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WRITING * ART * MUSIC * DRAMA

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Artist: Juan, age 8

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

500 children enrolled. Over 200 on the waiting list this October. A blessing? A scheduling challenge!!! But, valiantly met by Tools For Tomorrow (TFT) Program Director, Linda Amsbaugh. TFT averages 20 children to a class in the nine schools we serve. (We expect to add a tenth school in Coachella in January.)

2006 will be TFT's seventh year. Art teacher, Billy Makuta and Ellen Brenner Makuta, who teaches writing and drama, the Mr. and Mrs. Pied Piper of Desert Hot Springs (where TFT began), have been with the program for five years. It is not unusual for "Miss Ellen" to receive a note like this from Lucy W.

"Dear Miss Ellen, I

want to thank you for teaching me many great things about acting and writing... I would die if my mom said I couldn't come... I truly love this class and never want to leave."

A bit of hyperbole perhaps, but obviously from the heart. Although our teachers are paid, there is no way to adequately compensate them for the energy, enthusiasm, imagination and love with which they meet the needs and daily challenge of serving the children of our desert. The fruits of their labors are reflected in the children's yearly anthology of prose, poetry and art, distributed in schools and libraries throughout the Coachella Valley. This year, Sue Ann Young, Donna Konstan, Ed DiNicola and our stalwart Program Director, Linda, have carried the class load on the south side of the I-10. Terry Forrest has recently added his musical talents to our staff.

In January we look forward to introducing a Native American component into our curriculum, with gourd art, musical instruments, prose, poetry and drama.

At the beginning of each school year and at the end, the children are asked to answer the same 10 questions in order to evaluate what they have learned and how their attitudes have changed. "Miss Ellen" shared some of the answers from her writing classes this year. (The punctuation is theirs.) To the question, Why do you like to write? Priscilla answered: "*—because I feel like I'm in my own world.*" Carolina wants to write "*because. ...your imagination gets smart.*" Whisper is in the class because "*...it helps you with school and you get more ideas and learn new things.*" And finally, Juan is taking writing "*Because writing class is cool, smart and creative.*"

Rachel Druten, Executive Director



Mr. D. with TFT Authors at Cahuilla Elementary

DON'T MISS TFT ON TV

TIME WARNER CARES Channel 10

Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m.- Sun. 9 a.m & 7 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday: 8 p.m.
Mid December thru Mid January

Producer: Kate Porter
Co-Hosts Lee Ames and Kate Porter



Desert Hot Springs Goblins

MISSION STATEMENT: To make available free, on-site, after school literacy enrichment programs in writing, drama, and and music for Coachella Valley elementary school children.

The Tools For Tomorrow program is designed to supplement the children's daily educational experience, nurture their creativity, enhance their self-esteem, build character, and expand their intellectual and cultural horizons, giving them a vision of what their lives can become.

Check out our website: www.afterschooltools.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The TFT Program has grown dramatically. Unfortunately demand still far exceeds our financial resources.

Our fund raising support group, Friends of Tools For Tomorrow, has done a terrific job spreading the word and gathering donations. But their effort, necessary and well appreciated, is not enough. If we are to maintain the program, and grow as the need demands, we must have your help, not only to increase our exposure but find significant sources of funding. Please start by making your own personal donation.

Put Tools For Tomorrow on solid footing for the future.

Jim Reed, President Board of Directors

TFT THANKS PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS

PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM

The Palm Springs Art museum has collaborated with Tools For Tomorrow since the beginning, seven years ago. In addition to staff advice, encouragement and support, the museum has provided three summer scholarships to TFT students each year and continues to distribute our newsletter.

IDYLLWILD ARTS ACADEMY

For the third year, the Idyllwild Arts Academy offered a life-changing experience for deserving TFT students by providing four summer scholarships. We are especially grateful to **Steve Fraider**, Director of the Summer Program, and **Bill Lowman**, Headmaster.

