



THE ORCA OBSERVER

October 2023

“The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here’s to October...” — A.A. Milne

Cabrillo PTO Highlights

Enrichment Donation Drive

Thank you to all the families and friends of Cabrillo who have donated to the Enrichment Drive. We’re a little more than halfway through the drive but **only 32% to our goal of \$75,000.**

The Enrichment Drive is the most important annual fundraiser held at Cabrillo and pays for the programs and supplies provided by the PTO. We also collect field trip and teacher appreciation donations during this time. These three collections cover the many expenses that start coming in as soon as the school year begins. A successful drive means a more full and robust educational experience for all students!

Visit [Cabrillo Annual Enrichment Drive 2023-2024](#) or click on the flyer below to donate today!

Cabrillo PTO’s REQUEST FOR FUNDS

1

Contribute to Teacher Appreciation

Our teachers work hard and are amazing - funds will be used for birthdays, holidays, and end of the year gifts. We ask every student to contribute **\$20** for teacher appreciation.

2

Pay Ahead of Time for Field Trips

Each of the teachers have planned fun, educational field trips for each grade level. Funds cover all trips for the year.* The recommended amount for field trips is **\$50** per student.

***8th grade will have additional costs**

3

Donate to the Annual Enrichment Drive

These funds are used school wide and benefit all students, teachers, staff, and community. If **\$200** per student was donated, the entire budget would be covered for the remainder of the year. **GOAL: \$75,000**

TOTAL: \$270 per student

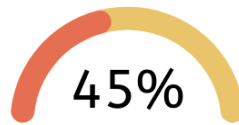
Your donations also support field trip aid, school sponsored events, assemblies, and grade specific events.

100% of your donation goes to activities that enhance our children’s school experience. The Cabrillo PTO is a 501(c)(3)tax-exempt organization, so your contribution is tax deductible!

Make a donation today: Donate online or checks made out to Cabrillo PTO can be left in the office. Be sure to see if your workplace will match your donation when you give online.

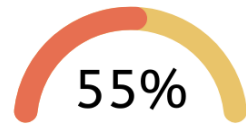
THE BREAKDOWN Who do the enrichment funds support?

UPPER GRADES



160 Students

LOWER GRADES



381 Students

Top 5 Ways Funds are Used

- \$30K Classroom Supply Fund for Teachers/Staff
- \$26K Rhythm and Moves & Drama with Spindrift
- \$22K Upper Grade Electives: 8 classes/33 weeks
- \$16K Staff Appreciation Week, Community Events & Administration
- \$15K Art & Library for All Grade Levels

Scan to Donate Online



And Support Your Student

PTO Monthly Mingle

Our next monthly mingle will be held Wednesday, November 1st at Fog City Java 8:30-9:30am. Join your PTO for an informal gathering to exchange ideas, ask questions and get informed.

Join us! All are welcome.



**Wednesday, November 1st
8:30-9:30am
Fog City Java, Pacifica**

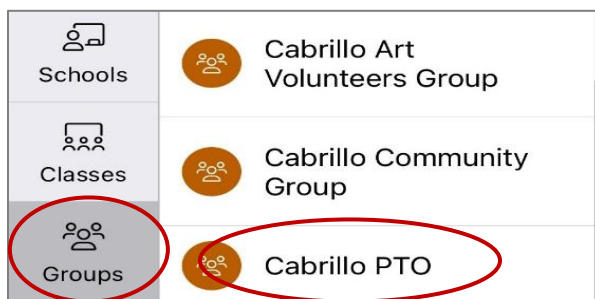
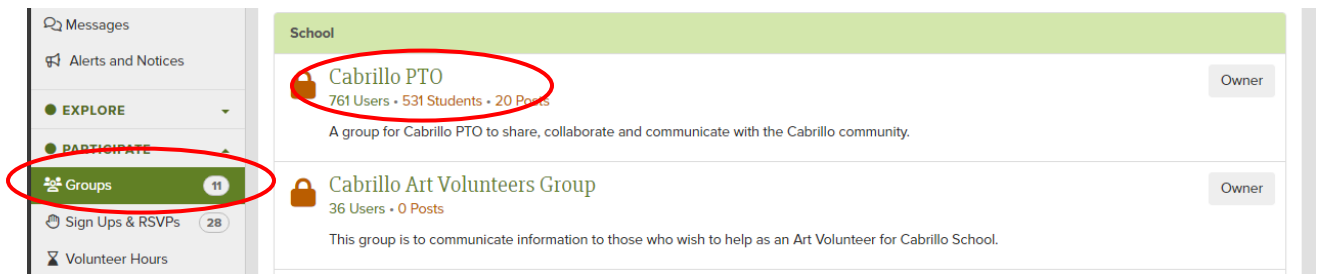
Parent Square 101

ParentSquare is an amazing communication tool for both parents and educators. To help enhance your experience, we are now including **ParentSquare 101** in our monthly newsletters to highlight useful, and possibly lesser-known, features. This month, read on to learn more about the **Orca Volunteer Corner**.

