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Mission Viejo Elementary School Honors Veterans

On November 11, 2008, students and staff of Mission Viejo Elementary School invited some 25 area veterans to the school. Veterans from the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marines were honored for their service and sacrifice in making our country free. The day began with an assembly in the school gym. Some of the veterans honored served as the day's honor guards as pictured in the photo. Fifth-grade students sang patriotic songs to the veterans and a presentation of drawings made by students and essays written depicting their idea of what Veterans Day meant to them followed. Student **Seth Allen's** drawing was awarded "best drawing" as selected by the school. Students **Emilie Roberts, Maya Love, Chersti Thompson, Nathaniel Jentink, Jackson Anderson, Faith Anderson, Tristan Magers, and Katherine Azarkh** each wrote essays and were awarded by the school as the best of their class. Each student came forward and read their essay to the veterans. Another fifth-grade class closed the assembly with more patriotic

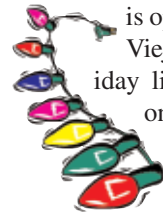


music and sang the service songs of each of the armed forces represented and honored by the students. The kids returned to their classrooms and were given the opportunity to visit with one of the veterans. Each veteran shared their stories, pictures, and display of medals with students. I had the honor of sharing my own stories with Ms. Romero's fourth grade class. All of her students were captivated for my presentation. I enjoyed sharing my stories with them as much, if not more, than they enjoyed listening. The day's celebration continued with a special luncheon for the veterans provided by Chick-Fil-A and a presentation of a flag and certificate to honor each veteran. The flags were provided to the school by Lowes home improvement store and sent to U.S. Forces at Al-Faw Palace in Baghdad, Iraq and were flown in honor of their service.

Special thanks were given by the veterans to Ms. **Sandy Roberts** for all her
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Celebrate the Holidays Mission Style!

The Mission Viejo HOA is sponsoring a holiday lighting contest and a community blog on our website to share your favorite holiday recipes. Check out our recipe exchange at <http://missionviejocolorado.wordpress.com> or click on the "community board link" on our main web page. To participate in our holiday lighting contest, just send us your name, address and a photo of your lights by December 12th. The contest is open only to homes in Mission Viejo and voting on the best holiday lighted home will take place online. The best home wins neighborhood bragging rights. Join in on the fun!



Annual Meeting Notice

The Mission Viejo Homeowners Association annual meeting will take place on January 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the lunchroom of Mission Viejo Elementary School. Please be aware that in order to be allowed to vote at our meeting, homeowners need to show evidence of membership. The HOA recognizes membership by appearing on our Mission Viejo Trash Program participant list, paying dues, making a donation or by being a community volunteer from an HOA supported event or activity. If you do not fall into one of these categories, please send us your dues/donation or sign up for the trash program today! We are still soliciting volunteers to serve as Board Members for 2009-2010. Please let us know if you are interested so we can put your name on the ballot.

One Mission, One Truck, One Day!

Support Your Community: Enroll In The Mission Viejo Trash Program

We are nearing our initial goal, but we still need you to join if you have not done so already! Mission Viejo residents continue to support their community by enrolling in the membership/trash program. The program offers state-of-the-art trash service for its participants that includes single-stream recycling. This provides you, the homeowner, with the opportunity to put all your paper and other recyclables together into the same-labeled container of your choice. No more lugging awkward and uncovered recy-

cling bins to and from or coming home to newspapers strewn all over the neighborhood from the wind. Having one service in the neighborhood saves our streets and improves traffic noise and safety. By participating in this program, Mission Viejo residents help to maintain the high value of their homes. Sign up today via the web at <http://www.missionviejohoa.org/trash.htm> or fill out the sign-up coupon and mail it out today!

Please be aware that for the week of December 25, trash pick-up will be delayed one day for that week.

Next HOA Meeting
Third Tuesday
December 16th • 6:30 p.m.
Mission Viejo Library
Everyone is Welcome!

School Honors Veterans, *continued from front page*

efforts in coordinating and being host emcee for the event. I would like to thank the students and staff of Mission Viejo Elementary for making this Veterans Day one I will remember, honor, and cherish for years to come. Proving once again Mission Viejo is a destination and home for our families. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this such a special event.

—Alan Engels – Vice President and Treasurer

Thank You!**We Appreciate Your Financial Support!**

If you sent in your dues, the HOA would like to thank you for your support. We gratefully appreciate any and all contributions, which will allow us to continue our newsletter delivery and other programs.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to make a difference in our community? Why not join our Mission Viejo Welcome Committee. It's a great way to start a good relationship with our new neighbors. Contact Tricia Roush at welcome@missionviejohoa.org

"Any solution to a problem changes the problem."

— R. W. Johnson

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4255 S. Buckley Road
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The *Mission Viejo Homeowners' Association Inc.* is a state non-profit organization. The purpose of the Mission Viejo HOA is to unite the unit owners of the Mission Viejo subdivisions in Aurora, Colorado; to encourage civic improvements within said area, to encourage community activities including, but not by way of limitation, the beautification, maintenance, and general appearance of vacant and improved lots, streets, parkways, entrances, open and recreational areas situated within the area and used in common by its residents; enhance the safety of Mission Viejo; facilitate enforcement of any and all building restrictions, protective covenants, and to otherwise act in the interests of the members of the Association.

