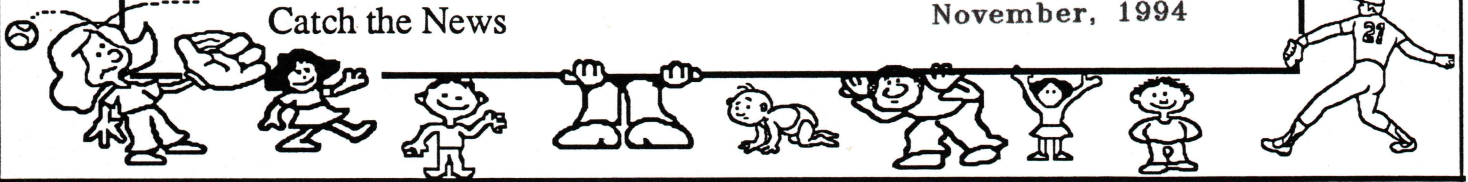




The Riel Family Newsletter

Catch the News

November, 1994



FRANCIE AND JOSE HOST FAMILY THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

NEW BASKETBALL COURT READY FOR ACTION

This years Thanksgiving celebration will be held at the Castro home, and we all are looking forward to lots of food and fun. Francie reports that they have installed a new basketball area in the back yard, so all the kids better sharpen up their shooting eyes, so we can see who is the best basketball player. We understand that along with the basketball court they have planted trees along the back fence, to act as a screen to catch errant shots. As usual the festivities will begin at about 11:00 a.m. and will last until who knows when. Jose has agreed to cook one of the turkeys, but the other chef has not yet been selected. Any volunteers?? We suggest that you contact Francie to let her know that you are coming, and at that time you can discuss other contributions.

MARGARET GIVES ANOTHER PAPER AT EDUCATION CONFERENCE

As we mentioned in the last issue, Margaret was off on another speaking jaunt. This trip found her in Monterrey, Mexico, in the state of Nuevo Leon. The conference was sponsored by the State Secretary of Education, Lic. Edilberto Cervantes Galvan. Margaret spoke before a large audience at a plenary session, and also gave two additional talks to smaller groups. She reported that the presentation facilities were outstanding, with three screens for simultaneous projection of visual aids, all in color. Since the meeting language was Spanish, the sponsors provided simultaneous translation of her talk. In addition to hearing speakers from other organizations, Margaret had an opportunity to meet with and talk to others working in her field. Not only were the arrangements for the technical sessions well done, but also all of her expenses, including lodging and meals, were paid by the sponsor, and also she was paid a fee for her presentations. That is not all, however. On the 10th of November she was off to Albuquerque, New Mexico, for another conference. More news for the next issue.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Scott Hartman recently celebrated his 9th birthday with Grandma. They lunched at a Chinese restaurant (Mandarin Palace) but

checked in at Swansons for ice cream. After visits to Toys-R-Us and Target they took in a movie. CONGRATULATIONS to Scott.

BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

There are no birthdays at all in the month of November, so Grandma gets her one chance to loaf and get ready for the Christmas season.

MARTES 18 DE OCTUBRE DE 1994

"Modernización Educativa"
Lic. Gilberto Guevara Niebla
Sesión Plenaria
Salón Nuevo León 9 y 99
8:30 a 10:00 Hrs.

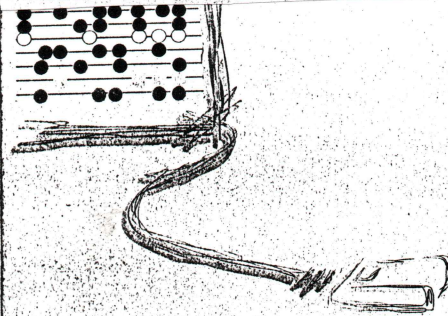
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"Telecomunicaciones
en el Aula"
Dra. Margaret Riel
Sesión Plenaria
Salón Nuevo León 9 y 99
10:30 a 11:45 Hrs.

COMIDA 12:00 a 14:30 Hrs.

"El uso de las nuevas
Tecnologías en la Educación
Especial"
Profr. Brian Kelly
Sesión Semiplenaria
Salón Nuevo León 9 y 99
14:30 a 15:45

RECESO 15 min.