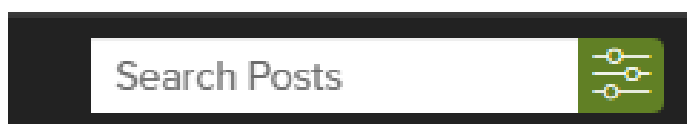
What's black, white, and **Read** all over? The **Orca Volunteer Corner** of course! Our wonderful volunteer coordinators, Stephanie Poloni and Amanda Bianchi, have worked diligently to create a **central location for volunteer job descriptions and openings**. This will help families find more information about volunteering at Cabrillo and the PTO track volunteers hours for potential grant and company matching funds.

Here are a few ways to find the Corner:

- Open **Cabrillo PTO group in ParentSquare**. The layout varies based on your device:



- Or you can search "Orca Volunteer Corner" in the **Search Posts** bar:



- Either option will bring the **Orca Volunteer Corner** to the top of your feed:



Putting the Fun in Fundraising

Book Fair

The Cabrillo PTO Book Fair will be held **during conference week** so families can shop the same day their parent-teacher conferences are scheduled. This is a great opportunity for students to look at new materials and find that "just right" book! Funds raised support book purchases for the Cabrillo Library. Families also have an opportunity to purchase books from the "wish boxes" for their classroom teachers. Stop by the library to shop at the Cabrillo Book Fair on any of the following days:

Monday, October 16th, 1:10 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, October 17th, 1:10 PM - 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM***

Wednesday, October 18th, 1:10 PM - 4:00 PM

Thursday, October 19th, 1:10 PM - 4:00 PM

Friday, October 20th, 1:10 PM - 4:00 PM

*** On Tuesday, enjoy a special pajama story time from 6 to 8 pm, featuring a delicious bake sale!!!

Visit the [Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#) if you'd like to work at the fair and promote literacy to our children!



Halloween Spooktacular

Fall is in the air and with it comes...Halloween! Please join us Sunday, October 29th, between 12-4pm for **Cabrillo School's 2nd Annual Halloween Spooktacular!!!** This is an event for the whole family and opportunity to support the school. Last year we had an *amazing* turn out and we look forward to history repeating itself! Bring your ghouls and goblins for a fun-filled afternoon complete with carnival games, food, bouncy houses, costumes, and more.

We are still in need of volunteers to help run this family-fun event. Volunteer jobs include set up, clean up, operating carnival booths and selling goodies. Visit the [Halloween Spooktacular Volunteer Sign Up](#) to view open opportunities. Shifts are only 1 hour so there will still be plenty of time to enjoy the whole event!

Click the flyer below or visit www.cabrillopto.org to [purchase your tickets](#) and receive special advanced pricing on unlimited ride wristbands.

CABRILLO PTO PRESENTS



COME IN COSTUME!

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

SUNDAY 12 PM - 4 PM
OCTOBER 29TH



BOUNCE HOUSES FOOD TRUCKS FACE PAINTING
COTTON CANDY SHAVE ICE PETTING ZOO
CAKE WALK CARNIVAL GAMES \$1 PER GAME
\$25 UNLIMITED BOUNCE HOUSE WRISTBANDS



Original Works

Transform your child's art into quality products you can keep forever or give as gifts to your friends and loved ones. Artwork and order packets go home Monday, October 16th and orders are due back to your teacher by October 25th. Keepsakes will be sent home with your child in time for the holidays.



Original Works

RaiseRight

Hello Cabrillo! Join our Cabrillo Community on Raise Right and purchase gift cards from your phone and the comfort of your couch. You get to skip going to the store to get a card, sleep in a little more, and make a few dollars for our school. Please [sign up](#) if you haven't already. You can earn money simply by buying gift cards and e-cards to use for everyday purchases, instead of cash or credit cards! Please see details below, and feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions! Thanks, Mara Higdon, PTO Co-President



4 weekends of bonuses

Shop new bonuses every weekend, Friday-Sunday. Earn more on your everyday shopping and make a bigger impact on your organization.

Things to know

- Bonuses start each weekend at 12:00 a.m. ET Friday and end at 11:59 p.m. ET Sunday.
- Offers will be announced each Friday via email and on Facebook.
- All gift card types are included (eGift cards, physical cards, and money added to reloadable cards).

