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Principal's Message

By Linda Taggart

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The staff and I continue to look forward to an exciting year full of challenges and promises for success. We will be working hard to make this the best learning year yet for your child. We look forward to you joining our efforts. Our curriculum area focus will be algebraic thinking, questioning and writing.

Our philosophy will be founded on the belief that all children will achieve at high levels. We are going to get every child over that bar. If a child is performing below standard, parent involvement is essential. We want all stakeholders to be involved in each child's achievement. This also means we will rely heavily on each other and hold each other accountable. We need each of you to become an active member of the Correia school community.

After all these weeks of tragedy in Louisiana and Mississippi, it is truly a blessing to be a part of a community of educators, families and students who care so deeply. Correia students collected money for hurricane struck families. In

addition, our art students under the guidance of their teacher, Lily Rosa, sent art to the students in the crisis areas. Our middle level students are so special. I feel lucky to be surrounded by their energy.

Thanks, parents! Your support in the form of time given to our school at registration and PE Department uniform sales, pizza sales, dress code support, School Site Council and Correia Association membership. Your on-going involvement is one reason our reputation as a strong school continues to grow. The Correia Band Booster organization is conducting a successful fundraising campaign that allowed us to purchase addition instruments and sheet music.

October is a busy month. We are testing students in Language Arts classrooms. The eighth graders are beginning work on their science projects. Staff members are involved in professional development presented by the San Diego Area Writing Project and I have attended a



leadership conference and will attend on-going training.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of a cooperative effort between parents and the school. Together, we motivate and encourage our students to work to their potential in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Students who become involved in activities at school enjoy their time here and tend to enjoy greater success. This year will bring even more exciting opportunities for students to become involved, and to develop new friendships while strengthening old ones.

Correia Association - Off to a Great Start

By Kris Spathas

What a terrific group of parents we have in the Correia Association! The beginning of every school year is hectic as we all get back into the swing of the school schedule. It is also a time when volunteers are needed by the school staff to help things go smoothly. I feel we did just that. I'd like to thank the many parents who contributed to this effort either by assisting at Orientation, stuffing the Welcome Packets, distributing P.E. Clothes and logo wear, tallying Sally Foster orders and Annual Giving Campaign contributions, coordinating the Correia Cash Incentive Program, collecting directory information, assisting on picture day and gardening, and Pizza Thursdays . . . We have done a lot!! Those adults who gave their time and energy include Lucy DeVito, Sharlene McKinstry, Kathy Tappero, Lisa Bishop, Laura Hietala, Cindy Hoppe, Lisa Bingham, Chris Pickering, Ann Cleator, Leah Dugdale, Roz Reyes, Holly Kirkpatrick, Sandy Silverman, Christine Martin, Lisa Vieira, Sandra Teasley, Suzanne Smith, Marsha Friedman, Christina Ono, Maureen McGrath, Betsy Price, Danelle Erro, Cathy Bohlman, Erin Alcantara, Michelle Barber, Alicia Peterson, . . . continued on page 5



October 31st,
Monday, is
Halloween Day.
Students may wear
costumes to
school.
Their faces may
not be covered . . .
but, their
bodies must be
covered!



Correia ASB invites
you to Disco Roller
Night at
Skate World
in Linda Vista.
Dress up in your
best disco attire
and skate all
around with us!
Teachers will be
there, too.
Our event is from 6-
8 p.m. on
Thursday, October
27, 2005. Invite
your friends and
family to join in the
fun. It is \$7.00 per
person, which in-
cludes skate rental.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

by Michelle Borne,

7th and 8th Grade AVID Teacher, 7th Grade Humanities Teacher

What is AVID?

AVID began over 20 years ago in San Diego, at Clairemont High School. It is an elective class program, created by a teacher to increase enrollment of students who are "historically underrepresented" in colleges and universities. AVID students are recommended by teachers, exhibit desire and potential for success, and have a grade point average of 2.5 to 3.5. Students in AVID learn essential organizational, test-taking, and study skills. They participate in collaborative tutorial sessions, guided by college students who serve as role models. College visits and guest speakers serve as motivation for success. The 2004 / 2005 school year served as the first year for an AVID certified program at Correia.

