

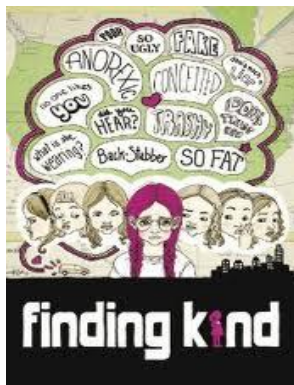


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FRIDAY UPDATE

September 23, 2011

## STUDENT NEWS



A Movie/Documentary for Girls is Coming Up on September 26<sup>th</sup>!

There is an upcoming presentation for all the girls at Pacifica High School. In *Finding Kind*, filmmakers Lauren Parsekian and Molly Thompson, who met while in school at Pepperdine University, set out in a cross country journey of discovery and education.

Interviewing women and girls along the way about their lives and experiences, Parsekian and Thompson find, among all of the unique personal stories, some universal truths about growing up as girls. *Finding Kind* is a document of that journey, and of the filmmakers'

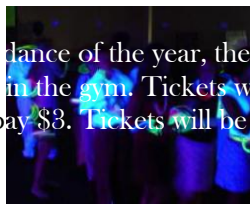
quest to take these experiences and find a common ground of kindness and mutual respect.

In addition to all of the individual girls and women who share their personal experiences about girl on girl bullying with the filmmakers, Parsekian and Thompson include interviews with

respected experts and authors in the fields of psychology, education, and the interrelationships of women and girls. A HUGE thank you to **Carrie Wolfe** for organizing this amazing event!



The first dance of the year, the "Glow Dance" will be held on Friday, September 23 from 7:30-10:30pm in the gym. Tickets will be sold on Thursday & Friday at lunch for \$5. Freshmen & ASB Card holders pay \$3. Tickets will be \$10 at the door on Friday night. The dance is open to PHS students only.



Science teachers **Diane Winter** and **Janice Zehner** share exciting news: **Pacifica High School** was selected along with two other schools in the United States to participate in a live webcast with **American Chemical Society** and **NASA** scientists (located at Johnson Space Center) who will explain and answer questions related to **water purification processes**, the IYC global water experiment, and water purification on NASA's International Space Station.

Over 40 Pacifica High School students for the last two weeks (and over 20 hours) have been participating in one of the **largest chemistry experiments in history**—

**purifying drinking water**  
**simple household**

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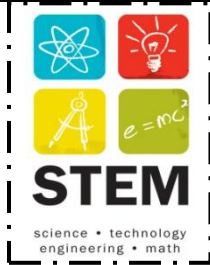
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basic human needs, **safe, clean drinking water**. Waterborne diseases such as *typhoid fever* and *cholera* still exists even though chemical technology tools for clean water are available. Our students learned in this lab that with simple household materials, water can be filtered and disinfected to produce clean safe drinking water for the world, virtually eliminating waterborne diseases that end up killing over two million people a year.”

On **Thursday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m.**, Pacifica High School students participated in a live video conference with NASA scientists at the Johnson Space Center. Stay tuned for the team’s reflection in next week’s Friday Update!

Special thanks to **Mr. Eric Ward** for setting up the technology for this event.



On Tuesday, September 20, 2011, Science teachers and **MESA Club Advisors Paul Lee** and **Janice Zehner** accompanied **75 Tritons** to the **STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)** Expo held at Oxnard College. This was part of the MESA Club endeavor sponsored by UCSB, and the local STEM Grant. Mrs. Zehner reports:

“It was a wonderful day! Students had the opportunity to attend such diverse workshops as Amazon Bio-diversity, NASA robotics, Physics Circus, Build Your Own Speaker, Build an Electric Motor, Emergency Medicine, and many others. In

addition, Pacifica MESA members who are participating in the **Global Water Experiment** put together a presentation, and were able to be exhibitors during the noon exhibition fair! What an exciting day as students were not only participants, but presenters themselves!”

Key Club Advisor **Keren Zaks** shares: “On Saturday, September 17, 2011, **10 Key Club** members met at Silverstrand Beach and participated in the 2011 California Coastal Clean-up. They spent three hours cleaning up garbage and recyclables on the beach. Thank you to **Yalitzi Guerrero, Atzimba Pahua, Genesis Mena, Joel Angel Juarez, Noehly Reyes, Maria Contreras, Victoria Villagomez, Lily Rios, Kim Pimentel, and Haley Berg**. I saw many other PHS students there as well, who were helping with their churches. It’s always great to share another example of **Tritons** making the world a cleaner and better place!”



## PFSO News!

The PFSO board was so excited to hear of the fantastic turn out we had at our **PSAT math review** that they decided to offer the **80 students** who attended a \$7 voucher if they attended English PSAT review ☺! They can receive the voucher whether they need the aid or not. If students (juniors) were unable to attend last week, but are serious about prepping for the test, we have **40 more vouchers** to give out. Our goal is to get kids excited, motivated, and pumped up to prepare for the upcoming PSAT test October 12, 2012. Thank you to **Mr. Guzik** and **Ms. Reed** for conducting these review sessions.

## Staff Development

Special Education Department Chair **Michael Godfrey** has many talents! Not only is he an excellent DC, teacher, and colleague, he also works as a County. He was the umpire for the Thousand football game last Friday night, which was expired. The game was televised on Time umpire for the St. Bonaventure vs. Oaks which is arguably the biggest game in Southern California this week. It will be televised on



football umpire in Ventura Oaks vs. Moorpark varsity decided by a field goal as time Warner Cable. He will be the Christian game this Friday night,

foxsportswest.com. Way to represent the Tritons, Mr. Godfrey!

Pacifica English teacher and journalism advisor **Mark Riley** attended a two-week journalism



teachers training this past summer at the **University of Missouri's School of Journalism**. Riley reports the experience was extraordinary. While he

believes many education workshops are often a "prolonged statement of the obvious," this program was quite different. "They assumed we were smart and wanted to work hard. That was refreshing," Riley relayed. And work hard they did, putting in fourteen-hour days. "Perhaps the best part," Riley added, "was the fact I'm now friends with a group of journalism advisors across the

nation who can give me additional knowledge and support. That will be invaluable." Part of the purpose of the summer program was to provide journalism advisors with the ability to take their school's newspapers online, something the Currents staff plans to do this school year. The learning curve in such a process will be steep. On this, Riley reports, "I learned a lot about what I need to learn a lot about, and I'm looking forward to the challenge. So is my staff." Riley plans to encourage the other three journalism advisors in the Oxnard Union High School District take advantage of this program in the future. Mizzou's j-school is either considered the best journalism school in the nation, or the second-best, depending upon you talk to. The summer high school journalism program was funded by the Reynolds Journalism Institute.



**Sheila Kane, Peggy Helmstedter, and Jane Akune** are taking the Spanish class for professionals offered by the district at adult school every Wednesday for 10 weeks.

They agree, "*La clase es muy bueno!*"

## ATHLETICS

The Tritons had a very successful week beginning with the Football team defeating Santa Paula 64-39. Girls Volleyball followed up on Saturday by the team taking home first place in the Santa Paula Tournament.

Cross Country had a strong showing in the Ojai Invitational at Lake teams earned a combined 17 Medals for the day and this is the highest total ever in a Cross Country event for PHS. Tennis remained undefeated with wins over Bishop and Royal.



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In a very kind gesture of goodwill, the **Triton Football** program donated \$300.00 to the student assistance program for injured Oxnard HS football player Adrian Padilla. Thank you to them!