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Let's Get Along

Nancy Martinez, Superintendent

In our pre-school – Kindergarten class, we have seven special students. Each brings to our class qualities so heartwarming to me, they're hard to describe and impossible to quantify. It is fun when someone wants to share a great experience or something he or she has learned. They are so excited! Often each one sees that what he or she wants to say as the most important; sometimes a gentle reminder is needed about not interrupting or waiting one's turn.

We have a poster listing a few simple rules to help us get along. The rules are:
1. Use kind words. 2. Be quick to forgive. 3. Listen. 4. Share. 5. Encourage others. 6. Take turns. 7. Think before acting. 8. Talk it over.

Our four and five-year-olds are too young to know all of these rules or how important they will be as they grow up. I often need to remind myself that by observing these rules, my interactions at work, at home and at temple would be easier and more productive!

In Dharma School, through sharing, through our kind words and deeds, we can do a small part in teaching ourselves and others to "get along."



Editors' Note:

We made an error in the email address in last newsletter...it should be as read below...we apologize for any inconvenience.

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Bowling Party 2004 & MORE!!!

On November 28th, 2004, the Dharma School was treated to an afternoon of bowling and pizza coordinated by Sharyn Kang. After service and classes, 20 students and about as many adults enjoyed pizza then carpooled over to Brunswick Lanes in Chula Vista. There they were able to play 2 games of bowling and enjoy time with their Dharma School friends. Charles Taira ended up with the most gutter balls, Holly Hidingier ended up with the most strikes, and highest score. A good time was had by all and we hope to be able to do it again shortly. In other Dharma School activities, the 6th-8th grade class presented their play entitled "Finding Namu" on Bodhi Day, and the Junior YBA hosted their Chow Mein Luncheon. On December 12th, many Dharma School students came to the temple on Mochitsuki to help pound, grind, fan, bag, and much more! We appreciate all the help!

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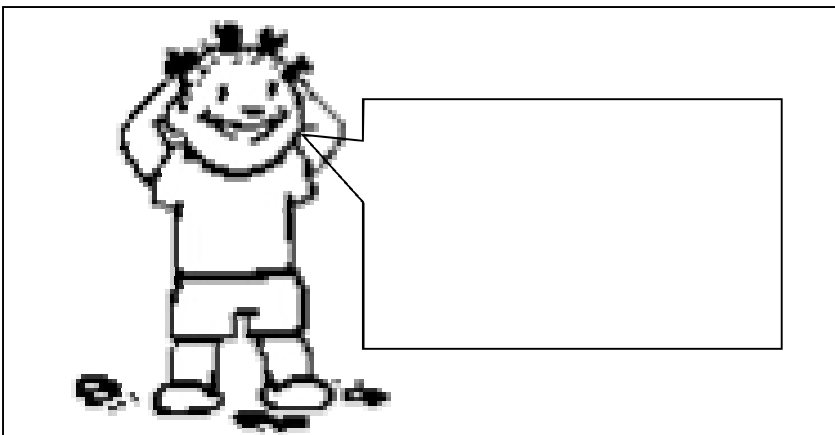
Good Reads

Here are some good books recommended by your fellow Dharma School Students!

The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-Time - Mark Haddon - A novel about Christopher John Francis Boone, a boy who finds a dog murdered on a lawn. His goal is to find out who killed it. Strong Language

Bright Dawn - S.K Kubose - The author insightfully presents finding Buddhism in his everyday experience of a morning jog.

Memories: The Buddhist Church Experience In The Camps - Compiled By: Eiko Irene Masuyama - Articles and photographs preserved from the Japanese internment from 1942-1945. Limited copies still available for \$15 call Joyce 619-527-7855



Fill in the quote box with an appropriate response and it'll be put in the next newsletter! Put it in the "Tomodachi News" box in the Hondo! ☆



Can you find these words? Try your best!

1. Mochi
2. Sangha
3. Gassho
4. Paramita
5. Kindness
6. Bodhi
7. Ojuzu



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Nembutsu Camporee - Will Coppock

2004 NEMBUTSU CAMPOREE

August 6-8, 2004

My dad and I went to the airport in San Diego. The security guard found a set of silverware in my dad's backpack. They were fine about the fork and spoon, but they were a little riled about the knife. Deciding that we weren't terrorists, they let us on the airplane. (We still don't know how a setting of silverware got into dad's backpack). On the way to Sacramento, I saw big lakes, rivers, and cities out of the airplane's window.

Sheila Shimada from the Sacramento Buddhist Temple gave us a ride to the Nembutsu Camporee at the California State University Sacramento campus. We were early so we had lunch at the Riverside Market just a short distance from our dorm.

We came back and registered for the Camporee. We were assigned a room and given wristbands and food cards. After that, we went to the opening ceremony. We chanted the Jusei Ge. After the opening ceremony, we had Chinese food for dinner.

Before bedtime, I discovered that our room was painted with glow-in-the-dark graffiti. My dad and I tried to wash it off, but we failed. Finally we went to bed. I had trouble sleeping because my dad snored.

Saturday morning, I woke up and had breakfast buffet in the dining hall. I had blueberry pancakes, eggs and lots of other stuff. After breakfast, there was an opening ceremony.

Next, we had morning activities, all of which were Buddhist things. We listened to what Reverend Bob Oshita said. The two things that he talked about were "World Peace Begins with Gassho" and wait until you are 26 before saying "I love you," romantically.

Then, I went to the archive. The archive was a mile from our dorm. The three people there gave us some Japanese history. Then, I went back to our dorm and made my new juzu beads that have a special Nembutsu Camporee medallion at the bottom. For lunch we had pizza.

Saturday afternoon, I went to the Scout activities. One of the activities was setting up a tent blindfolded. The sighted leader, who could not touch the tent or the blindfolded scouts, told them how to set up the tent. This was really a test of leadership. The reason why the leader was not blindfolded was so he could see and lead.

After the scout activities and dinner, I went to the campfire. There were some skits from Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. After the campfire, I learned how to play pool, went to a dance and participated in other games. Afterwards, I went to bed. I had trouble sleeping because boys and girls were running loudly in the halls.

Sunday morning, we woke up and went to the closing ceremony. Then, the boys, girls and the adults had their picture taken near the archive. After breakfast, my dad and I packed up and had a bento box lunch. We checked out and went to the airport.

On the way to San Diego, I saw big lakes, rivers, islands, cities and highways through the plane's window. When we arrived, my mom was waiting for us.



We've hidden stars around the newspaper...count how many you find!

Fun Stuff 4 Kids!

Ridiculing Riddle

Three friends check into a motel for the night and the clerk tells them the bill is \$30, payable in advance. So, they each pay the clerk \$10 and go to their room. A few minutes later, the clerk realizes he has made an error and overcharged the trio by \$5. He asks the bellhop to return \$5 to the 3 friends who had just checked in. The bellhop sees this as an opportunity to make \$2 as he reasons that the three friends would have a tough time dividing \$5 evenly among them; so he decides to tell them that the clerk made a mistake of only \$3, giving a dollar back to each of the friends. He pockets the leftover \$2 and goes home for the day! Now, each of the three friends gets a dollar back, thus they paid \$9 for the room which is a total of \$27 for the night. We know the bellhop pocketed \$2 and adding that to the \$27, you get \$29, not \$30 which was originally spent. Where did the other dollar go?



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