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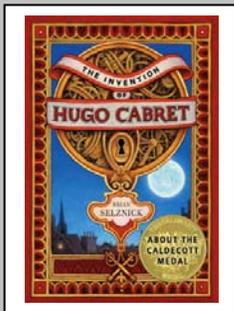
**TOLUCA LAKE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS  
CAN MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS!**

**\$\$ HOLIDAY SPECIAL EDITION \$\$**



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## Words of Wisdom

**Hugo Cabret:** I'd imagine the whole world was one big machine. Machines never come with any extra parts, you know. They always come with the exact amount they need. So I figured, if the entire world was one big machine, I couldn't be an extra part. I had to be here for some reason.

- The Invention of Hugo Cabret  
by Brian Selznick

Each student at Toluca Lake Elementary School has a terrific opportunity to earn one million dollars more than students who don't graduate from college! **That's right ... \$1,000,000!!!**

Research undertaken by fourth grade teacher, Mr. Steve Reidman, reveals that *each student who graduates from college will earn about one million dollars more in their lives!* His research focuses upon recent studies released by the United States Census Bureau. In addition, students who graduate from college will have more choices over the type of job they obtain as adults. As Mr. Reidman reflects, "A college education opens doors ... and closes other ones." It opens the doors to more increased opportunity, and closes ones that may lead to trouble.

And, there's even more good news ... another recent study provides data showing that parents can be an extremely powerful force helping their children obtain that college education. A recent study undertaken by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OCED) cited in the New York Times states that "*on average ... students whose parents reported that they had read a book with their child every day or almost every day or once or twice a week during the first year of primary school have markedly higher scores*" on school exams "*regardless of the family's socioeconomic background.*" Furthermore, "*the point difference in reading that is associated with parental involvement is largest when parents read a book with their child, when they talk about things they have done during the day, and when they tell stories to their children.*"

So, pick up a book and start reading! Afterwards, be sure to discuss the selection. Remember to speak in complete sentences and use academic vocabulary. Then, pay attention to your teacher in class, do your home studies ... *and start thinking of some creative ways that you'd like to spend your first million dollars!*

## PTA Writing Contest!

Are you interested in showing what you can learn? Participate in the PTA's writing contest! PTA is proud to present its first Toluca Lake Writing Contest. Following the amazing success of Mr. Murphy's annual Halloween Writing Contest, the PTA is starting a fantastic new writing contest of its own! The contest is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled at Toluca Lake Elementary school!

If you would like to participate in this big event, write at least one paragraph about an African American who is a role model to you and other students. Each submission must have a title, correct spelling and punctuation, and describe why you admire the role-model you chose, giving examples of what they did to inspire you. We are encouraging students to choose from a diverse list of role models (see below).

*Our next PTA meeting will take place in the auditorium on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Please join us, and make a positive difference at our school!*

Contest winners will receive **cash gift certificates** to Border's bookstore. The winners will also have an opportunity to read their entry at the Black History Month assembly at the end of February. Submissions are due February 16<sup>th</sup>. Please give all entries to your teacher. There will be six winners, two from each grade. Good luck and have a happy holiday season

\*\*\*\*\* Write on! \*\*\*\*\*

### Inspirational African Americans

Benjamin Banneker, Maya Angelou, Mary McLeod Bethune, Linda Brown, Duke Ellington, Bobby Seale, Guion Bluford, Jr., Aaron Douglas, Ralph Bunche, Paul Robeson, Louis Armstrong, Jackie Robinson, Shirley Chisholm, George Washington Carver, Marcus Garvey, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, Shelton Johnson, Charles Young, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Rosa Parks, Olaudah Equiano, Alex Haley, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Miles Davis, Malcom X, Mae Jamison, Langston Hughes, Stokely Carmichael, James W. Johnson, Dr. Martin Luther King, jr., Carter Woodson, Sidney Portier, President Barack Obama, Nat Turner, Alice Walker, Hiram Revels, Dr. Charles Drew, Thurgood Marshall, Ella Fitzgerald, Stevie Wonder, Sojourner Truth, Matthew Henson, Phyllis Wheatley, Wyomia Tyus, Joe Louis, Jesse Owens, Gordon Parks, A. Phillip Randolph, Arthur Mitchell, Jacob Lawrence, Barbara Jordan, Matthew Henson, Ralph Ellison, Lula Washington, John Coltrane, Marian Anderson, Arthur Ashe, Rafer Johnson, Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, Elijah McCoy, Madame C.J.Walker, Garret Morgan, Rebecca Cole, Scott Joplin, Toni Morrison, Loren Miller, Robert M. Glass, and so many more amazing Americans!

