



## Parents At The Park (PATP)

*Parents At The Park* (PATP) is a opportunity for Rosa Parks parents to visit SITP to learn about the activities their children experience and to become more familiar and comfortable with Balboa Park in general. During the 2007-08 academic year, a total of 10 PATP trips are planned.

When parents first arrive at Balboa Park, they are served coffee and pastries in the Requa Room at the Prado and given a brief orientation. Following this, the parents are divided into the SITP grade levels they select (3rd, 4th or 5th) and escorted to the first of two museums they will see during their 90 minutes at the park.



The first PATP visit was very exciting. At the S.D. Art Museum, parents in the 3rd grade group requested paper and pen to write down the information about the Elements of Art. One parent commented, "Oh, so those are primary and secondary colors!"

Jelin Reyes and Candelaria Rojas were in the fourth grade group. At the Museum of Man, Mrs. Rojas was able to see her daughter in class. Mrs. Reyes was very excited to be able to share her knowledge of Guatemala when the students were visiting the Museum of Man. She spoke of the national symbols of the country, a parrot, (which, of course, she spoke about in Spanish). The students were enthralled and so was Mrs. Reyes.

Julio Calvillo was in the fifth grade group. His son had already been to Air & Space

Museum this year and talked to his dad about his experience. Mr. Calvillo, who works at Lindberg Field, had found his son's knowledge of the principles of flights to be very impressive. His



son had told him that he wanted to be a pilot but now thinks he will go into archeology. Mr. Calvillo said that his son was very knowledgeable about rocks and minerals after his fourth grade experiences at the Natural History Museum.

When Parent Liaison, Marilyn Levitan, asked if anyone wanted to come back again, the entire group raised their hands!



PATP is a powerful way to help parents connect to their children's SITP academic experiences and become more knowledgeable about the resources available to their families at the Balboa Park museums.

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