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RUNNY NOSE DEPARTMENT

Several family members have been experiencing health problems recently. Grandma Riel has been having neck pains, perhaps brought on by falling asleep on the sofa while watching television. About the time that the problem went away she suddenly came down with a severe sore throat and a general sick feeling. The doctor suggested some medication and lots of rest. She seems to be improving after five days of TV viewing, and she hopes to be up and about in a few more days. The severity of her condition is revealed by her cancellation of a Veterans Day shopping spree with Listy and Birdy. Grandpa Riel also has been slowed down by some pain in one foot, but it too seems to be getting better. David Gillingham showed up recently with an ill feeling, but he made a rapid recovery after lunch at Sizzlers and some TV time. We learned recently that Grandpa's brother, Uncle Jimmy, suffered a stroke some time ago. He was hospitalized for a while, but has recovered and is back to normal again.

MORE TRAVEL NEWS

Margaret is not the only one on the lecture circuit. We learned recently that Listy was in Palm Springs to speak at the Southern California Section of the California Mathematics Council. Her presentation was on the subject of relating mathematics to "real world" requirements. Not to be outdone, Birdy will be traveling to San Francisco soon to attend a meeting of the California Kindergarten Association, and will be presenting a talk on the organization of an open house program for parents. She will have at least one good supporter in the audience, since Carol will also attend the meeting.

TEACHING NEWS

We learned about an interesting experience shared by Robert and Listy. It seems that Listy, as a part of the industry participation program contacted the Electricians Union to ask for their participation in the program by

supplying someone to speak to a group of teachers involved in the planning of the program. To her surprise the person who showed up was none other than Robert, who was equally surprised. The program at Scripps Ranch School now is under way, and Robert already has addressed Listy's class. The teaching profession is the dominant one in the Riel family, and it is interesting to list all of our teachers - Liz Riel, kindergarten, Jan Riel, school library worker, Bud and Margaret, UCSD, Francie, teaching the use of ISO beauty products, Carol, with her new masters degree, teaching at Green Elementary, Robert, at Grossmont Jr. College, teaching electricians, Listy, math at Scripps Ranch, and Bob, principal at Francis Parker, and finally Birdy, teaching kindergarten, also at Parker. Although not active at the present, Richard has taught courses at National University. That makes quite a line up, and we certainly are proud to have so many members so involved in youth education.

SPORTS NEWS

We have a new sporting activity to report. Brett Soren has taken up football at St. Columba, and played an entire game

at quarterback. His team won by a score of 13-0, and Brett completed several passes. At this stage there is no tackling, since the flag rule is used.

SOME FAMILY NEWS ITEMS

*** We learned recently that Bryce Soren won a Certificate of Recognition for his work at St. Columba. His award is shown below. NICE GOING, BRYCE!!

*** Speaking of St. Columba, Francie reports that she checked in at the kindergarten class to see how JJ Riel was doing. We hear that he loves school.

*** Both Jessica and Dustin Benesch won SUPERSTAR awards at Green Elem. The Superstar Award recognized students for positive classroom behaviors. It is earned by students who have completed 95% of their homework, have outstanding classroom citizenship, good behavior on the playground and no more than two tardies. GOOD GOING, KIDS!!

*** Birdy reports that Michelle had a 4.0 grade point average, for the past term, with an A+ in math.

*** Listy reports that a proposal she wrote for funding a research project on the integration of mathematics into everyday life was a winner, to the tune of \$75,000, for Scripps Ranch School. She will be responsible for writing the progress reports.





SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS

MYRON B. GREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

7030 Wandermere Dr, San Diego, CA 92119
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October 7, 1994

Dear Parents/Guardians of DUSTIN BENESCH:

Jessica is a Superstar

CONGRATULATIONS! We hope you'll join us on Wednesday, October 12, 1994, at 10:30 am, in the Green School auditorium, as we honor your child for the awards marked with an X below: :

	GECKO PRIDE
X	SUPERSTAR
X	ALL-STAR

At Green Elementary School we have many ways to let students know we appreciate it when they put their best effort into making the most of their educational experience.

The Gecko Pride Award is one that recognizes the unique contributions your child has made to the Green School community of learners.

The Superstar Award recognizes students for positive classroom behaviors. It is earned by students who have completed 95% of their homework, have outstanding classroom citizenship, good behavior on the playground, and no more than 2 tardies.

The All-Star Award recognizes two students from each classroom who have displayed good sportsmanship in physical education classes.

We hope you will be able to join the celebration on Wednesday morning. Cookies and punch will be served to the honorees following the ceremony.

Sincerely,

Betsy Cook
Principal

