



## March Calendar

- 3/1 Ocean Beach Kite Festival sponsored by Kiwanis Club
- 3/4 4th Grade STAR Writing Assessment  
K-1 Theater Workshops  
Hawaiian Luau  
1:30 *Go Green Meeting* for students & parents  
2:30-3:30 SGT/SSC Meetings – 2008-09 Budget Reductions  
6:00 GATE Parent Meeting at Dana
- 3/5 3rd-4th Grade Hip Hop
- 3/6 Parent Conferences
- 3/8 Spring Fling and Silent Auction
- 3/11 8:00 Student Ambassador Meeting  
4th Grade fieldtrip to Sea Camp  
2nd Grade Fieldtrip to Ruben Fleet Science Bake Sale – Mrs. Quinlan  
6:00 – PTA Board Mtg.
- 3/12 Distinguished School Validation Visit
- 3/13 Perfect Attendance Awards for February  
11:45 Kindergarten Hat Parade  
Parent Conferences
- 3/17 – 3/21 SPRING BREAK!
- 3/26 2nd Grade Theater Residency Begins
- 3/28 Harlen Geisler Storyteller Assembly – Irish Stories

Our March  
Positive Behavior Theme:  
**Responsibility**

### Mondays

*Catch the Wave Day!*

### Wednesdays

Box Tops and People's Coop  
Receipt Drawings

### Thursdays

WaMu Savings Day

### Fridays

*Students of the Week*

**Mon. Wed. Fri.**

*Run for Life Club!*

## Spring Fling

Saturday March 8

5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

OB Elementary School's annual family bash is almost here! Join us for the magic show, games, hula contests, dancing, face painting and the clown. Don't forget there will be a silent auction with donation baskets from each class, area businesses and, our amazing classroom Art Projects! You don't want to miss this wonderful event!

### Menu

Gourmet hot dogs from Ocean Beach's own Hot Diggity Dog: \$5.00 for a large hot dog, chips and a drink and \$3.00 for a small hot dog, chips and a drink. Individual items sold also.

### Schedule of Events:

- 5:00 Dinner
- 5:30 DJ Begins
- 6:30 Magic Show
- 8:00 Auction Ends



## Congratulations

O.B. School Community

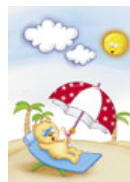
**We will Receive a Site Validation Visit for CA Distinguished School 3/12**

Based upon our academic progress, we were selected by the California Department of Education as a statewide nominee for 2008 California Distinguished School. Our steering committee comprised of teachers, principal, and parents met over a two month period to gather information and data to be included in our application. The steering committee met with teachers, volunteers, and parents during this time. After many drafts and revisions, our document was sent to the CDE in December.

We have received the good news that our application scored 7.9 out of 8 rubric points and we will now receive a site validation visit on March 12! We know our parents and community members will want to be a part of our Morning Assembly to welcome to the Validation Team or be a part of the interview process during the school day. The validation team will interview constituency groups, observe in classrooms, see our many programs in action, and review our site documents. Good Luck Ocean Beach School we hope that the team will validate their findings.

Thank you to our entire learning community of staff, students, parents, volunteers, and community members as you have all helped our vision become a reality! For more information see our website.

**Spring Break**  
**March 17-21**



## Arts are Alive at OB!

We have a new and exciting addition to our library – **The Authors' Table!** O.B. students have a quiet space to write with paper, pencils, editing pens, post-its, as well as reference books focused on writing and spelling. They also have on-line computer access to research their topics or to publish their final copies. Here's to our student authors!

We are still collecting items for our **Drama Den** in the library. Please send costume pieces, props and any items that would be appropriate for performing skits or readers' theater. If you have fabric, a play microphone, telephone, costume jewelry, skirts, scarves, please send them along to transform our students into creative characters.



### O.B. Students Learn Keyboarding Through Keys to Achievement

O.B. students are excited to begin our musical keyboarding program in the computer lab. A portion of our Fine Arts Grant has been used to purchase 21 keyboards and the *Keys to Achievement Program*. Kindergarten – Second grade students will begin a series of lessons where they will compose their own melodies and learn to read music. This program has received rave reviews from schools as it enhances every child's cognitive, social, motor and creative development through music keyboard instruction. If you are interested in volunteering with your child's class, please contact the teacher (no former musical talent required!).

For more information on this program visit their website at <http://www.keystoachievement.org/home/index.html>



**6-to-6 Program is Now Named:**

**PRIME TIME**

**Open Enrollment March 5 – April 4**

**Applications will be sent home**

**Tuesday, March 4**