2005. Knowing that every institution has hundreds of acronyms you can only imagine how many acronyms education might have. A CCR is a Coordinated Compliance Review.

Twenty years ago the California Department of Education (CDE) and others were directed to develop a coordinated compliance review (CCR) process.

Its purpose is to simplify, streamline, and coordinate the legally required compliance monitoring of specially funded programs and simultaneously maintain a commitment to students with special needs. Two goals of the CCR process are for districts and schools to:

Perform self-review for compliance with state and federal laws and regulations regarding categorically funded educational programs;

Ensure that federally- and state-funded categorical pro-

grams focus on implementing standards-based instruction that increases students' academic achievement.

Who conducted this review?

The CCR review teams, selected by the California Department of Education (CDE), was comprised of experts in the programs under review.

What did the CCR Team do when they visited?

The CCR Team met with the leadership team to hear a presentation of the programs at the school, reviewed documentation, observed classrooms, interviewed various site stakeholders, and conducted a debriefing at the end of the day. The programs they looked into were:

- Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP)
- Educational Equity
- Improving Teacher Quality
- Career/Technical Education and Civil Rights
- Integrated Programs Item
- Physical Education

By Linda Taggart

- Consolidated Programs
- Programs for English Learners
- Title IV, Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities, and Tobacco Use Prevention Education

We received accolades from the CDE team. They informed us that our staff provided a positive energy in their teaming work, our physical education staff was the most outstanding they had ever seen, and overall, we were compliant in every area. The staff listened to their report at the end of the day and let out sighs of relief. The CDE just validated what we all knew—Correia is working hard to serve all of our students and doing a good job at it.

Linda Taggart, Principal



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

***Margaret Mead
1901-1978***



News from our Building Services Supervisor, Rich Sheldon

As you can see many new things have happened here at Correia since the beginning of the school year. Construction on our new science rooms and library have been completed and we are enjoying the benefits of these new spaces. Painting of our classrooms and the exteriors of the buildings have also been completed. Our school is beginning to look great!

Other projects are in the works, too. They include re-landscaping of the hillside that surrounds our ball field and lower parking area. Also, installation of a new covering for

our lunch court shelter, replacing the one destroyed over the last winter. We are working very diligently to make our campus look the best it can be.

As the Building Services Supervisor, I ask for your cooperation in helping to keep our campus clean. I have placed trashcans throughout the site and ask that you please take the time and effort to use them. Do not throw trash into the bushes and sidewalk areas. Also, during lunch please make sure to throw your trash away. Leaving trash on the tables and grounds makes our campus look terrible.

Together we can improve the look and image of our school, but it takes effort from each and everyone of us. Let's make our school look GREAT!!!

Rich Sheldon
Building Services Supervisor

(Be sure to wave "hello" to Rich when you see him driving around in his golf cart!)



Correia Moves Into 21st Century

Correia Middle School has made some significant strides in the application of technology during the 2004/05 school year. With the strong support from Principal Linda Taggart, the campus is focused on becoming a technologically competitive school in preparing students for the 21st century.

Since the completion of the new state-of-the-art Library and Science classrooms through Proposition MM, Correia is taking another step toward the schools long-term technology goals. One of the most exciting features of the new library is the computer/media lab, which can accommodate an entire classroom and is available before and after school for student research and class projects. The campus now has two fully functional, class-size computer labs, a Yearbook lab and several mini-labs!

The new Science classrooms have each been equipped with a multimedia presentation system, integrated audio, video, closed-circuit cable television and computer network access. The Science classrooms will also utilize the wireless network and mobile computer labs.

Correia is currently participating in several technology based pilot programs for the San Diego City Schools Educational Technology Department. One such program, the "Digital Classroom", is a fully integrated multi-media presentation system that increases class participation through the use of enhanced video and audio capabilities. There are currently nine digital classrooms on campus.

By Mike Amaroso

Another pilot program being evaluated on campus is Weblockrz. Weblockrz is a web-based storage service that allows students to store data on a web-based server giving them access to this information at school and from home.

With the help of Matt Spathas, Correia Middle School obtained several wireless access points for the campus and data switches for the newly complete library. The installation of the data switches enabled the library to complete the student computer lab and other library network functions, while the additional access points increased wireless mobility on the campus this year. The wireless network enables the use of laptops and mobile computing by administrators, teachers and students. The campus will complete the Wireless Network project in 2005. Mr. Spathas is also responsible for the Correia web site, www.correiajunior.com, take a look!