### Principal's Message

It has been a pleasure to see all of you coming for parent conferences. We are a Learn School focused upon cooperation and teamwork. As parents, you are part of the team, an important key to your child's success. During the upcoming three-week break, please encourage your child to read and practice his/her math facts. We will celebrate our Winter Break **December 19** through **January 8, 2012**. We hope that all of you and your family will enjoy this special time together and do lots of fun filled activities. See you next year!

*- Ms. Carol Reo Bove*

## The Amazing Dr. Bonnie Buratti

by - Angela Mendez, Ali Freas, Caitline Molina, Alessandra Rugamos, & Gabriel Alaniz

Dr. Bonnie Buratti is a senior research scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL). JPL is the place where scientists work for NASA (the National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to invent probes that are sent to study different planets, stars, and galaxies. Dr. Buratti is one of the scientists who designed the Cassini Huygens probe. Cassini's mission is to orbit Saturn to learn more about the planet, its rings, and its moons.

Dr. Buratti was born in Pennsylvania. Her hobbies are reading, ice-skating, singing, planting in her garden, cooking, watching movies, and working with others scientists. She dislikes cleaning her house (like us) and doing "bureaucratic paperwork." She has three kids, and loves to cook with them and to encourage them.

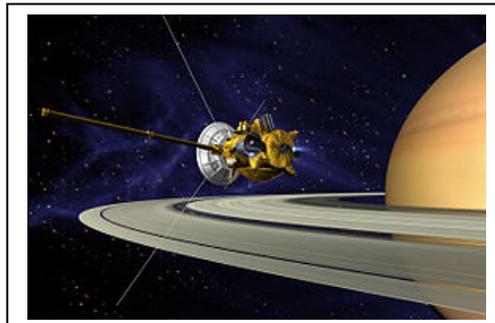
Dr. Bonnie Buratti spends a lot of time studying the universe. Currently, she is one of the directors of the Cassini-Huygens space probe. In 1997, Cassini was launched into space, and it's now in orbit around Saturn. At the end of the mission, in 2017, they will crash Cassini into Saturn to collect more information from the cameras and sensors. Dr. Buratti is very happy about Cassini's success.

Even though Dr. Buratti is successful, she still has ups and downs at her job. She says that she hates doing extra paperwork. She is "motivated by curiosity and a desire to find out about new ideas." The biggest challenge she had to overcome was when they were not able to get instruments working correctly for a probe landing on Titan (Saturn's largest moon). The scientists had to modify the probe *during the middle of the mission*. It all worked out well! Dr. Buratti always tries her best. She loves to meet other scientists, find data, and travel to many parts of the world for her work. She especially loves to find new data because she gets to see information that no one else has ever seen before. That sense of discovery is an exciting feeling.

Dr. Buratti has many heroes. She has great respect for Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, Amelia Earhart, and Dr. Joseph Veverka (a scientist at Cornell University). She admires them because they were courageous explorers: Joseph Vererka was her college professor, Albert Einstein studied universal theories, Marie Curie discovered new elements and radioactivity, and Amelia Earhart was a fearless pilot and trailblazer for women. Dr. Buratti is very curious, and always wants to make new discoveries.

Dr. Buratti gave us some advice. She said to learn as much as we can because it makes us better people. She says that we should work hard now to go to college and be successful. She also said that it's important to go on field trips and do hands-on projects because "when you see something with your own eyes, and do something with your own hands, you'll remember it." She said that these lessons can help us cope with difficult problems that arise in the world today. Finally, Dr. Buratti said that the most important area for future researchers to explore is to see whether there is life somewhere else in space.

