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### Students learn about watersheds

NORTH COUNTY — Fifth-grade students from Jefferson Elementary School in Carlsbad and Beaumont Elementary and Tri City Christian schools in Vista will visit the Ocean Institute in Dana Point in January to take part in its eighth annual Kid's Conferences on Watersheds. Since the beginning of the school year, the students have been studying the science of watersheds, an area of land which drains water to a river, lake, wetland or the ocean. Often, residents of a watershed do not consider everyday choices as how to wash the car or fertilize the lawn, which ultimately contributes to pollution of beaches and harm the wildlife that lives along coastlines. Nearly 2,000 fifth-graders will be participating. Community leaders, school administrators and teachers are welcome to attend. Call 949-496-2274, ext. 330 or e-mail [jwitt@ocean-institute.org](mailto:jwitt@ocean-institute.org).

### Teacher chosen to judge

DEL MAR — Longtime Winston School visual and digital arts teacher Dan Peragine was selected to be a judge for the National Endowment for the Arts "Learning in the Arts for Children & Youth." Nonprofits across the country will compete in the annual learning arts grant program. Peragine's panel was one of nine panels that will review 700 applications submitted in 2010 by arts and cultural organizations, school districts, youth service and community groups with specific projects. NEA will announce grant recipients in April. Call 858-259-8155 or e-mail [mindy@thewinstonschool.com](mailto:mindy@thewinstonschool.com) or visit [www.thewinstonschool.com](http://www.thewinstonschool.com).

### Baseball clinic to be held

VISTA — The Vista High School Baseball Boosters will host its 13th annual Youth Baseball Clinic on Jan. 9 at the varsity baseball field at Vista High School, 1 Panther Way. Participants ages 6-9 will attend from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and ages 10-12 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clinic will be conducted by the VHS varsity coaching staff and student players. Participants will learn proper throwing mechanics, hitting, defensive fielding skills and how to prepare for upcoming youth leagues. The cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt, hot dog or hamburger, chips, drink and a certificate of completion. There will also be a special appearance by VHS alumni Trevor Cahill of the Oakland A's. Call 760-631-4788 or visit [www.vistahsbaseball.com](http://www.vistahsbaseball.com) and go to the handouts.

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