Future technology projects at Correia include the installation of a gigabit Ethernet network LAN upgrade, completion of the campus-wide wireless network, computer lab upgrades including deployment of OS X server and multimedia application workstations, the auditorium sound and lighting upgrade, and improvements to the student operated Correia Television Studio including full digital post-production capability.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Correia Technology Department at 619.222.0476 ext 2409.

Surf Team Up for "Dawn Patrol"

By Go Ozeni

One of the new exciting extra-curricular activities at Correia this year is the Surf Team. I figured since we live so close to the beach, we had to have some surfer dudes roaming around the hallways. The team consists of twenty-two Correia students, eighteen boys and four girls. You can find them on Wednesday and Saturday at 6:00 AM at Avalanche Beach in OB (I was shot down for 7:00. I think the words "Dawn Patrol" was used). For the students to wake up this early shows their dedication and enthusiasm.

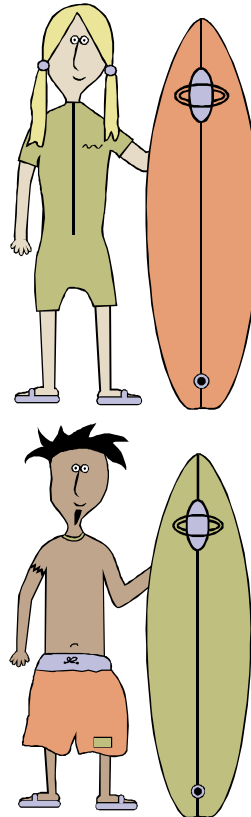
Many of these surfers are 8th graders who can only enjoy this for one year, but what I am most proud of them is their admiration to begin something new for future students to be a part of.

Recently, we had a scrimmage

with Thurston Middle School in San Clemente. For many of the surfers, it was their first competition and they did extremely well. It was an unbelievable feeling to see the joy on each one of their faces. Now, I'm bombarded with, "Mr. Ozeni, when can we do another one?!!" Currently, we are in the works for setting up another scrimmage with Thurston. This time it will be in OB. Hope many of you can make it to cheer on these surfers.

I want to thank Sean Gardinier (science teacher at Correia), Jon Gardiner, and the Surf Parents for helping me make this into a very successful first season. I could not have done this without you all.

Sincerely, Go Ozeni



Science Fair Winners Advance

By Go Ozeni

This was the first time in many years for all 8th graders to participate in Science Fair at Correia. There were several excellent projects on display this January in Correia's library. Fourteen of the projects were selected to move to the pre-screening at Mission Bay High School. From there, six students: Taylor Baughn, Laura Evans, Peter Hagedorn, Laura McKinstrey, Robby Tarte, and Amelia Whittaker were chosen to participate in the Greater San Diego Science Fair held in March. The students at the Fair presented and defended their projects in front of the judges. These students went above and beyond expectations by improving their projects between the pre-screening and the Greater San Diego Science Fair.

The results were remarkable. Robby Tarte and Laura Evans received 2nd place awards. Taylor Baughn, Laura McKinstrey, Amelia Whittaker received 1st place awards. In addition to the 1st place award Taylor Baughn received the Electric Vehicle Association of San Diego Award, and Amelia Whittaker won the Harry Barnet Memorial, Sigma Xi, and the Jr. Sweepstakes runner up awards. Taylor and Amelia will represent Correia at the State Science Fair held in Los Angeles on May 24th and 25th. Good luck to both of them.

Point Loma Optimist Club Winners

By Monique Walden

Our seventh graders participated in the Point Loma Optimist Club's annual speech contest. The contestants did a wonderful job preparing for the topic, "My hero is...." The eight finalist presented their speeches at a breakfast provided to honor their accomplishment on Tuesday, April 5, at the San Diego Yacht Club. The four girls to speak included: Caitlin Rethwish, Ivy Chester, Nicole Shaw, and Sara MacLeod. The four boys included: Thomas Worth, Jarrod Finley, Sebastian Shields, and Andrew Melone. They all did an outstanding job and should be recognized for their determination. The first place winners were Ivy Chester and Andrew Melone. The second place winners were Caitlin Rethwish and Sebastian Shields. Ivy and Andrew will advance to the district level competition where they are eligible to win the \$1,500 scholarship. We wish them well!

