

Dear Las Lomas Families,

This week I want to take a minute to thank all of you who contribute to our school's success. Each year the PTA provides funds to enhance classroom experiences for your children. We recently received this year's allocation of *Art for Art Sake* funds. When you purchase those delightful notecards at the start of each year, they generate monies for teachers to support visual and performing arts instruction in their classrooms. Here are some examples of how teachers will use these funds this year:

- Play props for classroom performances
- Art supplies for classroom use
- Field Trips to the Stanford Cantor Art Museum
- Japanese Folk Art presentations
- Field Trips to see California Theater Center performances
- Cultural Artist Presentations
- Puppet Show Presentations
- Art-Around-the-World Presentations
- Reader's Theater Scripts
- Drama/Play Scripts
- Books about artists and musicians
- Instruments

As you can see, this is definitely a win-win program; you get notecards to share with family and friends, and your child's instruction in the arts is enriched!

Our **Read-a-thon** is at the half-way point! I encourage you to keep your reader reading! Be sure to help you child log his/her minutes and post them online. This year we've added Wednesday morning story time from 8:30-9:00 in the library with some of our wonderful specialists. Carol Hedges, Shelley Moran, Lesli Leong and Claire O'Conner read during the first two weeks. Linda McGhee, Kathy Ruwe, Janet Holbrook and Martha Lampert will be our readers during the final two weeks. I encourage you to come a little early on Wednesdays to enjoy this event. You might even spot Roary the Lion on campus!

Until next time,

Sue Sartor, Principal