Dr. Buratti says that we need to stay in school and pay attention to our teachers to be successful. She said that math and science are very important subjects. She also said that it's important to write well and learn new languages to communicate with different people. Dr. Buratti inspires us because she overcame challenges by not giving up and always staying focused upon her goals. Now, as an adult, Dr. Buratti spends her time exploring the heavens with her inventions, and opening up new areas of wonder for future scientists. She inspires us to do our best in school!



*Cassini-Huygens Spacecraft*

## Featured Faculty: Ms. Stephanie Conner, Cafe Manager

by - Hunter Ragle, Christopher Vasquez, Chris Emiliano, & Gabriel Alaniz

We have a terrific cafeteria manager at Toluca Lake Elementary School. Ms. Stephanie Conner started working as our café manager on November 19, 2010. To achieve her goal of getting this job, she had to get a high school diploma and some college credits. She likes being a manager because she gets paid and likes working with students. She says, "The toughest part of my job is when the students don't have tickets, and the weather is rainy."

Stephanie's hobbies are reading, doing her hair, and dressing up. Her hero is Oprah Winfrey because Oprah never gives up. Some obstacles she has to go through over the years are making sure the kids are all fed well, and working with unpleasant workers.

Ms. Conner has an idea for a positive change in the cafeteria. She would like all of the students at our school to remember their tickets because that makes the job easier, so the cafeteria works more efficiently. She advises our students to "always put our education first." Never forget those words from our cafeteria manager. Stephanie works hard for us.



### Teacher's Tip

Most students are very interested in learning more about their family's history. The students may enjoy creating a family scrapbook in which they celebrate family traditions. They can begin by taking photographs of some aspect of the family's holiday celebration. They may interview parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and/or friends of the family to learn more about when the family began this tradition. Students may write captions in the scrapbook explaining what they've learned about their family's traditions. They may also enjoy decorating the scrapbooks to help bring these special memories to life!

### Calendar

- Dec. 15 = Holiday Program
- Dec. 19 = First day of Winter Break (school closed)
- Dec. 21 = First day of Hanukkah
- Dec. 26 = First day of Kwanzaa
- Dec. 27 = Johannes Kepler's Birthday (1571)
- Jan. 9 = Back to school
- Jan. 10 = Local Leadership Council Meeting
- Jan. 16 = Dr. Martin Luther King, jr.'s Birthday (school closed)
- Jan. 17 = School Site Council Meeting
- Jan. 24 = PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)
- Jan. 25 = PTA Meeting (8:00 am)

### PTA Announcement

Congratulations to the PTA's Fall Membership Raffle Winner – Ana Molina! Ana went home with \$100, courtesy of Wells Fargo Toluca Lake, a PTA sponsor.

Over 70 members joined during the fall event, but new members are always welcome! Just pick up a membership envelope from the school office any time.



## Awesome Alumni: Richard Oldenberg

by - Jameson Stengel, Millie Caro, Alessandra Rugamas, & Angela Mendez

The author Richard Oldenberg visited our school to share his recent book, and talk to us about his history as a student at Toluca Lake Elementary School. He attended our school when it was first opened in 1942! He went here from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Going to school here really helped him because later on he became a teacher and an author of children's books. Richard Oldenberg never gave up his love of learning and his dream of writing books.

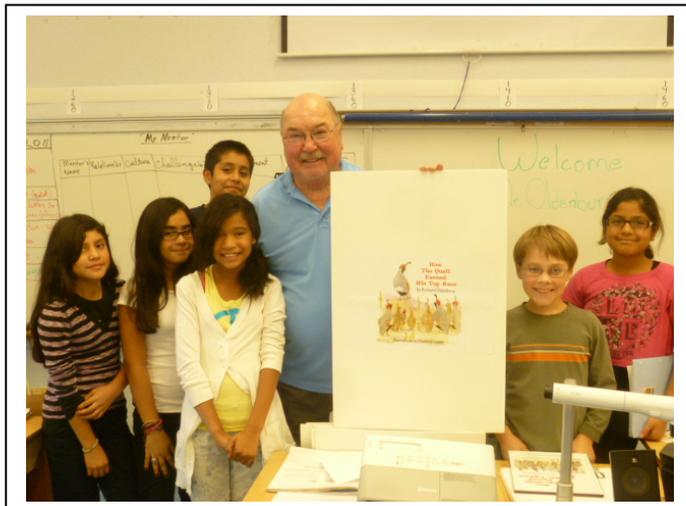
When Mr. Oldenberg attended Toluca Lake Elementary School in the 1940's, it was very different. Back in those days, none of the rooms had air conditioning so it must have been hot in the classrooms. There was no main building when he started attending our school. They used to use chalkboards in the classroom because they didn't have whiteboards for markers. They also didn't have portable calculators or computers back then. We're lucky to be students now instead of the 1940's.