Testing at Correia Middle School

By Debby Penfold

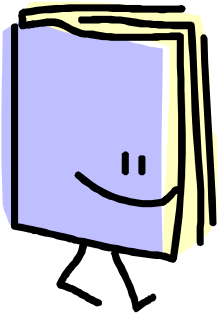
The final round of State required testing has arrived. All Correia Middle School students will be given the California Standards Test (CST) during the last week in April and the first two weeks in May. The Make-up tests will be given between May 2 and May 16. All Correia students will be testing on the following dates: April 27 & 28 and May 3, 4, 5 & 10. We will test during the first 2 hours of each day.

Please make sure that your child gets enough sleep the night before each test and has a

healthy breakfast the morning of the test. The tests will be administered in the morning during a special testing period. It is important that all students report to school on time. If your child is tardy he/she will not be allowed to take the test that day. The CST tests are not timed; therefore, each child has as much time as he/she needs to complete the task. Seventh graders will take two days of timed tests on May 5 and 10.

If you have any questions, you can call Debby Penfold at 619-222-0476 X2103





***“The
universal
brotherhood
of man is our
most
precious
possession.”***

***Mark Twain
1835-1910***

Library News

The new library has been nicely initiated this year by teachers and students putting print and online resources to the test. Our computer lab has grown to accommodate a full class of students—a first! Students have learned to navigate two new online research databases this year as well as managing online communications and homework transfer via Weblockz. If your student has not shown you how this works, please ask them! These resources are for use remotely (at home) as well as at school.

Please continue to save BoxTops for Education (General Mills Products) for the library. They may seem insignificant, but en masse, they give me book purchasing power so I cherish each and every one.

Consider joining our Correia Connection—Parent/Student Book Club which is funded by a Parent Involvement Grant and our Correia Association. The club meets

once monthly in the evening at our library to discuss a book that we have read the previous month.

Great way to keep the communication lines open with your teen! We try to make it fun for everyone. Feel free to drop in May 3 at 7:00 p.m. if you would like to “check it out”.

Our spring Buy-One-Get-One-Free Book Fair was a great success with All credit going to our co-chairs, Robyn Owens and Sharlene McKinstry and their staff of volunteers. English classes were invited to visit The fair and it was open for parents and families on Open House night. THANK YOU to my FABULOUS co-chairs, all who volunteered, and all who shopped!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Textbooks will be turned in Monday and Tuesday, June 6th and 7th. If you would like to help with this fun end-of-year

By Marcia Abbott

activity, please email me or call, mabbott1@sandi.net 222-0476, ext. 2902

Parents, please remember that one of the nicest gifts you can give your student is a public library card. They are FREE! I have applications in the library, they are also at the local branches and on this website www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/library.card.shtml

I tell students I cannot bear to see them graduate from Correia without one.

If you need book lists for your students, visit www.ala.org and search for book lists, or visit the California Department of Education's Literature Links at [//www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/litlinks.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/lb/litlinks.asp)

Thank you for your unwavering support of our library program!

Marcia Abbott, i-brarian :)

Correia Corps Volunteers Make a Difference

By Sandra Stee-Ogle

Once again it is time to extend heartfelt THANKS to the caring and concerned volunteers of our Correia Corps Safety and Security Program. You have almost seen us through to the end of an improved year on campus and we are grateful for your service. For each time you weathered the storms (and this year that counted for a lot of raindrops) we appreciate you! We are approaching the closing of another school year and your continued service will get us there with greater confidence. We are already making plans for next year's program and would like to have you return with the expertise you have acquired. Bring along a friend, or introduce an incoming seventh grade parent to this important team that everyone counts on each day. Contact me with your scheduling needs and a confirmation so that you can be counted among the first to make a difference on our campus daily. It has been wonderful having you on board. We wish those of you going on as volunteers at other high schools, the best of experiences. We will miss you. Everyone else, we'll see you on site with a friendly smile and a great deal of continued gratitude for all your efforts. Sincere Appreciation and restful summer wishes from your Coordinator, Sandra, the Administration and the Staff at Correia Middle school. Correia e-mail: patogle@cox.net Correia phone: (619) 224-0035

***Please consider being an extra set of eyes and ears at
Correia next year! Sign up for Correia Corps!***

What's All the Noise About!?

What's all the noise about? Correia Music, of course! Correia's Excellent and Encouraging Music Director, Mr. Jim Trepasso, keeps extremely busy teaching our kids. Here are just a few of the things he's been getting our kids up to this semester...

