

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 9th Board Meeting 8:00 P.M. at school
 March 30th through April 3rd Easter Vacation

SHOP, ARTS & CRAFTS CLASSES NEED MATERIALS !!!

Wood - lots of it - preferably scraps of pine or redwood

Spools and dowels - lots of them

Leather - scraps for tooling, small purses, book marks, etc.

Electrical appliances - worn out or unused electric irons, toasters, heaters, mixers, clocks, lamps, etc. We find out what makes them tick or tear them up for parts. Could use lots of electric cord, plugs, insulated wire and lamp sockets.

Whenever you have any of these things, or can get them for us will you send them along to the school?

SKI TRIP

Only 29 replies were returned regarding the ski trip questionnaire. Among these only two parents thought they might go as counsellors, none could provide a car. Twenty-six would send their children, reluctantly. The 26 in favor of going represent only half the group eligible.

It seems wise therefore, to give up the ski-trip. We will begin making plans for a camp at Forest Farms.

MUSIC AT PRESIDIO HILL SCHOOL ...

Now that the mid-year conferences have come and gone most of the parents are aware of the course of study that is being followed in each group and how their child is progressing within that group. In the fields of art and music it is a little more difficult to keep so well informed inasmuch as the instructors work with such a large segment of the enrollment. As a result the staff felt that a written report to the parents regarding the work in these departments would be of great value, and would be appreciated by the parents.

After flipping a coin to see who would be first Miss Marie Milliette was cornered and provided us with some vital statistics about herself as well as a concise and thoughtful statement on her approach to music. We'll give the vital statistics first and then let Marie speak for herself.

Miss Milliette received her musical education in California, New York and Boston after which she spent 10 years at Smith College at Northampton, Mass., as Associate Professor. During the latter part of this time she was Head of the Voice Department. Following this she was Head of the Music Department at Mt. Vernon Seminary in Washington D.C. She has also spent years in concert work in addition to her vast teaching experience.

Now that you have been informed of Miss Milliette's excellent background in the field of music here is her statement on the approach to music at Presidio Hill School:

"The general approach to music for the grades from third to sixth is based on the understanding of fundamentals. These are specifically: (a) the study of notation - time, rhythm, scales, chords and intervals, gradually using all these as a basis for original melody making and sight reading; (b) becoming familiar with the look and the sound of the instruments of the orchestra; (c) reading of the lives of the great composers, illustrating their work with recordings; (d) sight singing and part singing when possible; (e) Ear and eye training for the quick recognition of the melodic and rhythmic pattern and design; (f) special work in the Rhythmic Gymnastics of Emile-Jacques Dalcroze.

Marie Milliette"

In addition to her regular music classes Miss Milliette gives private instruction at the school and, at the present time, has such a full schedule she couldn't squeeze in another child with the help of a shoe horn. She also enjoys instructing adults and has just organized a small group interested in Dalcroze rhythmic gymnastics which will be meeting at the school every Thursday evening for the next four months. If there are any who would like to join this group they should contact Miss Milliette immediately as no new students can be admitted after this week.

May we remind you that Marie welcomes you to visit her classes. You will be amazed to see third and fourth grade pupils go to the blackboard and chalk up the note values of a measure that has been played for them. It will make you want to run quickly into Miss Macpherson's room and brush up on your fractions.

THE SEVEN-YEAR OLDS WRITE AND PRODUCE A PLAY ...

The parents miss out, unfortunately, on some mighty interesting performances given by the children at the Friday morning assemblies. On the occasion of Lincoln's birthday Mrs. Fromer's group presented a four-act play (five minutes an act) honoring both Lincoln and Frederick Douglas whose birthdays fall within the same week. They did an excellent job of depicting the struggle of these men to get an education and how each rose to positions of leadership during the Civil War, Lincoln as President and Douglas as a leader of the negro people. A copy of the script is available, all typed and in a fancy folder and the young members of the acting company would be pleased to show it upon demand. They're quite set up to think they could take care of the whole business themselves. Several of them even had time to wave vigorously to mothers seated in the back row in addition to discharging their duties on the stage.

!!!!!! WE CLEAN BASEMENTS !!!!!!

You name it, we'll take it. Rummage is what we're after and when we get enough we'll let you know what sales department you can head. The Horwitz homestead has plenty of storage space so clean your closets and take the results there. After you've cleaned out your own nooks and crannies may we suggest that you begin poking around in the homes of your friends and relatives. Furniture is a best seller, the experts tell us, so if you find any we'll make arrangements to pick it up if you do not have the necessary equipment. We're depending on the rummage sale to solve some of our financial problems so please cooperate by calling to let us know what we may expect from you.

RUMMAGE SALE COMMITTEE: Mrs. William Bransten, WE 1-1862
Mrs. John Frymire, SE 1-2325
Mrs. Leon Whitsell, SK 1-0538

SIX-YEAR OLDS TAKE A TRIP TO PETALUMA

Cooperative Story by Mrs. Sabaroff's Group

GOING TO THE CHICKEN FARM

We like to hold the baby chicks. They are so soft and fuzzy. We liked the way the fuzz felt. And the feel of the beak when it pecked our hands. Their legs feel scratchy and tickly. They were nice and fuzzy wuzzy and yellow, and we liked the smell of them. If we could, we would like to take one home.

The incubator was nice and warm. It was fun to find the feathers. It didn't smell so good in the chicken house. One of the laying hens got frightened. It flew off the nest and bumped into Cindy.

It's very fun to go to this farm. You should go some day.

Gwyneth Frymire, Editor
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