The deadline for articles and advertisements is the 15th of the month for the next month's issue except the Jan. issue which is Dec. 6th. **All articles must be approved by the editor for publication, or as space permits.** To submit an article, e-mail an attachment to Todd McMahon at president@missionviejohoa.org. All letters or articles need to include your name and daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the Board for publication, or as space permits.

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Cherry Creek Schools News

For information about Cherry Creek Schools, visit www.CherryCreekSchools.org

For questions or concerns about Cherry Creek Schools, contact **Tustin Amole** at 720-554-4475.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2008-2009

- Winter Break Dec. 22, 2008 - Jan. 2, 2009
- Spring Break Mar. 30 - Apr. 3, 2009

THANK YOU CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS COMMUNITY!

Voters in the Cherry Creek School District passed ballot

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issues 3A and 3B, giving the district critical funds needed to fund academic programs and maintain existing schools, many of which were built before 1982, and to build new schools to accommodate enrollment growth.

"We are very grateful that the community recognized the need to provide resources to continue our mission of excellence for all students," Board of Education President **Aagje Barber** said. "As we have in the past, we will keep our promise to provide the best educational opportunities for the children in this district."

Issue 3A, the budget override for operating expenses, will allow the district to:

- Maintain class sizes in kindergarten through twelfth grade
- Provide curriculum and instruction necessary for success in college and the workplace
- Meet the increased costs of continuing the district's commitment to academic excellence and providing an educational program of the highest quality and standards
- Utilize technology and computer applications to ensure student success in the 21st century

"We have a lot of work ahead of us," Superintendent **Monte Moses** said. "These funds will enable us to keep up with advancing technology needed to prepare students for success in college, the workplace and beyond."

The passage of 3B authorizes the district to sell \$203.5 million in bonds for renovations and new school construction, including:

- Renovation of 14 elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools that were built between 1958 and 1982
- Upgrades to wiring, fire protection, heating, air conditioning and plumbing systems at 50 schools and other facilities
- Construction of new schools

YOUR INPUT VALUED IN CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS

You don't need to have kids in school to help with the District Accountability Advisory Committee.

"We need more people involved in school and district accountability committees" said District Accountability Advisory Committee (DAAC) Chair **Bill Van Patten**. "Everyone is invited, empty-nesters, senior citizens, people without children and those whose children aren't in school yet."

DAAC responsibilities include making recommendations on spending priorities and reporting on the effectiveness of district programs. At the November meeting, for instance, DAAC members reviewed the 2008-09 School Improvement Plans that were submitted. The district's Executive Directors for elementary, middle, and high schools were on hand to answer questions about that process.

Van Patten started with his school's accountability committee, and the district committee, when his son was a first-grader at Meadow Point Elementary School. He heard about the accountability committee and thought it sounded interesting.

"The accountability committee is for people who want to know about how schools are run, built, where money is spent, and why decisions are made," he said.

So busy people grab your cell phones, calendars, and planners and take note of the upcoming DAAC meetings. The meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. Dates are Nov. 12, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8 and May 13 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Student Achievement Resource Center, 14188 East Briarwood Avenue in Centennial. For more information, call 720-554-4244.

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The City's Maintenance Commitment

The Mission Viejo HOA is investigating the maintenance obligations of the city to take care of the right-of-way areas within and along the periphery of the community. The HOA believes the city is responsible for their maintenance since the burden of maintenance was never intended to be passed on to our residents. This dates back to the beginning of our community as a planned unit development and our annexation agreement with the city. The HOA, along with representatives from the townhome HOAs, will be meeting with city officials on this issue and will report back to our members at our regular board meeting and annual meeting.

Mission Viejo History

Mission Viejo has always been a special place for the holidays. Starting in 1973, Santa Clause himself made an appearance and model homes were decorated by Denver high school home economics students. That year also saw a parade, a ball and the lighting of luminaries (little candle lanterns placed in small paper bags that line a walkway or driveway). In 1974, the event was coined the "Five Nights of Christmas." Learn more by visiting our history page at: http://www.missionviejohoa.org/history_news.htm

"When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there."

— Zig Ziglar

Mission Viejo HOA Financial Report

Alan Engels – Mission Viejo HOA Treasurer and Vice President

Beginning Balance 1/1/08 \$ 3,929.08

	Budget	Actual	Difference
YTD Income	\$8,254.00	\$7,004.85	(\$1,249.15)
YTD Budget Expenses	\$6,998.09	\$569.30	(\$1,428.79)
YTD Unfunded Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,721.87	\$2,721.87

Current Balance 11/13/08 **\$2,642.76**

Expenses Over Budget **\$1,293.08**

\$2,071.65 of the unfunded expenses were used for newsletter distribution costs.

Website

Visit the Mission Viejo HOA website today. Register your email address so you can be updated about information relevant to Mission Viejo via our emailing service, find covenants, membership forms, a map of Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo history and more. Visit us at: **www.missionviejohoa.org**

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December 12, 7:30 p.m., and December 14, 2 p.m.
Gateway H.S. Center for the Performing Arts,
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Centennial House:

Christmas Tea at Centennial House, ages 8 and older
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Centennial House, 1671 Galena St., Aurora
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Cider and cookies will be served.
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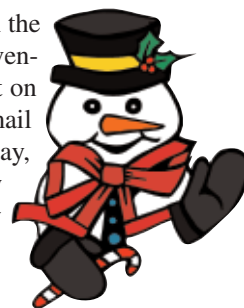
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