Correia's Competition Band did a great job at the District Music Festival last month held at Lewis Middle School. They finished the day with ratings of "Superior" and "Excellent". They will head to Knott's Berry Farm Friday, May 13 for a High Note Festival Competition. These competitions not only give them the opportunity to perform and compete but they are given the judges notes and tapes and receive coaching after the events as well to learn how to refine their music and become even better musicians.



Tuesday, April 12, was the Fourteenth Annual Peninsula Bands in Concert at Point Loma Nazarene University. This event coordinates the bands from Dana, Correia, PLHS and PLNU in an evening of sharing. Each band plays several selections of their own and then all the bands play a song together at the end of the evening - that's a lot of musicians to coordinate and it is always the high note of the evening! Congratulations to Zach Voht, eighth grader, who did a superb job as Student Conductor!



One other highlight this year was the combination of lead sax, Dana Music Director Ruben Flores, and PLNU's excellent band for their rendition of the theme song from the movie "Catch Me If You Can." (PLHS Director, John Dally, was featured on flugelhorn last year. Maybe we'll get Correia's Director, Mr. Trepasso. to do it next year???)

Correia's Advanced Band Students have been performing at several school functions this semester. They have played at Awards ceremonies, Open House, and will perform at Correia's Graduation this year - they always pitch in when needed.

The Advanced Students have been invited to participate in the Portuguese Festa Parade Sunday, May 15. Always a fun event - come on down and cheer them on!

Congratulations to the following Correia Music students who earned a spot on the District Honor Band.

Clarinet
Andrea Flores
Angela Flores
Carol Ann Sabolek

Bass Clarinet
Jarrod Finley
Mason Walsh

Tenor Sax
Jessica Marlow

Baritone Sax
Alejandro Machado-Avila

Trumpet
Zach Voht

Trombone
Kyle Goguen

Flute
Christine Frisbie
Sarah Toledo

Percussion
Jacob Montoya



The students spent 22 hours outside of school preparing for and performing at the Honor Band concert.

The following students have been competing in district sponsored Solo and Ensemble Festival Competitions over the last several months. Their last local competition is Saturday, April 23rd at Hillsdale Middle School. Finalists from this competition will go on to participate in the Southern California Regional Competition. Good luck!

Advanced Band Students: Marino Romero, Alex Pitta, Josh Lawrence, Alejandro Machado-Avila, Allison Vanos, Chanti Kalagian, Allyson Pugh, Jordan Jellison, and Ricardo Fuentes.

Orchestra Students: Ja'Bri Henson-Dozier, Jennifer Ortega, and Denise Garcia

Correia's after school program, the renowned Jazz Band, has been keeping busy as well. They recently performed at an



orientation for fourth graders who will be attending Dana next year. They served as Pre-Show entertainment for the MADCAPS show held here at Correia and at the district's Choir Festival. They will attend a Knott's High Note Festival with Dana's Advanced and Jazz Bands Friday and Saturday April 29th & 30th. The Jazz Band has also been booked for a gig at the Del Mar Fair June 12th at 6 p.m.

And last, but not least, many of our students participate in the after school program Symphonic Winds on the Peninsula, which is a combination of students from 5th-12th grade who meet weekly for coaching with Mr. Flores and Mr. Trepasso to hone their musical skills and keep in touch with friends from music at different levels. Our music programs have grown exponentially on the Point and we're very proud of the kids who work so hard to make such beautiful noise!

By Kathy Tappero
Band Liaison



Correia's API Scores . . .

Correia's API score went up another 19 points. That is 39 points in the last 2 years. We went from a similar school rating of a 3 to an 8!



Come for Correia Family Fun at SkateWorld!

on
Thursday, May 12th,
6 pm—8 pm.

Correia students and their families are invited, plus teachers and staff. \$6 per person, which includes skate rental.

To: 7th and 8th Graders Interested in High School Basketball

Come to
Open Gym,
Tuesdays and Fridays
at
Point Loma High School
in the small gymnasium,
behind the main gym,
4:00-5:30 p.m.
Open Gym for 7th and 8th
graders is run by the
PLHS Varsity Basketball
Coaches!