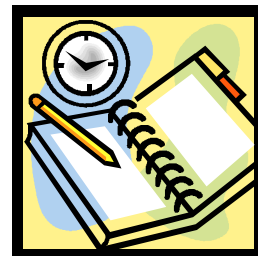
Why AVID?

AVID is proven to be a successful program. According to research done by UCSD, 93% of students enrolled in four or more consecutive years of AVID go on to attend four year colleges and universities. In addition, AVID provides students immeasurable social benefits. Through the AVID identity, students gain a support system that would otherwise be unavailable.

Within a large and varied school community, AVID students from similar home communities are joined to work toward the common goal of achieving success.

My experience with AVID...in the past...in the '04 - '05 year...

My experience in AVID began in my junior year at University of San Diego. Working as an AVID tutor at Gompers Secondary School, I learned the value of collaborative tutorial groups. I also felt truly successful as a role model for achieving success, measured by subsequent contact kept with students. When a student I had tutored at Gompers came to my graduation from U.S.D., I knew I had made a difference. I also worked as a tutor at Mesa Verde Middle School in Poway, and as an administrative assistant in the AVID office. The '04-'05 school year was my first year teaching AVID, and my first experience with the AVID Padres Scholars Program. Correia's own AVID student, Wendy Becerril, was one of only 25 students to win a \$5,000 college scholarship - out of over 3,000 students who entered the county-wide essay competition!



AVID at Correia in the 2005 - 2006 school year:

For the second year in which an AVID certified program is offered at Correia, I hope to increase awareness in the community, collaborate with Correia's GATE program, and continue striving for student achievement and excellence. Informing teachers, students, parents, and other community members about the AVID mission, and AVID at Correia, is the first step toward a broader goal; an expanded program. Through an expanded program, an increased amount of students will benefit, positively affecting the community and our society. Collaborating with the GATE program at Correia for field trips and school events is a focus for this year, strengthening and building our school community. Through competitions such as Padres Scholars, opportunities continue for AVID students to compete academically and achieve success.

Counselors Gone Wild!!

Counselors have been going wild this year getting schedules organized for Correia students. Rick Colandrea, 8th Grade/Head Counselor, Patricia Hollman, 7th Grade Counselor, and Sarah McRoberts, Life Skills Counselor, are working to make Correia a better school. Like making support groups to help us through the thick and the thin. There will be 6 different groups, Overall Support, Building Social Skills, Grief, Drugs/Alcohol, Divorce, and Anger Management. These groups will help kids get over their problems and move along with their life. If you have any problem it's easy to go to the counselors and say what's going on in your life. Also, Red Ribbon Week is coming up on Oct. 24-28th. For Red Ribbon Week the whole week will be about promoting a Drug Free Lifestyle. Mother's Against Drunk Driving, MADD, will be giving a presentation that week to promote alcohol awareness.



Article written by counseling office monitors, Ebenezer Mersha & Danny Gonzalez

Correia Cash Booth

By Chris Pickering & Lucy DeVito

The Correia Cash Booth opened its doors at Noon on Friday; September 30th! We had quite a crowd of eager students waiting at the door to spend those Correia cash dollars! For those of you who may not know what the booth is all about we'll explain... Students at Correia are given *Correia cash* from their teachers. They can receive Correia cash for academic excellence, responsibility, respect and team work. The booth is set up like a snack shack, where students can buy items depending on the amount of Correia cash they have. Don't worry we do have *some* healthy snacks and drinks to choose from. No money is involved – only Correia cash dollars! The booth is open between 12 – 12:30, every Friday. At the end of every month we will hold a drawing for a special Correia Cash booth prize. So students make sure your name and your teacher's signature are on those dollars.

We would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who have offered to give their time on alternating Fridays: Holly Kirkpatrick, Vhonda Rodeheaver, Sue Kennedy, Pam Wilson, Kathleen Torres, Grace Walker, and Adele Chernow.