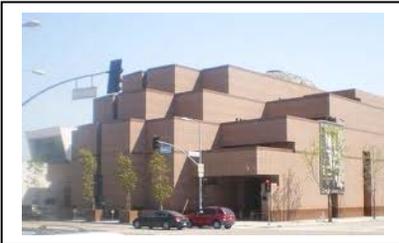
One of Mr. Oldenberg's favorite activities was being in a band and playing the trumpet. His band practice was in one of the bungalows. He played in marching band in high school, and still plays music as a grown-up. Mr. Oldenberg also likes to go fishing. He told us that he used to visit Toluca Lake (before it was fenced off from the public) and go fishing in the Los Angeles River.

Mr. Oldenberg began teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade upon his graduation from California State University at Long Beach (CSLB) in 1965. They called his classroom a "zoo" by the kindergarten because he kept a lot of animal selections in his classroom. He has also taught classes in middle school and even at Pepperdine University. Mr. Oldenberg retired from teaching in 2003.

Mr. Oldenberg loves to make-up stories. That's why he writes children's books today. Animals inspire him so he uses animal characters in his stories. He also likes reading, especially aloud, because "it inspires the art of imagination." Even though he is an author, he has a favorite author to read just like everyone else. His favorite author is E.B White. He also has a favorite book called Musical Dragons. He says, "Observation can inspire the theme of a book." Richard Oldenberg is like us, but he has used his education and perseverance to write famous books.

Richard Oldenberg is a great author because he didn't give up on his dreams. He went to school and learned by paying attention. He has a new book coming out called How the Quail Earned His Top Knot. It will be located in our school library because he's donating a copy to us. You might find this or some of his other books at the public library or in a local bookstore. We think that you may enjoy reading them. Mr. Oldenberg taught us that to achieve our goals, we should never give up and always try our best. He is definitely an Awesome Alumni!





## *The Museum Of Tolerance*

by

*Naomi Marquez, Suzette Garcia, & Gabriel Clark*

Fifth grade students from Toluca Lake Elementary School recently took a field trip to the Museum of Tolerance to see the "Finding our Families, Finding Ourselves" exhibit. The Museum of Tolerance is a very interesting museum. There, they depict people for who they are. We really liked the "Finding our Families, Finding Ourselves" exhibit because it taught how important it is to learn about our heritage and overcome challenges that may face our families. They said it's important to learn about people in our family because it tells about our history.

The exhibit focused upon the poet Maya Angelou, baseball coach Joe Torre, comedian Billy Crystal, musician Carlos Santana, and writer Sherman Alexie. Each person represented a different ethnic group, and each one had to deal with some sort of problem in his or her family. For example, Maya Angelou had to be raised by her grandmother and uncle, Joe Torre had to deal with an abusive father, and Sherman Alexie grew up poor on a Native American reservation. Carlos Santana, a famous rock guitar player and singer, said, "Music comes from the soul."

We learned that it's important to be tolerant of other people, even if they look different or like different stuff than us. We can also learn a lot by asking our relatives about our family history. We had a lot of fun and hope to go back there someday.

## Around the Town

This section of our newsletter features free or inexpensive activities happening "around the town." We encourage you to extend your child's learning by exploring the many cultural activities available in the greater Los Angeles community.

