

Desert Sands Learning Academies Parent Post

April 2008



April Dates to Remember:

1st - April Fool's Day

13th - Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

14 thru 18th - Parent Teacher Student Mtg. Week

26th - Earth Day

26th - Hug a Friend Day!

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,

28, 29, 30th - STAR Testing!!!

Wise Skills Theme of the month: **RESPECT!**

"The final test of a person is his respect for those who can be of no possible service to him." – Anonymous

"I must respect the opinions of others even if I disagree with them." - Herbert Henry Lehman

Check out the Wise Skills Center at the Rancho Vista Learning Center. Go to <http://www.wiseskills.com/> for free resources on character education!

STAR Testing April 28th, 29th and 30th 2008



All students in grades 2 thru 11 will attend the test site in their area. We have 4 test sites this year! Please check with your Supervising Teacher to confirm your students' attendance.

You can plan to drop off your student at 8:45 AM and pick up around noon.

Grades 2, 4 and 6 test Monday and Tuesday only!!
All other grades test 3 days!!

Remember to have your student get to sleep early the night before and have a hearty breakfast so they are ready to shine and show what they know!!

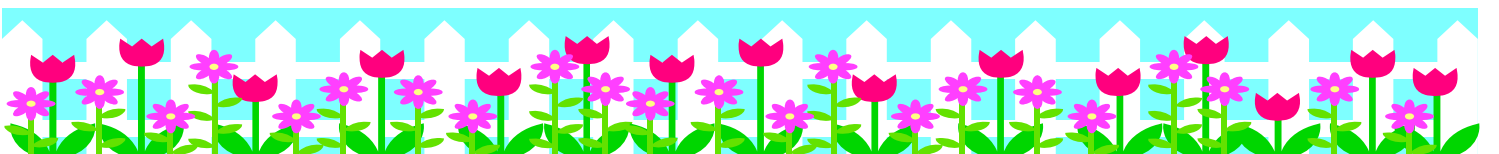
President Thomas Jefferson's Birthday! Sunday, April 13th

Thomas Jefferson (Born April 13, 1743 -Died July 4, 1826) was the third President of the United States (1801-1809), the principal author of the Declaration of Independence (1776), and one of the most influential Founding Fathers for his promotion of the ideals of republicanism in the United States.



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MATH TRIVIA! How old was Thomas Jefferson when he became president? *Jefferson*



LEARNING CENTER NEWS!

❖ IMPORTANT!!

All K-12TH Grade LC classes at all campuses cancelled during STAR Test week, April 28th – May 2nd

❖ NEW SCIENCE CLASSES!! @ SUMMIT VIEW LEARNING CENTER BOTH ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY AM – BEGIN APRIL 14TH

– Sign up with your teacher!

BIOLOGY 8:00 – 9:30

EARTH 9:30 – 11:00

❖ FULL - All 8th grade classes, all Art, Drama and Guitar classes are FULL

❖ CST Math Review for Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2 on Friday, April 18th

Summit View – sign-ups on first-come, first-served basis.

Speak with your Supervising Teacher for more info.

TUTOR TIME! Tutors are available at both Rancho Vista (Mikey and Mariana) and Lancaster (Tim and Trudy) Learning Centers. You can provide your student with free tutoring in All Grades and Subjects at either site!! Morning and afternoon appointments available. Give a Call!! **Rancho Vista Learning Center: 266-2044** **Lancaster Learning Center: 952-5520**

PARENT – TEACHER – STUDENT MEETING WEEK!!

Monday April 14th through Friday April – 18th, 2008

Begin collecting your work samples now! Students – be prepared to show your teacher what you know! Your teacher will ask you questions about the work samples you submit...what was your assignment? What was the lesson objective? What did you learn? What is your favorite subject? Why?

SPRING

Spring has arrived! It's time to get outside and enjoy the weather. Here are some great places to visit in the Antelope, Santa Clarita and Victor Valleys. The best part is that most of them have free or low cost admission!

- **Prime Desert Woodland Preserve** 43201 35th Street west, Lancaster; 661-723-6070 WEBSITE: www.cityoflancasterca.org
There are nature trails as well as an interpretive center to explore. The preserve is open during daylight hours
- **Lancaster Museum and Art Gallery** 44801 Sierra Hwy, Lancaster; 661-723-6250 WEBSITE: www.cityoflancasterca.org
Admission is free with a suggested donation of \$2.
- **Western Hotel** 557 West Lancaster Blvd., Lancaster; 661-723-6250 WEBSITE: www.cityoflancasterca.org
The hotel is open April 4, 5, 25, 26 between 12 – 4 PM. Admission is free.
- **William S. Hart Museum and Park**
24151 San Fernando Road, Newhall; 661-254-4584 WEBSITE: www.hartmuseum.org Open Wednesday – Sunday. Admission is free.
- **Placerita Canyon Nature Center and Park**
19152 Placerita Canyon Road, Newhall; 661-259-7721 WEBSITE: www.placerita.org Visit the website for the calendar of events.
- **Victor Valley Museum** 11873 Apple Valley Rd., Apple Valley, Ca 92308; (760) 240-2111 WEBSITE: www.vvmuseum.com
The museum is open Wednesday – Sunday. Adult admission is \$4 and students (6-17) get in for \$1.

*I am honored that your family has made the choice to trust us with your child's education!
Your ideas and participation in our programs are always welcome.*

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