Team Work
Excellence
Responsibility
Respect



Testing By Debby Penfold, Vice-Principal

The first round of testing for the 2005-2006 school year has been completed. All students were given the Degrees of Reading Power test (DRP) on October 6th and 7th. This is a district test that students will take twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring. The test will provide information about students' reading comprehension levels and will be used to determine student progress in reading. Using the DRP test results teachers can target individual students who may need additional reading support. By testing the students in the fall and again in the spring we are able to measure the yearly growth in reading skills for each child. The results of the fall test should be available in November.

The state mandated STAR testing will begin in March when the 7th graders will take the STAR Writing test. All students will take the STAR California Standards Test (CST) in late April. The spring DRP, District Math test, and End-of-Course Algebra exam will be given in May. Letters informing you about the dates and times of all tests will be sent home before each test is administered. If you have any questions about any of the required tests, please contact Debby Penfold at 619-222-0476 X2103.

A NEW VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM AT CORREIA!

By Lilly Rosa

I am very excited to have the opportunity to begin a new visual arts program here at Correia Middle School! I am Ms. Rosa, born and raised here in Point Loma, first generation American, born to Portuguese immigrants. I have been teaching for over 16 years in San Diego, in both private and public education. I come to Correia with much art experience, not only in teaching art but also in pursuing my own artistic endeavors having participated in several national and international solo and group exhibitions.

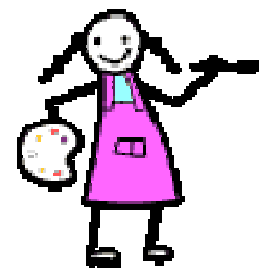
Correia recognizes the arts as fundamental to quality education. The school was renamed many years ago to applaud the artistic success of Steven Correia, a Loma Portal local. If any school should take a serious stand on the value of the visual arts in "whole" education, it should be Correia.

"Visual" literacy is something learned, just as reading and writing are learned. I am very excited to assist and facilitate your children to become more visually literate so that they may be able to understand and produce visual messages as a means of communication. The arts also teach discipline, the value of sustained effort to achieve excellence, and the concrete rewards of hard work. The arts help to develop problem solving skills, individual responsibility, sociability and self esteem.

The Art 1 courses are year long with the prospect of offering advanced Art 2 classes next school year. Throughout the year I will be rewarding students with "Awesome Artist" certificates applauding them for their artistic talents. Hopefully your child will bring these certificates home to share them with you. Also, I will be having ongoing mini art exhibits on campus located outside the main auditorium entrance. Please come by and view their magnificent work throughout the school year.

If you have any "art materials" gathering dust in your basement that, though you had "good intentions" to use, you never quite had the time to work with them, the art department here can always use art supplies! If you know of any professional artist who would like to share their artwork and speak to any of our Art classes here, please contact me. It is always wonderful for the students to meet contemporary artists and view their work.

Again, I am so very excited to begin this new visual arts program at Correia Middle School. The administration has been immensely welcoming and supportive! Please feel free to contact me at my extension, #4402 or come by and visit me in the Art Room/Studio #402!



Sincerely, Ms. Lilly Rosa

Sign up for weekly e-mails from Correia by going to the website homepage, correiamiddle.com. Click on the link to receive "Express E-mail". You can update your profile at any time if your e-mail address changes.

Correia Association Annual Giving Campaign By Lucy DeVito



The Annual Giving Campaign is off to a great start! 96 families have donated and as of today - we have raised \$6522.00. We encourage *all families at Correia to make any type of donation* - \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$200 or more. Any amount in between is also welcomed! The monies raised provide enrichments for our students such as: Awards Assemblies, Correia Student Directories, the Cougar Cash Booth, Correia Band, and the Correia Newsletter – just to name a few. Teachers at Correia are also shown support through monies earned by providing money for various grants. *Don't forget this campaign is an ongoing fundraiser for the Association and all donations are tax-deductible.*