- The 51<sup>st</sup> annual **Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration** is an admission-free, six-hour seasonal music and dance show. More than 40 performing groups from throughout L.A. County - including choirs, music ensembles, and dance companies represent the diversity of cultures across Southern California. The concert takes place from 3:00 – 9:00 p.m. on December 24 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion at 135 N. Grand Ave. Parking is free, too!
- You can view beautiful holiday lights at **Christmas Tree Lane** in Alta Dena (on Santa Rosa Ave., between Woodbury Ave. and Altadena Dr. throughout December. This is the oldest lighting attraction in the area, neighbors string over 10,000 Christmas lights to the long lin of Christmas trees that run down the block, or on **Candy Cane Lane** in Woodland Hills (between Lubao Ave. and Oxnard St.).
- Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square in Los Angeles (532 S. Olive) features an outdoor skating rink throughout the holidays.

## **Jupiter & the Moon Star at our Star Party!**

by

**Richard Chicas, Chayanne Berrio, Jorge Cortes, & Gabriel Clark**

On November 30, 2011 our school hosted its second annual star party. An engineer, Mr. Joel Harris of Rocketdyne, came to our school with his big telescope. He set it up so we could look at the moon, planets like Jupiter and Venus, and faraway stars. We interviewed him while he put together the telescope.

Mr. Harris went to USC and now teaches classes at Devry University. He became interested in astronomy when he was young. He said, "My father was an engineer and taught me science so I became interested in astronomy." He used to host star parties at the Griffith Observatory, too.

We used Mr. Harris' large telescope to see the surface of the Moon, Jupiter, and four of Jupiter's moons. It was awesome to see how gigantic they looked through the telescope. The moon's craters looked amazing. Mr. Harris said that his telescope could even be used to see past Pluto, all the way into the Kuiper Belt! Mr. Harris is able to tell the planets apart from the stars because he's studied astronomy and knows how to read a star chart. The most amazing thing we learned is that when you look at stars, you're probably seeing light that was made thousands of years ago.

We liked many things at the star party. Ms. Jill played a cool game with us called "Name that Planet." Mr. Reidman, Ms. Harriman, and Ms. Miya showed us how to make star charts and other cool astronomy projects. Coach Ward showed a funny, interesting Bill Nye video about the solar system. Mr. Hagen-Smith let us use some small telescopes that his students made in class. One of our favorite parts was that the PTA gave us hot chocolate and cookies!

We learned that when some people say that they know everything, they are not telling the truth because there's always new stuff to learn. The star party was really cool and fun. We hope that we can have another star party next year. Thank you for making this great night possible, Mr. Harris!

*The Moon up close and personal ...  
at our Star Party!*



### **PTA Raising the Banner on Fundraising!**

*Have you seen the new company banners at the kindergarten gate? They're just the start of what will hopefully be a full wall of PTA sponsors, helping us to bring enrichment programs and needed supplies to our school.*

*Thank you to our banner sponsors, California Academy of Martial Arts & Servpro Fire & Water Restoration Specialists!*

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**- Beth Stengel (Toluca Lake El. PTA)**



## Ode to ...

For the past 44 years, the most famous ode in America has been Bobbie Gentry's 1967 hit, "Ode to Billie Joe." The Grammy-Award winning song made Gentry a star, and even resulted in a film. But, it's a new century for eleven years now, and there are some new stars on the rise. Take a look at these captivating odes from some of the talented 4<sup>th</sup> grade students in Ms. Harriman's class!

### "Ode to My Blue Dirty Apron" by - Ethan Zamora

The blue dirty apron hangs inside the cabinet in my kitchen. My dad uses the apron when he cooks everyday. It is very old and dull. The color is mixing with the stains that he is getting from cooking. It is wet because his sweat drips every second from slicing and stirring.



### "Ode To The Toothbrush" by - Henry Sazo

My toothbrush waits lonely in the bathroom for me. When the toothpaste is applied to him, he is ready to communicate his clean thoughts with my teeth. My toothbrush should deserve better teeth than my yellowish and oldish teeth. Wendy, my mom, tells me to throw it away, but I say no because my toothbrush is valuable and has memories of the past. I also tell her that I won't throw it away because I hate throwing my best friend into the dumpster. I don't want to loose you my old friend.

### "Ode to my Toothbrush" by - Jeremy Luna

My toothbrush waits for me every morning, afternoon, and evening. He waits for me at my lonely little sink. Each day I can't wait for him to work his magic and make my teeth sparkly clean. When it vibrates in my mouth, it's like a mouth massage. It is very relaxing. If he loses his vibration, he loses half his heart. He deserves more than my baby teeth. I hope I never lose you, my friend.

