CAMS PTSO Newsletter - March 2015
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 - 7:45 pm

Who’s Who --- Rebeka Luu
10th Grade Math Teacher

My family migrated to the US from Vietnam when I was 9. I had a chance to go to school in Vietnam so I'm fluent in Vietnamese. After high school, I got a Bachelor in Pure Mathematics and M.Ed. for Secondary Mathematics at UCSD. My first teaching assignment was interning at Guajome Park Academy in Vista, CA. After that school year, I decided to move back home in Westminster, CA. I taught at Millikan for four years, Lakewood for 1, and then CAMS for the past few years. CAMS has been such a blessing towards my career. Being a non-Long Beach resident, prior to teaching at CAMS I had no idea of where or what CAMS was. So basically, during the LBUSD staff reduction years, I was displaced and was warmly welcomed by the Phoenix.

There is always a sense of belonging and caring here that I love. All the staff members are wonderful and supportive. Regardless of what was thrown at us, there always seemed to be a unity and community among the staff that I admired very much. Math has always been my favorite subject. When I was growing up I love tutoring my friends and admired my Math teacher, whose class I had the pleasure to be in for 3 years (different subjects). I like learning Science when I’m not too tired after work, because I like to see the applications to the Math I know. The more Science classes I took, the more respect I gained for my discipline. My dream job used to be that I solve Math problems all day but CAMS students definitely taught me that there are so much more to Math than numbers and variables. In many ways teaching is a marriage between my dream job and my personal goal to keep learning.

CAMS in the News

Mr. Joseph Carpenter and CAMS’s EDD program was recently featured in a USA Today video showing one of the innovative work-based instructions that teaches job skills to high school students.
http://www.usatoday.com/videos/news/2015/02/24/22552989/

The video, "Where the Jobs Are: Realistic Experience Key to Engineering Class Project," featured Mr. Carpenter's high-tech engineering class, where students engage in a robotics and drone-building project. Students in the class present their projects to panels of industry experts from leading defense firms such as Northrop Grumman and Raytheon.

CAMS Dance Show 2015

The CAMS Dance Show 2015 – Sound of Movement - put on another great performance on March 6th and 7th at Jordan High School. Mrs. King did a great job pulling together the students, faculty and parents to make this a truly special event for the school and the entire community. These are the kind of events that help make CAMS such a special place, and we are all lucky to get to be a part of it. How we wish we can have our very own auditorium to showcase these talents! Please check your email for Mrs. King’s well-written reflection. Thank you, Mrs. King and all who were involved in this show! All your preparation and hard work paid off quite successfully! We are proud of you!

Spring Fundraiser

Our Online See's Spring Fundraiser has started. You can order online until March 18th. We plan to distribute the candy after school on Wednesday, March 25th. PTSO will split profits 50/50 with the students’ designated classes/clubs. AS of this writing, we need at least $200 more in orders lest this fundraiser will be canceled. For details/link, you mail email camsptso@gmail.com

Pechanga Resort and Casino Turnaround Fundraiser

Saturday, March 28, 2015. Approximately 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are $20/person and must be purchased by Wednesday, March 25, 2015. Contact Anne Brache (annebrache@yahoo.com or 562-650-8422) for details.
Announcements

We need your support, so please consider being part of the CAMS PTSO (Parent-Teacher-Student Organization) Board or Chair a Committee.

Your involvement with the PTSO helps CAMS students excel in the various activities/events, class projects, and other extra co-curriculum your child participates in - Robotics- VEX, ROV, RFC; History & Science Day; Solar Cup, EDD (12th grade); SAT Prep. courses, College Awareness courses;

Elections will be held in April but we need to receive all intents to run as soon as possible. The current board member positions end May 31st so we need new candidates to keep our PTSO running. Please consider volunteering for any of the PTSO Board positions:

PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT (Membership), VICE PRESIDENT (Media Relations), SECRETARY, TREASURER, AUDITOR, PARLIAMENTARIAN, FUNDRAISING CHAIR, CAMS WEAR CHAIR, COMMUNITY REWARDS CHAIR, HOSPITALITY CHAIR, NEWSLETTER CHAIR, SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIR, EMAIL AND WEBSITE CHAIR, ALUMNI CHAIR

If you are interested in being part of the PTSO Board or Chair a Committee, Please contact Margaret Antonio-Palomares by email or text at mantonio@lbcc.edu or 310-569-8876

Upcoming Events

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - May 8
CAMS Open House/Alumcheon – May 28

CALLING ALL ALUMNI!

As you all know, next school year will be CAMS’s 25th Anniversary. If you know of any CAMS graduate, please have them contact the office so they can be included in the mailing list for planning and activities.

Other Fundraisers

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 bring your original Lakewood, Los Cerritos and Stonewood Mall receipts dated 9/15/2014 to 5/14/2015 to Guest Services where purchase was made and help CAMS earn a share of $50,000. You can also drop off your receipts at the CAMS PTSO box at the school office Attn: Janet Narag

Community Discount Cards: CDC can still be obtained for $10 each. To order, call or text Janet at (562)275-1925.

CAMS Online Shopping: Do you know that CAMS has its own shopping site? If you click on the merchant links from this website www.camsptso.com/cams-online-shopping, CAMS-PTSO will get 2% of your total purchase.

CAMSWEAR: To order CAMS pullover, beanies and license plate frame, please email Judy Daley at jrdaley@sbcglobal.net or find the CAMSwear form at the school office.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the following events: Comedy and Magic Club, Breakfast for CAMS Staff; SAT Boot Camps and Practice Tests; all other fundraisers at CAMS

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