



## **VOLUNTEERS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM...**

*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. --Margaret Mead*

Our goal is to nurture the WHOLE child...intellectual, physical and social capacities of each and every student to the fullest extent possible. Giving of your time, talents and expertise will not only help our school, but enhances our students' learning by providing a well-rounded education in a powerful learning environment.

We realize schools cannot do it alone. Volunteers are truly the backbone of our educational system. By bringing in the expertise that is right here in the Juan Cabrillo community and working together with our local community of businesses and professionals everyone wins! As the saying states, *"It takes a WHOLE village to raise a child."* Back in the day, everyone in the extended family and town played an important part in educating children of the community. The result, the children grew up to become contributing members of the town and helped bring new ideas/innovations so that the community would prosper.

At Juan Cabrillo Elementary it has been the UNITY of the parents and teachers that has made the difference. According to the dictionary *Unity* means harmony among the parent-teacher organizations, the staff and home-school partnership. By being this united force working together for a common goal, and the best interests of our students, what we imagine becomes reality!

I would like to take this opportunity to say that despite hard budget times, thank you for making children and their education YOUR priority. Remember no act of support is ever too small or insignificant. Children learn in different ways and at different rates, your involvement can come in different ways and at different rates/styles as well and still have a major impact on the achievement of our vision!

If you would like to be a part of the Juan Cabrillo Professional Learning Community (PLC) and get involved there are many ways you can. There is a Place for EVERY Family here at Juan Cabrillo... let us know if you are willing to learn more or want to donate something. If you want to volunteer, please remember there are a couple things that are required to work with children, a TB test and signature on a confidentiality form. There are two opportunities to go through Orientation this year. On **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** please join us in the MPR for a short Orientation at 8:00 a.m. If unable to join us you can visit our website for an online orientation. Please review it and complete the



documents. TB shots will be available at Cabrillo on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 for those new to volunteering or anyone needing an update.

We are looking for fathers too. Maybe you can volunteer once a month to play a game of basketball or work in the computer lab. Whatever your talents are the more kids see how education plays out in the real world and the more role models they have the more buckets we fill! Hope to see you at the Orientation!

*Imagine...Believe...Succeed!*

Dr. Pam Herkner

\* Remember all donations are tax deductible too.