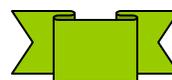


### "Ode To The Bed" by - Savannah Mintz-Turner

My bed lies lonely wondering where I am. When I sleep on it, its nice quilt is warm like the fur of a cat. I love to imagine that my bed is as big as a yacht. I imagine that we go to an island and I'm the captain. She snuggles me and keeps me warm. My bed is as bouncy as a bounce house. I love to bounce on my bed and touch the ceiling. In the day my bed is so lonely, but at night we have a lot of fun hearing stories my mom reads to us. Our favorite, is the one with the little girl and her flying bed. It doesn't matter how old I get, my bed and I will always go on adventures together.

### "Ode To The Apron" by - Laureline Terry

I hope you get washed one day, apron. The fabric becomes thin from use of it so many times. It is all stiff, and has dried up cake mix. It's covered with green crust from spinach. It's been used so much that sometimes it gets very tired. It needs to be washed, but never gets washed. It looks like a cookbook because it has millions of recipes on it. It is like a sampler for when you would like to try food. Don't worry apron I won't tell mom, but I will wash you.



### "Ode to the Lonely Pencil" by - Sergio Rivas

It just sits next to the sharpener, but has not been used since last moth. It has been left by a boy who forgot to sharpen his pencil. Now it is just dusty and does not have lead. If it had a mouth it would say "Please sharpen me!". The problem is that no one even knows it is there. It is so old that it is dirty. I hope it gets sharpened one day.



## Local Kids Raise \$76,000 for Children's Hospital

by  
**Beth Stengel (PTA)**

*Started in 2002 by four Toluca Lake youths, Kling Street Kids has evolved into a highly anticipated annual fundraiser for Children's Hospital Los Angeles. Since their first event, they have raised over \$76,000 for CHLA and hope to make this - their 10th year - the year they reach \$100,000.*

*The Kling Street Kids now number over 65 active members ranging in age from 6 to 19 years old. Kids helping kids!*

*Stop by their event at 10463 Kling Street in Toluca Lake to "adopt" stuffed animals for delivery to CHLA patients, purchase homemade treats, or bid on exciting silent auction items. At the Saturday event you'll also find a free winter wonderland of fresh snow for sledding!*

*Kids - do YOU want to help out? You can contact them at [818-487-8275](tel:818-487-8275), or via their website, to volunteer your time at the event, or bake cookies and treats to sell.*

*Event times: Friday, 12/23 from 8am to 2:30pm and Saturday, 12/24 from 8am to 12:30pm*

*web*



## Rigoberta Menchu

by  
**Gianna Carias, Micaela Koch, & Ali Freas**

***Rigoberta Menchu  
Guatemalan Hero***

Born to a poor peasant family in 1959.  
Raised in a Quiche branch of the Mayan culture.  
As a young girl, she helped with the family farm.

Worked in the Northern Highlands,  
Picking coffee on the large plantations.  
Poverty, Injustice

She joined a reform group as a teenager.

The Menchu Family was accused  
of guerilla activities.

Vincete, Rigoberta's dad, imprisoned, tortured.

After his release he joined CUC  
(the Committee of the Peasant Union).

Then, in 1979, Rigoberta joined the CUC, too

1979 - That terrible year.

Her brother harassed & killed by the army.

Rigoberta became more active in the CUC.

More bad news:

Father killed by security forces from the capitol

So much pain.

She helped end the Guatemalan Civil War,

fought for Indian peasant's civil rights,

told her amazing life story to a writer,

Elisabeth Burgos Debray.

Rigoberta's life story published:

**I, Rigoberta Menchu**

Her life story attracts international attention.

She continues to plead the cause of Indian peasants,  
but death threats push her away.