In August, TFT Board member, **Diane Fox**, hosted a luncheon meeting in Idyllwild for TFT staff and **Jolynn Reid**, Assistant Head of School for Advancement, and **Kathy Harmon-Luber**, Director of Annual Giving, Foundations & Corporations for the Academy. TFT is most grateful for their continued assistance and support.

CSUSB, PALM DESERT CAMPUS

Members of the staff continue to offer support, advice and teacher recruitment.

REGIONAL ACCESS PROJECT FOUNDATION (RAP)

The RAP staff is an important resource and of immeasurable help as Tools For Tomorrow climbs to the next level of charitable service.



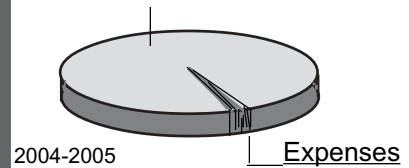
A couple of "swells" from Lincoln Elementary

Thanks also to: **Marilynn Yeates**, Executive Director of CASA, for her wise advice and help - **Jan Goff**, Manager of TARGET, Palm Desert, for her continuing support - **Rodney Young**, Manager of the Desert Willow, for hosting a luncheon/planning meeting

for TFT with **O.J. Vanegas**, Director of Education for the Agua Calliente Cultural Museum - **Heike and Robert Richardson** for donating eight keyboards to TFT music classes.

WHERE YOUR GIFTS GO!

Direct Services to Children - 91%



JONI MALTZMAN

Prominent in Joni Maltzman's art-filled home (her son is artist Danny Maltzman) are paintings and loving tributes to Joni and Don from their four grandchildren. But Joni's passion for children extends beyond her own three sons and grandchildren. She has become an active partner in the mission of Tools For Tomorrow, to provide a free arts



experience for children of the Coachella Valley, especially the disadvantaged.

When Joni is committed to a project, there's no stopping her—or her friends. Joni

and Don's love and generosity toward family, friends and community were returned on their anniversary. Their friends honored the couple's love of children and the arts with gifts to Tools For Tomorrow. Their generosity has provided a teacher, supplies and snacks for a year in one school.

Joni celebrates life by enriching the lives of others, and attributes her ability to indulge her passions to the loving support of Don, her husband of 45 years.

Joni Maltzman is one of Tools For Tomorrow's most ardent ambassadors, and a member of the Affiliates. She hosts an annual card party each spring, the funds from which go to support the TFT program.

WANTED

ONE SMALL OFFICE
PALM DESERT AREA

(No window needed)

INCENTIVE: Enlightened self-interest - TAX DEDUCTABLE



ARTISTS AND POETS GALLERY

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Artist: Beron K., age 8

INSPIRED BY HAIKU.

