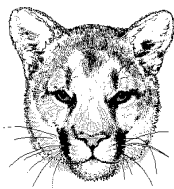


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# SIMONDSAYS

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*Fostering high expectations, inspiring social responsibility,  
and embracing community connections.*



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## Dates to Remember

Mar 3	GATE Parent Mtg (7-8:30pm) District Office Boardroom "Ten Things Parents of Gifted Students Might Want to Know"
 5	Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat Day
6	Group GATE Testing Part #1 (2nd grade; new 3rd-5th)
7	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day
10	Reports Cards Sent Home
11	Second Grade Musical (9:30, 10:30am, 7:30pm)
12	Emergency Preparedness & brief PTA Mtg (7:00pm) Cafeteria
13	Band Concert (7:00pm)
14	Student Store Open during Lunch Recess (\$1 max)
14	Math Olympics (3:15-4:30pm) 3rd-5th grades
18	"Art from the Heart" Student Art Show 
19	School Picture Day
20	District Brown Bag Lunch for Parents (12-1:30pm, DO, Rm #337)
21-28	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Ap 1	Principal's Coffee (9:15-9:45am) Coffee & Discussion "Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the California Standards Test (CST)"
2	Group GATE Testing Part #2 (2nd grade; new 3rd-5th)
5	<b>Auction - The Wild, Wild West Rides Again</b>
7	GATE Parent Mtg (7-8:30pm) District Office Boardroom "It's Never Too Early to Be Thinking About College"
11	Science Fair
25	Multicultural Fair & Geography Bee Part #1 (5-8pm)
May 16	Geography Bee Part #2 (3:10-5:00pm)



### IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

U-turns continue to be a safety concern, especially during drop-off/pick-up. Traffic monitors have even observed parents making u-turns across the crosswalks as children walk nearby. **Please do not make u-turns around the school.**  
Thank you for your cooperation.



### SCIENCE FAIR ENTRIES DUE MARCH 10th

Entry forms are due next week for the 4th annual Simonds Science Fair. A copy of the entry form is included in this week's Monday Envelope, and revised guidelines are posted on the Simonds website. If you have questions, e-mail Science Fair Chair **Joel West** at [joelwest@comcast.net](mailto:joelwest@comcast.net).



### BOXTOPS RAISE \$1300 FOR FOUNDATION

Thanks to everyone who saved, clipped and sent in their *BoxTops*! **Mrs. Hreha's** class collected 655 *BoxTops*, and **Mr. Hurlbert's** class collected a whopping 1755---both classes will be rewarded with an ice cream party! *BoxTops* Chair **Barbara Downs**, also wants to thank the volunteers who helped organize the *BoxTops* for submission. Please keep collecting *BoxTops* and save them for next year's contest!



### CALIFORNIA DICTIONARY PROJECT

Ninety-five volunteers from the non-profit, city government and business communities let their own personalities shine as they distributed 2900 dictionaries to 106 classes in 27 elementary schools in California---including the three third grade classes at Simonds. We were fortunate to have a police officer, a SJUSD Department Director and a Cisco Systems employee investigating the wonders of the dictionary with our students. Each student received his/her own dictionary.

### Join the FUN on Wednesday, March 5th!

Celebrate *Dr. Seuss' Birthday* and *Read Across America Day* (the nation's largest reading celebration) with

### Crazy Hair/Crazy Hat Day!



### STUDENT MUSICIANS TO PLAY AT ART SHOW

Come show your musical talent at the annual "Art from the Heart" student art show on March 18th. Students can sign up for a 5-minute recital time to play alone, with a couple of friends or an accompanist. To sign up, complete the form sent home previously, pick up a form in the office, or contact **Lesia Houk** at [rlgouk2000@yahoo.com](mailto:rlgouk2000@yahoo.com) or 997-9867.

### Can You Help for One Hour Before/During/After the Auction?

Volunteers are needed for this year's Auction on Saturday, April 5th. Please contact **Kari Salo** at 323-8953 or [karisalo@mindspring.com](mailto:karisalo@mindspring.com) if you can help. The committee needs help with set-up, check-in/out, live auction, table closings, casino, photo booth and clean-up. One hour shifts are available starting at 11:00am the day of the event.

### CLOTHING AND BLANKET DONATIONS



Parent **Mariam Taher** is helping a local group collect warm clothing (all sizes) and blankets to send to Afghanistan. If you have clean, usable clothing and/or blankets that you would like to donate, please bring them to school or call **Mariam** at 927-9296 to arrange pick-up. Thank you for your help.



### TEA, ANYONE? A PERFECT MOTHER/DAUGHTER EVENT

Almaden Valley Counseling Service (AVCS) Auxiliary is holding this year's SNOWBALL, a community spring fashion show, at *The Golf Club at Boulder Ridge*. The tea is April 18th at 4:00pm, and ticket price is \$50.00. Proceeds benefit AVCS and help provide counseling services to Simonds and other local schools. Contact AVCS at 997-0200 or [staff@avcounseling.org](mailto:staff@avcounseling.org) to reserve tickets or learn more about auxiliary events.

### Blossom Valley Athletic League Golf Tournament Almaden Golf & Country Club • April 28th

Supporting local high school athletic programs  
\$225 Entry Fee: Golf, cart, lunch, dinner, contests, prizes, auction  
For more info, call **Joe Jones** (Mrs. Jones' husband) at 705-5862