**Amount raised
to-date:
\$7,000**



Lawrence Abel	Arlene Gerstner	Jose & Vilma Ramirez
Martha Al-Kudsy	Miguel Guzman	Mike & Carrie Rea
James & Erin Alcantara	Mark Haigler	Maria & Michael Rillo
Andrea Alvarado	Rose Hall	Maria Rodriguez
Marilu Alvarez	Kathy Hazelbach	Linda & Stephen Russell
Antonio Amador	Laura & Greg Heitala	Adrienne & Paulo Saboya
Allen & Maria August	Sharon Hering	Paul & Olivia Santiago
Robert & Vickie Bennett	Sergio & Angelica Hernandez	Anabel Sardo
Randall & Nadine Benton	Raul Hernandez	Gwyneth & David Scafidi
Kelly & Calvin Briers	Jorge Herrera	Dawn Scribner
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Kim & Jeffrey Fink	Kenneth Paris	
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Pat Fitzmorris	Rajesh & Bina Patel	
Marsha & Sam Freidman	Alejandro & Maricela Perez	
Paul & Frances Gallo	Rhonda & Dave Pitta	
Mark & Annette Garcia	Jill & Frank Polese	

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF
THE ANNUAL GIVING
CAMPAIGN**

A.S.B. Is Working Hard

The Correia Middle School ASB has started a recycling program here on our campus. We have provided each classroom with a blue recycling container and a list of what items should and should not be placed in the recycling container. Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees. We all need to do our part.

We are also working on a program for Red Ribbon Week to promote awareness about drug and alcohol usage. Monday, October 24, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) will be here to host a school wide assembly. This assembly will focus on the brain research outlining alcohol's effects on the adolescent brain, and the need for student leadership.

Disco Skate Party- The ASB invites you to Disco Roller Night at Skate World in Linda Vista. Dress up in your best disco attire and skate all around with us! Our event is from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Invite your friends and family to join in the fun. It is \$7.00 per person, which includes skate rental.

It's time to DISCO! Address: Skate World, 6907 Linda Vista Road, San Diego 92111 (858) 560-9278
Looking Ahead.... Canned Food Drive begins November 1, 2005



Correia Welcomes New Music Instructor to the School, Randy Parks!

Randy Parks, the new music instructor for the Correia Instrumental Music Department is a native San Diegan and the father of four children, three sons and one daughter. They are grown and on their own. One, a successful businessman; the three others attending college. Randy Parks holds a Bachelors Degree in Music from U.S.I.U. School of Performing Arts and a Teaching Credential from San Diego State University. He also holds a Masters of Education Degree from Grand Canyon University. For seventeen years, he has instructed instrumental music with the San Diego Unified School District, sixteen years at Memorial Academy. While there, the concert band experienced five "Superior Ratings" over all, and three with the S.C.S.B.O.A. (Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association) festivals during the 1999, 2000 and 2002 school years. While there the Memorial Academy Marching Band also achieved several years of success and 1st place trophies including (5) first place trophies for Marching Band in the 2001 school year.

Mr. Parks is delighted to be at Correia working with such highly talented young musicians and string orchestra students, who have shown to be very strong players. He truly enjoys his four band classes and one string orchestra class along with the after school jazz band class. He is looking forward to the group's participation in community performances, school events and concerts, as well as having Honor Band and Honor Orchestra individuals participate in city and statewide competitions, along with band and orchestra competitions within Southern California. He's looking forward to a productive and exciting year as students achieve great accomplishments in music at Correia Middle School.

Friday, Oct. 28th
Band performance at the
Point Loma High School
Homecoming, 2:30 p.m.
at the PLHS football
field

Upcoming Performances



Check out www.correiamusic.org

Tuesday, Dec 13th
"Winter Concert"
Correia Auditorium
7:00 p.m.
This will include all
performing groups

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Coming To A School Near You - Parent Connect . . .

By Linda Taggart

My grandson, a student at Point Loma High, is sure there is some kind of conspiracy against him. In fact he was so motivated by a discussion we had last week, he has started to tell his friends the news...BIG NINA is watching. I am one of two guinea pigs that are previewing the new ParentConnect at Point Loma High, Correia and Dana. What that means exactly...with a click of my mouse I see all of his grades, assignments, absences, behavior, class schedule and much more. Why, you say should that bother my grandson. Well, I know real time if any classes are missed or if he is tardy to any classes. Not that he is...but having that capacity wracks terror in the face of a senior. ParentConnection is a powerful tool that can be used to improve communication between school and community. Communication between schools and parents is critical to enhancing student achievement in the classroom.

