CAMS PTSO Newsletter - April 2014
A Newsletter for the California Academy of Math and Science PTSO Community

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

General Meeting Schedule
2nd Wednesday every month from 6:30-8:00 pm

We are continuing our School Giving program which asks you to pledge a direct donation to CAMS that we'll use to help fund school projects and support student activities. We ask you to remember that CAMS is a public high school with FREE tuition that provides your students with an education equal to many high priced private schools. We will accept payments in any denomination at any time throughout the year.

CAMS FOUNDATION

The Create Academic Magic for Students Foundation is pleased to announce that the application has been submitted to the city and contracts have been signed so we will officially be running the firework stand at the corner of Avalon and University by the new 99 cent store. We will begin taking signups for shifts at this month’s PTSO meeting and are looking for a lot of support for this fundraising event. The stand will open on Friday, June 28 and will be open daily from 7 am to 10 pm. We will be running 4 shifts each day: 6:30 - 10:30am, 10:30 - 2:30pm, 2:30 - 6:30pm, and 6:30 -10pm. We need a lot of volunteer support for this event. Anyone working a full shift on the 4th of July will receive a bonus donation for their organization. The profits from this fundraiser will be divided between the foundation, PTSO and any organizations supported by the volunteers. If you are looking for funds for a team, club, or organization, this is a great opportunity to make some money for your group. For more information, go to www.camsfireworks.org.

CAMS Dance Team

The CAMS Dance Team put on another great performance with the Emotion Dance Show on March 13th and 14th. Mrs. King and the students work very hard all year to prepare for the dance show, and it was a great success. Mrs. King pulls together the students, faculty and parents to make a special event for the school, and the entire community comes out to enjoy the show. It is these kind of events that help make CAMS such a special place, and we are all lucky to get to be a part of it. Thank you, Mrs. King!

CAMS FRC Robotics

FRC Team 687 competed in the Los Angeles Regional at the Long Beach Arena in March. With some modifications and the gracious professionalism of Team 294, they were able to compete with their "camp chair" robot. Our team finished a very respectable 19th out of 66 teams. During Spring break, the FRC team traveled to Las Vegas to compete in the Las Vegas Regional. Although the camp chair made the long bus ride to Las Vegas, it didn't make an appearance. The team finished 45 out of 50 which was disappointing, but Team 1717 (3rd seed) knew they were better than that and chose them to be part of their alliance along with Team 3476. Six matches later they were in the finals. The team is proud to say that their alliance won 2nd place and the Entrepreneurship award. They qualified to go to the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri on April 23-26. Good luck Nerd Herd!

CAMS Year-Round Fundraisers

Please make sure that you add CAMS to your Community Rewards cards at Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Target.

Commemorative Bricks: Leave your mark! Order your engraved brick for $100 and have your name and graduation year added to our walkway under the flagpole.

School Cents - Please send your Mall receipts to Janet Narag c/o the CAMS-PTSO mailbox in the school office. Envelopes will soon be provided in the classrooms for your students to turn in the receipts. For more info about School Cents, please visit their website.

Who's Who

Nancy Brown – 10th Gr Engineering Teacher
Ms. Brown was born and raised in Tulsa, OK, then moved to Dallas, TX where she worked in the construction field as a surveyor and engineer. When ready for a career change, she studied to become a pharmacology researcher, but decided a career in education would be a more meaningful and positive contribution to the future. Ms. Brown has held a wide variety of educator positions since then. She was once a docent in charge of field trips at a science museum, an instructor for a K-6 after-school science program, and a teaching assistant for pre-school and elementary students at two different Montessori schools. This is her fifteenth year teaching with Long Beach Unified. She has taught technology core at middle school, Algebra and Geometry at high school, and now she’s come full circle back to her beginning by teaching Engineering at CAMS. This year she became an adjunct professor at CSU Dominguez Hills and began working on her doctorate in Educational Leadership. Ms. Brown loves all her students and believes that each and every one of them will be successful in college and their future careers.

Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - May 2
CAMS Open House – May 21