How to participate



Already have a RaiseRight participant account?

View and shop bonuses on the RaiseRight mobile app or at [RaiseRight.com](#).



Don't have an account yet?

Follow the easy steps to get started at [RaiseRight.com/m/StartEarning](#). Check with your program coordinator to get your organization's unique enrollment code.



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Bingo Night & Warriors Tickets Raffle

The 8th grade Yosemite trip is officially on and families are working hard to make sure their students can go on this memorable trip. 8th grade parents will be hosting **bingo night on Wednesday, October 11th at 5:00-8:00pm in the MPR**, featuring a pasta dinner! There will also be a **raffle for 3 Golden State Warriors tickets**, which were generously donated by a member of our Orca Community. The raffle winner will be announced at Bingo Night, but attendance is not required to win - so spread the word to your friends and family.

Visit [Bingo Night & Warriors Tickets Raffle – Fall 2023](#) or click the flyer below to buy your Bingo & Warriors raffle tickets today!

BINGO NIGHT
Wed. October 11th
in the MPR 5pm-8pm
PASTA DINNER \$15
pasta, salad, garlic bread and drink
\$1 per card per game
GREAT PRIZES!
FUN FOR ALL!
raffle tickets for
3 GSW tickets
BAKE SALE
Please help us send our 8th graders to Yoemite and enjoy a family night out! come and go as you please.

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Ice Cream Wednesdays & Popcorn Fridays

Come armed with dollar bills and treat yourself or your children to a sweet treat on Wednesdays and a salty one on Fridays – the best of both worlds! All proceeds from ice cream sales benefit 8th grade graduation and Yosemite trip, while popcorn proceeds benefit the 4th grade Sacramento trip.



From the Staff Room

Cabrillo School welcomes **Malik Evangelatos**, new Language Arts teacher for 7th & 8th grade! Prior to joining our Odra community, Mr. Evangelatos spent four years working at SFUSD and JESD schools. Last year, he taught 6th Grade Humanities and found it very enjoyable. Prior to beginning his career in education, Mr. Evangelatos worked at a social media company named Baaz, based in San Francisco. Although he enjoyed working at Baaz, Mr. Evangelatos finds teaching even more rewarding and is looking forward to a great year here at Cabrillo.

“Not only am I new to the Pacifica School District, but I’m new to Pacifica as well. Currently, I live in San Francisco’s Mission District and I grew up in rural Northern California. I enjoy teaching and I’m looking forward to teaching your children.”

– Malik Evangelatos



Around Campus

Did you know the plant beds that border the cross-walk are called **Bioswales**? Bioswales are channels designed to concentrate and convey stormwater runoff while removing debris and pollution. Bioswale design is intended to safely maximize the time water spends in the swale, aiding in the collection and removal of pollutants, silt and debris. It is important to maintain bioswales to ensure the best possible efficiency and effectiveness in removal of pollutants from runoff.

Cabrillo has partnered with the **Pacifica Beautification Advisory Committee** to keep the bioswale weed and trash free, so these ecosystems can do their job and help filter run off before it hits Linda Mar Beach. Cabrillo PTO periodically organizes clean-up days to make this happen and many hands make light work. The next Bioswale cleanup day is Saturday, October 7th from 9:00-11:00am. Please join us in front of school on Crespi and bring gloves, gardening tools and a water bottle.



