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SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS TRAINING AND PROGRAM

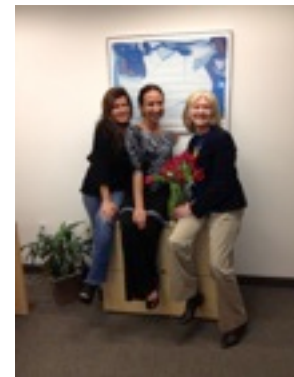
Forty fourth and fifth grade Meadows students were trained last Thursday and Friday. We participated in community-building, skits, games, and brainstorming, all designed to build knowledge and confidence levels of our Ambassadors. Mustang Spirit abounded!

Working with your children on the development of skills to make our school emotionally safer for our students was a spectacular and transformative experience for all of us. The community, spirit and determination created

through sharing, interacting and risk-taking during these two days will fuel our efforts to come.

All our thanks go out to our parent facilitators, whose presence was critical to our success: Elise Johnson, Maroun Aboutanos, Ladonna Barrett, Cora Cruz, Shubhee Gokarn, Lorena Pusateri and Lisa Herdman, Adrienne Laurita is our parent coordinator and is shouldering much of the responsibility for this program. We also had a FABULOUS trainer, Tisha Marina, who was such a

wonderful connector with our kids and who has made a longterm commitment to our success. (Pic below.) She's also a nationally-ranked hula hoop champ! The kids loved that.



THE TRAINING OF OUR SAFE SCHOOL AMBASSADORS

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UNSAFE INTERSECTION NEAR MEADOWS

Please be aware that we had another near-miss at the intersection of 17th and Rowell, just as we did several years ago. When a driver is heading south on Rowell, there is a huge glare generated by the position of the sun, obscuring the east-west crosswalk and its occupants.

Last Thursday, a first grade boy was in the crosswalk and was nearly hit as he was crossing from the east to the west side of Rowell. It is imperative that drivers traveling south on Rowell near 17th proceed across the intersection at no more than 5 mph in order not to hit a child or adult.

Best practice: Have your children cross Rowell just south of 15th, in order to be under the supervision of our crossing guard, Pam.

Meanwhile, I'm proposing the City of Manhattan Beach, provide a crossing guard for that intersection. Thanks for your cooperation on behalf of the safety of our children..

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE FRIENDSHIP PIER-TO-PIER!

Skechers has presented MBEF with a check for \$77,000 from the Friendship Pier to Pier Walk proceeds. That is an amazing sum. Last year we received an also generous \$40,000 from the Walk.

Thanks so much for getting out the word and the walkers. Skechers is an important community partner to our schools, but they couldn't have enjoyed this success without

been successful without your efforts. The Meadows community had the most registered walkers of all the MB elementary schools!

MAP: UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR UPPER GRADE STUDENTS WITH MR. WINSER

If your child has participated in a Military History in Miniature class with MBMS teacher, Mr. Winsler, then you will be pleased to hear that MBAF is offering several Saturday Military History in Miniature workshops. The first two workshops will be held on Saturday, March 10 and April 14, from 8:00a-12:00p at MBMS, Room 213.

This class is open to students currently in Grades 4-8 and can accommodate 6 students (Grades 4-5) and 6 students (Grades 6-8) for a total of 12 per class. Online registration with specific class content information and parent cost will be available on February 15 at psmanhattan.org. (Click on the Military History Class link.)

Enrollment is accepted on a first come basis, so please enroll online ASAP beginning February 15. There will be two subsequent Saturdays later in the spring, with information and enrollment to follow after Spring Break.

For any questions, please contact Nancy Rosenburg, MBAF Program Director, at 503-1771 or nsrosenb@aol.com. If this class is new to your child, then you have an exciting and unique opportunity to consider.



CHECK FOR LOST AND FOUND CLOTHING THIS WEEK

We will be washing and donating our lost and found items during the February Mid-winter break. Please check for your children's lost clothing on the rack outside the cafeteria or in the container.



DO YOU HAVE A REFRIGERATOR TO DONATE?

I've just been informed that Pam, our crossing guard on Rowell, has been without a refrigerator since December. If you have a working refrigerator that you would be willing to donate to Pam OR if you have a truck that we could use to transport the refrigerator, please call the Meadows Office.

Thanks so much for helping Pam out!