Counseling Center News by Rick Colandrea

The Counselors at Correia have been very busy lately. Articulation for next year has been going smoothly and the hope is to have the master schedule built and have classes set before we leave for summer break. Mrs. Gonzalez has been to Dana a few times to get everything set for her new seventh graders, and Mr. C. will be moving with his current students and will be the Eighth Grade Counselor next year. The Point Loma Counselors took care of schedules for our current eighth graders back in February, but if you have any questions regarding their coming ninth grade year, you can call the Point Loma Counseling Office at 619.223.3121 ext. 110.

Annual District & State testing began a few weeks ago with the Seventh Grade STAR writing test and the DRP, Degrees of Reading Power, Reading Assessment. Both tests were a great success and we should see some results by

the end of June.

This month, along with having students continue with testing, the all important CAT 6, we will be having some presentations on Bullying and be training a group of Peer Mediators. The Presentations on Bullying will be given to six groups of seventh grade students. Rudy Parra, a counselor from SDCS Race & Human Relations Department will be visiting Correia three Mondays in April to educate our students on this very important, age appropriate subject.

The students involved in the Peer Mediations trainings have been recommended by their teachers and will be used to support the counseling staff in solving disputes between students. All students will be trained, starting in April, over a six week period by Susan Maches.

If you have any questions about articulation, testing, schedules or just want to share a concern or bring something to our attention, please feel free to call us.

For: 8th Graders PLHS Cheer Team Try-Outs

Information for 8th grade students planning to attend Point Loma High School in the fall:

PLHS CHEER TEAM TRYOUTS

If you are interested in trying out for Point Loma High's incredible Cheer Squad, please mark your calendar for the following important dates:

Wednesday, May 4th - 6pm in the PLHS Cafeteria
Information Meeting for Parents and Students
May 10th-13th - 4pm-6pm Cheer Clinic and Tryouts
PLHS Dance Room (above the Small Gym)

Athlete Participation Forms must be completed in order to tryout, you may download all the necessary forms at <http://www.2sandi.net/ptloma/docs/AthPacket.pdf>
Forms must be completed and brought to PLHS on the first day of the Cheer Tryout Clinic, along with a \$100 deposit for Cheer Uniform. Deposit will not be cashed until the Cheer Team is selected.

Questions, please email Debbie Clauson at debclauson@cox.net

or
Coach Kati
at plhsvarcheer@yahoo.com

Learn To Row Join ZLAC

ZLAC Rowing Club in Pacific Beach offers girls entering 9 through 12th grade a chance to row for fun or on a competitive team. It all begins with our summer camp. The 2 week camp is offered twice: June 27-July 8 and August 15-26. For more information call Wyndham Jackson at (858) 456-9631. My daughter rowed all through high school and will be rowing in college. It has been a wonderful experience for her. Barbara Forster (619) 222-8438.

The Correia Association for the 2005-06 school year is coming together, but there are still spots to be filled. If you will have a student attending Correia Middle School next year, please consider taking part in our volunteer effort to better the school.

Officers

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Crystal Celebration Co-Chair. GeorgeAnne P. Smith
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 Pizza Thursday. Cindy Hoppe
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 Sally Foster Sales Co-Chair. Ann Cleator
 Sally Foster Sales Co-Chair. Suzanne Smith
 School Logo Wear
 eScrip



To help you plan ahead

2005-06 School Year Calendar for September

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| Sept. 2 | Orientation | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sept. 6 | First Day of School | |
| Sept. 8 | Correia Assoc. Mtg. | 6:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 15 | Orientation Night | |
| Sept. 23 | Picture Day | |

The Correia Association meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend!

The Correia Association is a non-profit corporation. It was originally founded in 1998 as the Correia Foundation for the purpose of raising money to fund materials, equipment and programs for the enrichment of our students. In 2000, the Correia Foundation and the Correia PTA merged into one organization, the Correia Association. By combining the efforts of these two groups, through volunteer efforts of time, talent and energy, the Association provides financial support and enrichment programs to the Correia community.

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CORREIA CALENDAR

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| May 12 | Correia Skate Night at SkateWorld | 6:00-8:00 p.m. |
| May 17 | Souplantation Night (see flier enclosed) | 5:00-8:00 p.m. |
| May 30 | Memorial Day Holiday | No School |
| June 15 | 8th Grade Harbor Cruise | 8:40 a.m.—1:30 p.m. |
| June 17 | 8th Grade Promotion Correia Lunch Court | 9:30 a.m. |
| June 17 | Last Day of School for Students | |

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