The dancer danced her best
She danced all day and all night
She is addicted

Kalei B., age 9

The sky is light blue
I went outside to play ball
The sky was watching

Pablo M. age 10

My clothes are cool
I like my face
This is me

Andy, age 8

The earth is light blue
There are millions of people
And it never stops

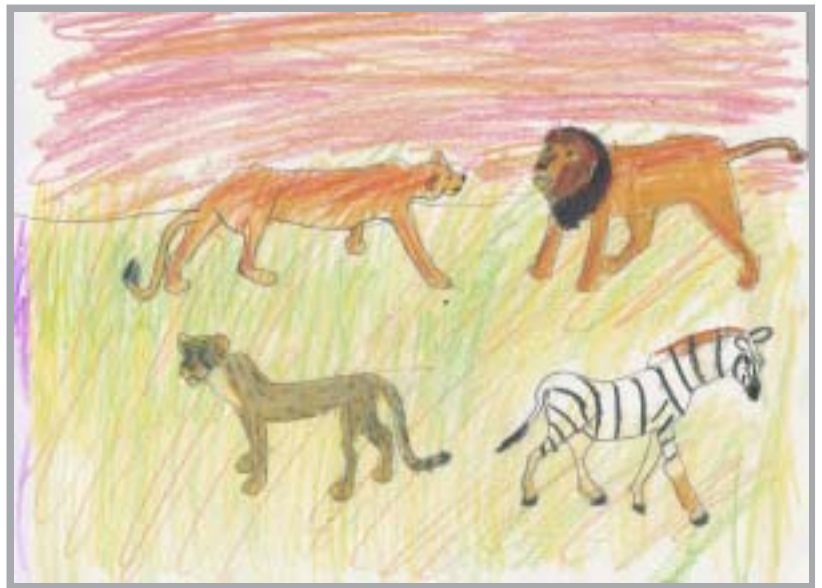
Lenyuer M. age, 9

White furry bunny
Dusty and dirty
Nodding its head wondering *Unsigned*

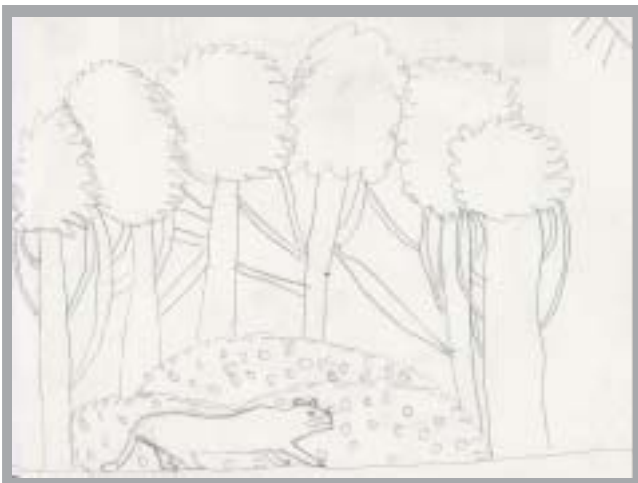
WEATHER REPORT

by Juan, age 8

On Sunday, October 16th, 2005, there was a big thunder storm in the Coachella Valley, which included thunder lightning and rain. People in the Coachella Valley lost electricity. It was magnificent and spectacular. People couldn't sleep. The streets were flooded and there were alerts and car accidents. There were also three earthquakes that were 4.0 and 4.4. The national weather was putting out alerts. The rains were strong.



Artist: Jordan, age 10

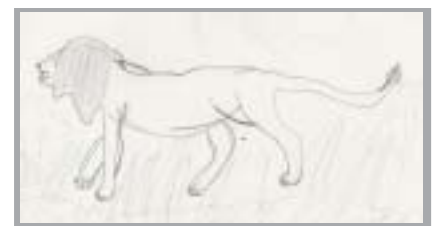


Artist: Leslie, age 8

Dear Bluebird,
Thank you sincerely and from my heart
for filling me with glee.
The times I've watched you on sad days
and thought different about the day.
So thank you from my heart
Thank you for being blue.

Love,

Jordan B., Age 10



Artist: Francisco, age 9

Dear Edgelywild Arts Academy \$
Tools for tomorrow,

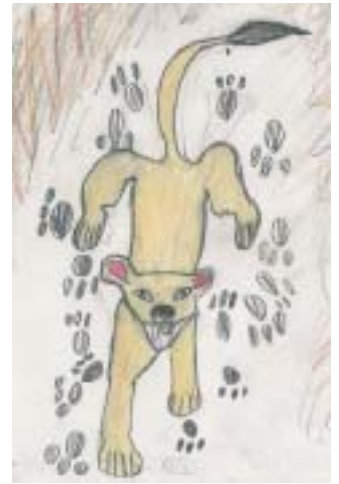
I would love to say Thank
you to the Edgelywild Arts Academy
for offering scholarships to kids who
work hard.

I would also love to say
Thank you to Ellen for recommending
me to receive the scholarship
through Tools For tomorrow.

I was so loving it there.
It was so cool. I can't even say
how cool it was. It is one of the
experiences in my life I will
tell my grandchildren about.

I want to thank my
instructors, and everyone who made
the camp possible. I will never
forget you all.

Your friend,
Kaila Laigne
Kaila Laigne*



OH, OH!!!