***Rigoberta Menchu***

a leader for the rights of indigenous people -

***Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize***

Soon a film, "Granito" will share her story,

***her struggle, her courage.***



## Fifth Grade Students Visit JPL!

by - Caitline Molina, Naomi Marquez, Gabriel Clark, & Rashel Alvarez

Fifth grade students from Toluca Lake Elementary School went on a field trip to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California last week. It was paid for by a special "Keeping History Alive!" grant that Mr. Hagen-Smith wrote for Azusa Pacific University. We learned many new, exciting ideas at JPL. Scientists and engineers work for NASA (the National Aeronautics Space Administration) to build probes, rovers, and space shuttles that explore the solar system.

JPL is like a giant university. It's actually twice the size of Disneyland! It has many large buildings and interesting displays. As soon as we arrived there, we were surprised to see a couple of deer. Ms. McDuffey joked that they were there to take flying lessons to help Santa this Christmas.

We learned that a comet that created a crater the size of Texas impacted Mercury! Who knew it was going to be that big! We learned that Venus has methane gas, and five times as much as carbon dioxide in its atmosphere than Earth. Also, we learned that probes on Mars discovered that there was once water there. Titan (one of Saturn's moons) may be able to sustain life. We were amazed to learn that the sun used to be swirling gas, but it formed together because there was too much mass. That really caught our attention. Finally, we learned that astronomers are looking for a planet that could support life like Earth. And, the Kepler telescope just found a planet like that in a different solar system.

We got to meet Dr. Bonnie Buratti during our field trip. She is a lead research scientist who helped develop the Cassini probe that is now orbiting Saturn. She told us how important it is to learn math, science, and writing. Then, we saw a film about the history of JPL. Next, we saw a model of the Mars Rover. We visited the Mission Control Center and saw how they were communicating with satellites that are millions of miles away right in front of our eyes! Finally, we got to visit and admire the information in their museum. We were surprised when we saw that they have a moon rock.

Did you know that we were once all stardust? Every atom in our body was once part of a star? That's really cool. JPL may be a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but we want to go again!



## Math Night

by - Angela Mendez, Daniella Martir, Millie Gonzalez, & Micaela Koch

Mr. Hagen Smith class had math night on November 17, 2011.

Our parents came and learned about math.

Now, our parents can teach us the same way he teaches us in school.

We learned about multiplication and division with decimals.

It was very interesting and fun to work with our parents.

Whenever we do a problem wrong, we will always learn from our mistakes.

That's how we make a team, because at TOLUCA LAKE!

**Together we ACHIEVE.**

**Never Settle for LESS than your BEST!**

**Whatever you do never give up and try your best.**

# Riddle me this...

Answers may be found on our school web page at: <<http://toluca.weebly.com/>>



- Why was the sponge tired? - Ben Robel
- What did Rudolph say to the clown? - Victor Soto
- What did the frog order at McDonald's? - Naomi Marquez
- What is there more of when you see less? - Zachary Miles



## Super Sleuth Quiz & Scavenger Hunt

The Toluca Lake Times is happy to announce the start of an exciting new contest for kids: *The Super Sleuth Quiz & Scavenger Hunt*. Here's how it works:

Find the answers to the *Super Sleuth Quiz* by reading this edition of the Toluca Lake Times. Look around school to find the location of the *Scavenger Hunt* items. Write the answers on this sheet of paper and give it to your teacher by \_\_\_\_\_ to be entered in the monthly raffle for big prizes!

Principal:

Carol Reo Bové

Assistant Principal:

Joyce Miles

Coordinator:

Jeff Daniel

Lead Teacher:

Steve Reidman

Parent Representative:

Lucy Gonzalez

Newsletter Editor:

Dennis Hagen-Smith

## Super Sleuth Quiz & Scavenger Hunt

Name - \_\_\_\_\_; Room # - \_\_\_\_\_

1. What can you do to help you earn a \$1,000,000? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Who said this month's "Words of Wisdom"? \_\_\_\_\_
3. When did Richard Oldenberg first attend our school? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which planet was observed at the Star Party? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Why is Sergio's pencil lonely? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What do the Kling Street Kids do? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which country is Rigoberta Menchu from? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What do they make at JPL? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Which planet is the Casinni space probe exploring? \_\_\_\_\_
10. Where is this image located on our campus? \_\_\_\_\_

(Hint: You can say hello to it each morning when you arrive at school.)



This image is located \_\_\_\_\_

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See us at:

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