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2005 EHOA Scholarship Winners

One of the core activities of the EHOA is providing grants to high school students whose parents or guardians are members of the association. The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize neighborhood students for their hard work. In June, scholarships were awarded to Lorena Ojakian and Tessa Atkinson-Adams. Their essays entitled "The Teachers Who had the Most Influence on Me and What I Learned from Them" are included in this month's newsletter.

"The Teachers Who had the Most Influence on Me and What I Learned from Them"

by Tessa Atkinson-Adams- 2005 graduate of James Logan High School

Teacher, n. one who imparts knowledge, one who instructs by implying. Teachers shape the world by shaping people, some teachers have a bigger effect than others. The teachers I learned most from were the ones who cared about their kind of lessons they taught I learned better when the teacher saw me as a person, not only as a student, and wanted me to learn because they thought it would help me in my future. Whenever I had a problem or a question, I would always know that I could find a teacher that would listen, and who cared about me enough to teach me outside of school and about how to deal with life.

One of the teachers that I feel taught me the most was Mr. D'Antonio. He was my eighth grade English and history teacher, however he taught me about more than just those subjects. He taught me to say "no", to not follow the crowd, but instead to figure at all angles, to never accept the information given to us, but to find out more. I felt that in his class, I grew as a person and as a student. I was shown that knowledge is interesting and fun and worth fighting for, because so many people do not get the chance to go to school, so I need to take advantage of this privilege. I still visit Mr. D'Antonio, even though I was his student four years ago I feel he has more to teach me. He is the one I had proof read my essay for the UC application and I know that my essay greatly improved because he helped me. I am so grateful that I had him as a my teacher, I do not think that I would be where I am today if he had not pushed and encouraged me in the eighth grade.

I had many knowledgeable teachers, but the teachers that always stick out in my mind as being wonderful, are the ones who love the students even more than the subject. I have always had a deep respect for teachers, probably because my mom is a high school teacher, so I see teachers as regular people (some of my friends would beg to differ). This respect makes me notice the extra work my teachers put into their jobs that are not required, like spending their unpaid hours grading papers and preparing for classes. I hope that when I go to college I can find professors that are as dedicated as my favorite teachers here and that I can learn just as much from them.

"The Teachers Who had the Most Influence on Me and What I Learned from Them"

by Lorena Ojakian - 2005 graduate of San Leandro High School

The teacher having the most influence on me in high school is Mr. William Dixon. At the beginning of my sophomore year, I went to Geometry A class for the first time with Mr. Dixon. I had heard numerous stories about him from friends of mine, upperclassmen and teachers. I had mixed feelings about the class because one day I would hear he's so cool, and then hear he yells at everyone in the class and embarrasses students. I was just an innocent sophomore that wanted to be liked by my teacher and do well in the class. The first day I arrived to Mr. Dixon's class with goose bumps. the way he seemed to get everyone's attention in class was amazing. He would tell jokes or stories that would make us laugh, and would even incorporate math into his story. I was able to really focus in his class up to the point where I really enjoyed learning about geometry and how it relates to our everyday lives.

Mr. Dixon had a refreshing spirit for teaching his students. No matter what, he would always make sure his students were learning and understanding geometry. During the period, past students would visit him to see how his new classes were, what he had been up to, and just enjoy a conversation. His spirits were always high and he really cared about how well his students did. During class, if a student wasn't paying attention, he would catch them by saying their name and asking them to repeat what he just said or what we were talking about. If the student didn't know what the class was learning, Mr. Dixon would embarrass them to make sure they pay attention next time. When someone couldn't understand a problem from the homework or practice test, he explained it so clearly that everyone was able to do well in the class, even if they hated math.

Mr. Dixon made learning fun and entertaining. Everyday I woke up looking forward to his class because of the comfortable, funny, understanding environment he created. after such a great learning experience with Mr. Dixon I wanted to learn more about math and I was able to understand different math concepts a lot easier. After I completed his Geometry A and B class, I would occasionally visit him and still do. He welcomes me with open arms if I have questions about anything, not only math. Out of all the teachers I have had at San Leandro High School, Mr. Dixon has made the most impact on me not only as a student, but as a person. He has taught me to do the best I can in anything I want to achieve and to always reach for my goals and dreams. He told me to not let myself get distracted from school work and to concentrate on what is important. I will always remember the wonderful, fun, learning experience I had in Mr. Dixon's class.

Next Homeowners Meeting

**Tuesday November 15 7PM
San Leandro Public Library
Estudillo Ave.**

All are Welcome!

EHOA Board Member Elections

The Estudillo Estates Homeowners Association is looking for new members to join the board for the coming term. Recent vacancies due to moves have left some areas of the association not represented. If you would like to serve, please attend the next home owners meeting on November 15 at 7 pm at the main library or contact Deborah Cox at 895-8481 or email her at cox857@comcast.net.

As a board member you will help promote the purposes of the association:

- 1) To promote and safeguard the common interest of the residents within the area.
- 2) To develop improvements for the residents of the area and for the betterment of the City of San Leandro.
- 3) To promote and maintain the general residential character of the area.
- 4) To encourage and inspire the desire to maintain property values within the area.
- 5) To aid and assist in solving particular problems confronting members and residents within the area.
- 6) To promote and maintain an aggressive and progressive spirit of cooperation among the residents in the area.
- 7) To oppose any action or proposed action that would result in detriment to the common good of the residents of the area.