Artist: Nancy G. age 10



Artist: Yesenia, age 9

TURKEY SHOOT



Artist: Nicole F., age 9



Artist: Miriam G., age 9



Artist: Amanda F., age 9



Artist: Shahana D., age 9

TFT BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Please support those organizations that support TOOLS FOR TOMORROW and mention our name

TARGET Stores - Awarded grants to TFT for the past three years

Mitre and Bevel (Canvases and Picture Framing): Indian Wells: 74931 Hgy 111 837-9706
Cathedral City 68-713 Perez Rd., Suite B-17 202-2333

The Blue Printer: Art supplies -reprographics 74210 Highway 111, Palm Desert 568-4056 ask for Debra

PrinterSupplies.com (Printer, Copier, Fax Supplies & Parts; Data Storage) 800-551-1943, ask for Kathy

Reallyshoo Music is a party Musical Duo performing LIVE! - Ellen Brenner and Billy Makuta 329-1763

FRIENDS OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW

Kudos to Kimberly Klink and her hard-working committee for our best fund-raiser ever!! The dinner presented by Pauletta and Tom Smith was outstanding. Tina Regan put on, almost single-handedly, a wonderful silent auction. We netted over \$7,000 from the evening, money that will go directly to Tools For Tomorrow to help continue our mission. In addition, we gained many new "Friends" for our program. We are extremely grateful to Donna and Doug Martin for opening their beautiful home for the affair. To all of you who contributed appetizers, time and talent, our hearty thanks. In addition to the money and friends raised, a good time was had by all.



Friend's Chair, Edie Thoreson and Board Pres. Jim Reed at May meeting

Thanks, too, to Barbara Miles for hosting the April Friends meeting in her beautiful Rancho Mirage home. President of the Board of Directors, Jim Reed, greeted the members followed by Linda Amsbaugh, TFT Program Director, who gave an interesting, enthusiastic and inspiring report on the children and the program. Friend's treasurer, Lynn Carlson, presented President Jim with a check in the amount of \$13,000 proceeds from the 2004 TFT Bridge Luncheon.

Bobbie and Ralph Anderson the consummate, host and hostess, opened their lovely home for our October meeting, replete with linen and flowers. Lori Davis, TFT Advisor, uncovered the poet in us all, with her program on poetry. A happy way to start the season.

Edie Thoreson, Chairman

AS AMBASSADORS OF TOOLS FOR TOMORROW, YOU CAN HELP...

- MARY LYNN ROSE sell note cards designed by the children
- GAIL REITZ stuff, stick, address and stamp
- LINDA THIBAUT, (Historian and Publicity Chairman) distribute TFT promotional material



FALL FETE Party Pix thanx to Chuck Gilbert



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

FEBRUARY 4, 2006 – GENERAL MEETING

Home of Lee Broido, Indian Ridge, Palm Desert
Program will feature the children
(Rosters are available for all paid members)

APRIL 21, 2006 – BRIDGE LUNCHEON AND TOURNAMENT

Please contact chairman, Sallie Bradshaw, if you have a home capable of holding three or four tables of bridge, and are willing to share it with Tools For Tomorrow

MAY 5, 2006 - GENERAL MEETING

Looking for a gracious host/hostess

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Artist: Juan, age 8

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N HONOR OF

My Mom
By Tinika Ossman Steier
Carol Lord
By Anne & Lorne Froats
Violet May Schiewe
By Chiane & Richard Kathrens

N MEMORY

Carolyn Raney
By Jane Foster
Elizabeth E. Umphred
By Patricia H. Van Note

IN MEMORIUM

CAROLYN RANEY

Carolyn was membership chairman of Friends of Tools For Tomorrow. Two days before she died Carolyn completed her work on the 2005-2006 roster. The Friends 2004 Fall Fete was in Carolyn's lovely home. Carolyn was a tiny lady with a huge heart and a generous spirit. She lived with style and grace, and each day as if it might be her last. She wasn't about to miss out on the fun. To be her friend was a privilege and a blessing.

COETA BARKER

Tools For Tomorrow Affiliate, valued friend and supporter.

HONORING JONI AND DON MALTZMAN

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