



Dear Junior Center of Art and Science Supporters,

I am at the Junior Center as I write this newsletter. It is a Saturday afternoon, and a birthday party is getting started. The children are admiring the animals, Gary the Tortoise is a special star. He has been taking his constitutional by walking around in the animal room and on the back deck all morning as Chai cares for the animals. Teacher Cybele is setting up an art project for the partygoers. Her daughter Zee is helping. The day on Lake Merritt is balmy – autumnal in a way that only the Bay Area can be. This is a dynamite location!

Gail, Director of Operations, Cindy Michael, our accountant, Ryan, a JCAS teacher, and I have been collaborating to organize records, pay bills, and establish systems to make our beloved Center thrive. Our Momentum campaign is well underway. We would first like to thank our individual supporters for their donations. We hope to triple that number with our year-end appeal.

Our financial picture for the fiscal year 2014-2015 is well characterized now thanks to our Accountant (Cindy). We wish to grow to meet demand from Bay Area students, schools, and their families. One wonderful contribution to our fiscal year 2015-2016 is a grant received in October from the Beaver Foundation of Oakland, an Educational Organization. They have expressed interest in giving us their ongoing support, as we demonstrate that we have an enthusiastic group of supporters and a vigorous educational program. We also have a pending grant request with the Valley Foundation of Oakland.

Our Director of Operations, Gail Tsang, has really come through with results. The demand from Bay Area schools is higher than ever. We are excited to announce that our teacher Shara has enrolled a year round after school studio art course with our first high school, Saint Elizabeth High School, in Oakland. We had a successful outreach program during summer at the Oakland Public library. Gail is planning a marketing strategy to reach our school-based, and after-school clientele.

Please come to the Center on December 5th between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM for our Holiday Art Bazaar. Original student and faculty artwork will be available for purchase.

An enjoyable and important part of the Junior Center is our Science and Nature Lab. This gives our visitors and clientele the opportunity to encounter and interact with a variety of reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates. Perhaps a nephew or grandchild is going off to college or the Peace Corp and needs a new home for his skink. Think of calling the Junior Center! With increased requests for these workshops, the Junior Center is currently in need of arthropods, reptiles and amphibians.

We hope that you will put us first; even though many wonderful organizations are sending letters. We at JCAS have a unique blend of Art and Science in every class. We provide educational opportunities to thousands of children of the Bay Area. Our teachers integrate lessons of science (for example information about the San Francisco Silverspot butterfly) with lessons of drawing, sculpture, and painting (from Andy Warhol's Endangered Species Series). Art and science disciplines require focus, observation, experimentation, integration of information, and execution. With determination, vigor, and enthusiasm, we at the Junior Center of Art and Science are doing our very best to make our organization thrive. Help us succeed by making a generous donation – for the children!

Sincerely Yours,

Susan Acquistapace,  
JCAS Treasurer

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