ParentConnection can provide parents with another means for connecting with their child's education.

Correia Association . . . continued from page 1 . . .

By Kris Spathas

Stephan Crow, Patti Wasseem, Nancy Goodpasture, Mary Melone, Vonda Rodeheaver, Adele Chernow, Sue Kennedy, Kathleen Torres, Ray Gomez, Elizabeth Flores, Kwan Doyle, Lourdes Johnson, Assumpta Gonzalez, Adrienne Saboya . . . and I'm sure more!

Thank you everyone! ** I'd like to especially thank Kathy Tappero for taking on the initial logo wear sales, which was a huge project!

** Also, a special thanks to Stephan Crow who has provided wonderful new banners for our school!!

Our next fundraiser is the Correia Crystal Celebration. It will be scheduled for the first part of February and we hope you can all make it. If you have a business or know of someone who might like to donate an item or a service, please contact Lucy DeVito, ldevito@pacbell.net or send a note to the school office, Correia Assoc., attn: Lucy. This is a fun event that provides an opportunity to socialize with friends, get to know other parents, dance and bid on auction items. More information will follow.

That's it for now. If you have any questions, call me at 222-3440 or e-mail me, kspathas@cox.net



Library News:

- Next book club meeting is Friday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m. We are discussing Pictures of Hollis Woods by Patricia Reilly Giff.
- Commemorative bricks are still available - pick up a form in the library or print it off of the website, www.correiamiddle.com
- Please save General Mills "Boxtops for Education" and bring them to the library.

Correia Middle School HOMEWORK HOTLINE

Instructions for Students

Correia Middle School provides a 24-hour Homework Hotline for Students to get current homework assignments, by following the procedures listed below. The individual assignments are accessed using the same number that is their teacher's telephone extension, also know as their Homework Hotline "ID" number.

1. Call the school @ (619) 222-0476.
2. Press "6", as menu instructs, for Homework Hotline.
3. Dial-in teachers ID/extension number.
4. To hear the assignment again press "1".
5. To enter a new teacher ID, press "#".
6. To hang up, press 9.
7. To get teachers ID/Extension, after calling school press "1" for a "menu of options", and then press "2" for "a directory of names", which will give any teacher's extension number, and which is same as the Homework Hotline ID. After getting the teachers ID/extension #, hang up and dial the school phone number and press "6" for Homework Hotline.



There is no room for messages to teachers on Homework Hotline. Messages must be left on voice-mail, which is accessed by calling the school and entering the extension/ID #, instead of going to Homework Hotline by pressing "6".

The following are Correia's Teachers and their Homework Hotline ID/Extension numbers:

		Andrew	4311	Blakely	4308
Borne	4204	Buckel	4012	Clute	4203
Davalos	4701	DeBlois	4201	Dziedzic	4303
Esperon	4202	Freitas	4407	Gardinier	4305
Gregg	4207	Harris	4209	Hopf	4006
Hunter	4302	Jean	4309	Jenkins	4702
Kehal	4003	Maas	4403	Mason	4203
McElhaney	4702	Mejias	4210	Mincer	4007
Mitchell	4009	Olsen	4206	Ozeni	4307
Parks	4601	Peach	4605	Pena	4310
Rodriguez	4405	Rosa	4402	Smith	4603
Snedden	4607	Tinoco	4701	Tinsley	4609
Vallerga	4008	Veldkamp	4203	Walden	4208
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CORREIA CALENDAR

Oct. 22	Sat.	Correia Band playing at PL Cultural Faire
Oct. 27	Thurs.	Correia Skate Night at Skate World 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Friday	Hawaiian Luau Lunch/Hawaiian Dress Day
Oct. 28	Friday	Correia Band Playing at PLHS Homecoming Football game with PLHS band
Oct. 31	Monday	Halloween—Students may wear costumes Must have uncovered faces and covered bodies!
Nov. 2	Thursday	Correia Association Meeting 6:00 p.m.

www.correiamiddle.com Check it out . . .