Community Compliance

The City of San Leandro has a Community Preservation Ordinance which was adopted to preserve the quality and appearance of our residential, commercial and industrial areas. This ordinance prohibits the storage of items in areas of the property that are visible from the street. Items such as boxes, garbage bags and cans, discarded household items and furniture, packing containers, machine or vehicle parts, camper shells and miscellaneous other items must be stored in areas that are not visible from the street or sidewalk. Summaries of the ordinance are available by contacting the Community Compliance Section or by calling 577-3400.

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ABOUT TOWN ----- Recreation, Restaurants and Retail

Urban Indigo, an eclectic mix of beautifully designed gifts for yourself and others is located in the Estudillo Estates neighborhood. You'll find something for everybody at an affordable price. Located at 1229 MacArthur Blvd. (near Galvan's and Sabino's) in San Leandro.
Hours: Wed through Sat 11 - 6pm. Phone: 510 351 0119

Cherrytown Kids, your neighborhood children's store, is well stocked with great Christmas gift ideas that are sure to please the kids in your life. Just arrived is a popular collection of knight and dragon figurines by French toy maker Papo. These have been a huge hit with boys 4-10. We have beautifully made dolls from French toy maker Corolle, a wonderful assortment of wooden toys by Melissa & Doug, and our popular line of fun and whimsical rain gear by Kidorable.

Cherrytown Kids is not just a great place to find unique gifts but also a great place to purchase quality, gently-used clothes and accessories for children 0-10. New consignors with great things to pass on are always welcome. For further details about merchandise and consignment policies please visit the web site at www.cherrytownkids.com.

Cherrytown Kids will be closed Thanksgiving day, open Friday, November 26 from 10:00 - 6:00 and open Saturday, November 27 from 10:00 - 2:00 with some special savings.

AmericaRecycles Day - November 16 from 1 to 7 pm at the Marina Community Center. The event is open to San Leandro residents and encourages recycling of unusual types of items, including pharmaceuticals, mercury thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes and household batteries. For more information, call 577-6026.

Working Together Adult and Youth Job Fair will take place on Thursday, November 17 from 11 am until 4 pm at the East Side Club of the Oakland Coliseum. San Leandro and Oakland co-host this event where local and regional employers will be recruiting for both entry level and skilled positions. Job seekers should bring copies of their resumes and be ready to interview for some jobs on the spot. For more information, call 238-3636 or visit www.oaklandwib.org.

San Leandro High School Musical Theatre presents its fourth annual Broadway Cabaret on Saturday, November 19 at 7 pm. Enjoy entertainment, appetizers, desserts, silent auction, and a raffle. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. For tickets call Claire McKean at 667-3540 ext 1952 or email Jeni Engler at jeniengler@sbcglobal.net. The show will be held in the high school gym at 2200 Bancroft Ave.

Little House Preschool on Cary Drive in Estudillo Estates is now taking applications for children 2-5 years old. Please visit www.littlehouse.zoomshare.com or email littlehouseschool@yahoo.com. LIC #013418361

Preschool Music Concert will be held on Tuesday, November 22 at 10:30 am at the San Leandro Main Library. Juliette McDonald will play guitar and lead songs and movement activities that are fun and educational! Join in and bring your voices! Please call 577-3960.

Toddler and Preschooler Puppet Show on Wednesday, November 23, at 11 am at the San Leandro Main Library. Joe Leon of Caterpillar Puppets will perform "The Itty Bitty Variety Show" featuring a hilarious spoof of the Three Pigs and other favorite tales. Please call 577-3960.

REAL ESTATE REPORT

Julie Cuellas, Realtor/Estudillo
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With interest rates increasing, demand appears to be softening. We have a strong supply of homes for sale in our Estudillo Estates neighborhood, thus increasing competition amongst sellers. Homes are beginning to sit on the market for longer periods of time. Now more than ever, marketing will play a major role in the sale of any home.

If you or someone you care about would like more information on local real estate please call me at 510-280-2166. I can also be reached via email at julie@redoakrealty.com

Current Offerings/Asking Price

1530 Glen Dr	(2BR, 1.5BA)	\$599,000
801 Chetland	(2BR,1BA)	\$626,000
824 Glen Dr	(2BR,1BA)	\$639,950
934 Estudillo	(2BR, 1BA)	\$639,976
1109 Dutton	(3BR,1.5BA)	\$669,000
1256 Glen Dr	(2BR,1.5BA)	\$660,000
978 Begier	(2BR,1.5BA)	\$669,000
612 Pala	(3BR,1.5BA)	\$679,000
1143 San Jose	(3BR,1.5BA)	\$749,000
948 Oakes	(3BR,1.5BA)	\$759,000
952 Rodney	(3BR,2BA)	\$799,000
624 Glen	(3BR,2.5BA)	\$999,800

Pending Sales/Asking Price

1095 Bancroft	(2BR,1BA)	\$525,000
1079 Lee	(3BR,2BA)	\$759,000

Completed Sales

993 San Jose	(4BR,2.5BA)	Asking \$775,000 Sold for \$750,000
727 Cary	(2BR,1BA)	Asking \$574,000 Sold for \$595,000

Be on the lookout for **Assumption School** students in our neighborhood in the coming week. They are on a treasure hunt!

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We are up to 323 members for 2005. Your \$10 donation to the EHOA helps to support this newsletter as well as beautification/ community projects. Membership is valid January 2005 - December 2005.

NAME(S): _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

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