Community Corner
News and events from community partners



ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2023

empowering 6th - 12th grade youth to take collective climate action

Sat. Oct 14 | 9AM - 2PM | 101 Twin Dolphin Dr., Redwood City

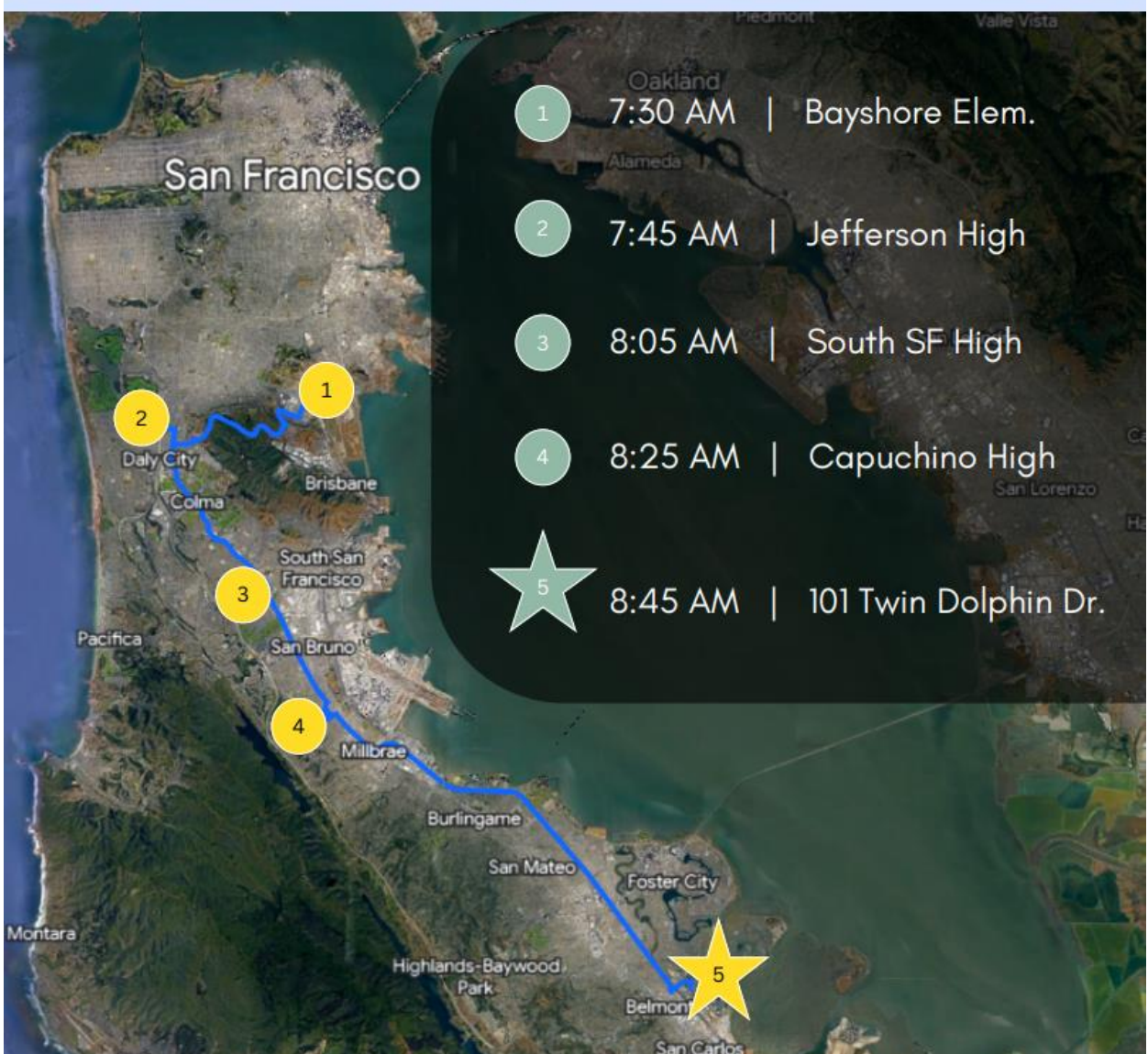
free lunch & transportation provided!



ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2023

BUS SCHEDULE

Please arrive at the listed schools at the designated pickup times.





Pacifica School Volunteers is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides a comprehensive program to support the education and well being of children in Pacifica's public schools. We have grown from our start in 1997 with 23 volunteers in one school to a network of more than 500 volunteers helping children in all nine public schools in Pacifica. In 2018-2019, we completed over 27,000 volunteer hours with our local students. Our programs include:

- **Weekly Volunteers** — Community, college and high-school age volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with children in Pacifica schools helping them with reading, math and other subjects ranging from art to music and STEM programs.
- **Read Aloud Days** — In celebration of literacy, PSV organizes annual literacy events. Community members, such as members of public office and community business leaders visit classrooms and read a chosen book or story. Modeling a love of reading motivates children to discover books on their own.
- **Oceana High School Senior Projects Exhibition** — Local and Bay-Area professional mentor and evaluate Senior Exhibitions of Oceana High School students, a year-long research project culminating in an oral presentation and written report.
- **School Support** — PSV supports Math Nights, Science Events, and other events.
- **ThinkBridge Summer Camp** — A Pacifica summer camp program offering young minds age 6-12 an opportunity to explore new ideas, analyze situations and solve problems creatively through innovative thinking lessons, math games, music instruction, computing and robotics.
- **Outreach**—PSV supports school events such as Boofest and Pancake Breakfast, and participates in local events, such as Pacifica's Ecofest/Earthday (April) and Family Day at Pacifica's Fogfest (Sept.), increasing our visibility with local residents and families.

inspiring learning. connecting community

Pacifica's schools struggle inevitably with budget shortages and changing programs. Our dedicated teachers, staff and parents work diligently to provide a quality education for local students, but volunteers are needed to support these families and professionals. Pacifica School Volunteers is dedicated to engaging our community and to promoting literacy, math, and helping children succeed in school.