



Friday, March 26, 2010

Parent News

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:

Forms with your parent/teacher conference time were sent home with your child on Monday, as well as mailed to your homes. If your child has not given you your form or you have not received it in the mail, please be sure to contact Rosanne Esplanada to get your conference time. If you need to reschedule your conference time, it is important that you do it only with Rosanne Esplanada and not your child's teacher. This is to avoid double booking. Conference week is Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 7. School will be dismissed each day at 12:00 noon. Please be sure to arrange to have your child picked up by 12:10 p.m. to avoid late fees if he/she is not enrolled in the Extended Care program. **Children's Choice hot lunch will NOT be provided the week of conferences!** Students who are enrolled in Extended Care must bring a lunch from home daily.

MANDATORY SUMMER SCHOOL LETTERS:

Students who are required to attend summer school were notified by mail in January. If you received a mandatory summer school letter and have not yet enrolled your child for the summer program, please contact Rosanne Esplanada to complete the enrollment process. The summer program runs from Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 23, for students entering Kindergarten through grade three and from Monday, July 5, through Thursday, July 29, for students entering grades four through seven. For students entering grade eight and pre-school, the summer program runs from Monday, July 5, through Friday, July 30. Please note this for your planning.

Besides those students who have received mandatory summer school letters, students entering Kindergarten and grade eight are required to attend summer school.

Please note that there are still some sliding scale (reduced tuition) spaces available for the summer session. If you received sliding scale for the 2009-2010 school year or have applied and been approved for the 2010-2011 school year, you can request a sliding scale tuition space for the summer session. Please note that there is no sliding scale tuition available for students entering grade eight for the summer session.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

A parent volunteer who has a truck or van is needed to pick up stuffed animals in Berkeley to be used for the Class of 2011 fundraising. Some of the animals are large thus the need for a large vehicle. Please call Rosanne in the school office if you can help with this project.



ONE TICKET – 28 CHANCES TO WIN:

Keep selling those tickets! The first draw will be on Monday, May 3. Remember that each day there will be an adult winner and a student winner. If you need more tickets or copies of the rules, please stop in the school office and Rosanne will be glad to assist you. This is our last fundraiser and your last opportunity to, not only complete your mandatory fundraising fee, but possibly win some money in the process. Let's really make this a successful fundraiser!

We already have three students who have turned in a total of \$500 or more in raffle ticket sales and have joined the 500 CLUB making them eligible for free dress through the remainder of the school year. Leo and Tonia Kelly and Kasey Thaxton are the first to join the 500 Club! Tonia is in pre-school so she has free dress daily but Leo and Kasey can chose to wear free dress daily starting tomorrow! Way to go Kelly and Thaxton family! Keep selling those tickets. Who will be the next child to join the club?

MEGA BAKE SALE:

Help support the Class of 2011, as they begin their fundraising efforts with a Mega Bake Sale. The seventh grade class will be selling goodies tomorrow, Thursday, April 22, during lunch recess.

EXPO 2010 – SHANGHAI, CHINA:

In case you did not read the exciting news under the grade four happenings last week, we are so excited to announce that our students have been invited to perform at the World Expo in Shanghai, China on Sustainability as Peace Ambassadors for the City of San Francisco. They will perform three times, and help to foster a special relationship with their new sister school in Shanghai. They will begin learning basic Mandarin so they can communicate with their new friends in China. This is an opportunity of a lifetime. The experience of the traveling to another country and experience cultural and people different from themselves will be a life-changing experience for our students. You can visit the webpage for the Expo by going to <http://en.expo2010.cn/> to read about what our students will be experiencing. All that they have been learning in grade four through the Tools for Peace program will be a foundation for their trip. A special thank you to Melinda Franklin who was instrumental in introducing our students to the San Francisco committee.



GIFTPRINTS - UNIFORM PICTURE DAY:

On Thursday, May 13, the students will take individual uniform pictures as well as class pictures. All students must be dressed in complete uniform with their school sweatshirt and polo shirt to be included in the group picture. Please be sure you have a school sweatshirt for pictures. Order forms will be sent home with your child on Monday, May 10.

Pre-school students do not need to wear a school sweatshirt for their pictures or class photo.

ERB AND TERRA NOVA TESTING:

The students in grades one through eight will be taking standardized tests beginning Monday, May 3. Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time and has a healthy breakfast. Testing will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. It is also important that he/she brings a healthy snack.

If you would like to fulfill volunteer hours, we would love donations of snacks for the classes for the testing week. We would love the following: string cheese, trail mix, fruit, peanut butter and crackers, or other high energy snacks. Be sure to record your donation in the volunteer book.

Reminder - CHILDREN'S CHOICE:

Please take some time and visit the Children's Choice website at Choicelunch.com. They have added some wonderful items to their lunch program that the students are enjoying. You may want to use their service this spring. They also sell milk tickets so that your child can pick up milk or chocolate milk daily even if they do not purchase lunch.

Reminder - SCIENCE FAIR:

Our Annual Science Fair is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 27, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We hope you will all be able to take sometime to walk through the fair and view our students' work.

Reminder - OPERA PERFORMANCES:

The Book to Bravo Opera Program has been moving along and is very informative. The students are preparing actual operas for a performance. Each grade group is writing their own opera, which includes the music and choreography, programs, costumes and set designs. Grade three and four are working together as are grades five and six and seven and eight. So please mark your calendar to attend the performance of the three different age groups. We assure you that you will be entertained. The performance will take place on Friday, April 30, at 9:00 in Morning Circle.



CLASS OF 2010:

We have received daily calls from Michelle Lewis and Karen Bell who are with the students in Washington, D.C. This morning they visited the White House and Nancy Pelosi's office. Yesterday they had lunch with Matthew Cooper, a member of the Class of 1999, and dinner with William Nervis, a member of the Class of 1996. Both Matthew and William are living and working in Washington, D.C. Here are two pictures of the students. One is in front of the Cannon building where all the senator's offices are next to the State Capital. The second one is there view from Nancy Pelosi's office. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures and discoveries.

