



# Bulldog Bulletin

Meyerholz School

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7:30-8:30pm  
8:30-10:00pm

PTA meeting in GLC  
Family Outdoor Movie Night on field

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6:30-7:15  
7:15-8:00  
6:15-7:15  
7:15-8:15

Back To School Night Schedule  
Neighborhood Kindergarten-3/Primary SDC  
Neighborhood grades 4-5/Upper SDC  
CLIP grades K-3  
CLIP grades 4-5



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17

3:30

Labor Day – No School  
MCAC meeting

23

7:00pm

Learning Day – No School for Students

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5:00

CLIPCO meeting  
School Site Council meeting



**Welcome Back....** A warm welcome to all students, families and staff. The school year began smoothly last Thursday with over 700 students. Our school is a safe and nurturing environment, with a talented and caring faculty, dedicated to the education of every child.

I personally urge all parents to take time each week to read school and classroom newsletters WITH your children. Also, check the Meyerholz website, <http://www.warmspring.com/meyerholz/default.html>. Our community will become more closely bonded through clear communication. Since the newsletter will be posted online only this year, please make sure you sign up with the Meyerholz Yahoo group that will send you reminders when the newsletter is posted, as well as other valuable information.

Our PTA board met before the opening of school to plan events designed to bring us all together. Many thanks for hosting the well-attended Welcome Coffee on the first day of school and for assembling the first day packets for our entire community.

We hope parents will become PTA members and join us in family activities during the year. It is a special way of being a partner in your child(ren)'s education.

Please circle two very important dates on your calendar, which are listed above. They are the Family Movie Night and Back To School Night. These events represent the importance of school/home connections at Meyerholz.

**Parking Lot Safety...** To insure the safety of all members of our community we ask that you adhere to the following rules when arriving or departing from school with children. Please observe the parking lot regulations.



- You may enter only one driveway in both lots.
- When exiting the parking lot in front of the office, you may turn left or right.. On Tuesdays, at pick-up time you cannot turn left when exiting the main parking lot in front of the office.

In the parking lots:

- Both parking lots are for STAFF ONLY
- Please remember to follow the car in front of you at a safe distance.
- Do not pass or cut in front of cars that are loading/unloading students.
- Yellow School District buses have the right of way at all times.
- Handicapped spaces are NOT to be used by anyone for any reason, unless you have a handicap placard or sticker.

All kindergarten parents: You must park and walk your child both to and from their class or to the YMCA. You may not leave your car in the loading/unloading zones to walk your child to class or the YMCA.

Along Melvin and at all intersections/crosswalks, drive slowly and watch for pedestrians and children on bicycles. All pedestrians must use crosswalks along Melvin Drive and adjoining streets. Do not use neighbors' driveways or u-turn on Melvin.

**Student Arrival and Dismissal Information...** All students should arrive at school between 8:15-8:25 a.m. There is no yard supervision for grades 1-5 before 8:15 a.m. Upon arriving at school, students will quietly visit before classes begin. There is no recess before school. Kindergarten parents stay with their children until classrooms are opened. There is no supervision before or after school on any of our playgrounds. Play structures will not be available to students before or after school.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 2:35pm -3:05pm, primary students and younger children MAY NOT play on the playground, play structures, or field. Upper grade students are still in school and classes will be having P.E. in those areas. On Tuesdays between 2:00pm-3:05pm the same rule applies because teachers are meeting and working in classrooms and cannot be disturbed. All parents need to be prompt in picking up children after school. If you are waiting for an older child, please make sure your younger children are with you and not in areas where the upper grade students have class. You may wait for your child(ren) only by the lunch tables or in front of the school.

We do not have yard duty supervision after the school day has ended. If you are unable to pick your student up at the appropriate times, you may want to enroll your child in the on-campus YMCA Sunshine which provides before and after school child care.

**Family Movie Night at Meyerholz... Tomorrow, 8:30-10:00 p.m.**



We will be holding a Family Outdoor Movie Night tomorrow on the Meyerholz field. Dress warmly and bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair. Our PTA will provide popcorn, snacks, and drinks. "Furry Vengeance" (rate PG) will be the featured movie. We hope to see you there!

## Emergency/Health Enrollment Cards...

Return completed emergency cards, including names and contact numbers of anyone who may be designated to pick up your child besides yourself.

**Back To School Night...** Our Fall Back to School Night will take place on Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>:

6:30-7:15	Neighborhood Kindergarten-3/Primary SDC
7:15-8:00	Neighborhood grades 4-5/Upper SDC
6:15-7:15	CLIP grades K-3
7:15-8:15	CLIP grades 4-5

**Campus Procedures...** We are starting the new year with a reminder about all of the procedures we follow at Meyerholz to insure safety and quality of student learning. Students attended a school procedures assembly last Monday morning. They also brought home the same guidelines in their first day packets. Please sign and return the bottom of the school-wide Citizenship Policy and keep the information posted at home. These are policies that will be in force throughout the entire school year with some additions that will be given to parents at Back To School Night.

**Found! Not Lost... Parents:** Remember to label your children's personal items with their first and last names. Over 200 items of clothing, lunch boxes, gloves, umbrellas, etc. were donated to charity at the end of last year because items were not labeled. All labeled items were returned to the owners.

**Volunteer Orientation...** In order to volunteer, you need to have a negative TB test or results of chest x-ray on file, attend a volunteer orientation and sign a Volunteer Code of Conduct and Volunteer Emergency Form. This includes volunteers helping in the classroom, attending field trips, helping with classroom parties, or helping in any of our programs during the school day. TB tests and volunteer orientation attendance are only required every four years.

Volunteer Orientations for new volunteers will be held Wednesday, September 8th at 8:45 a.m. and Wednesday, September 22nd at 8:45 am in the GLC.

You will receive information about the TB test requirement, Volunteer Code of Conduct and Volunteer Emergency Form at this meeting.

## Pre-pay for school lunches

Locate the yellow menu and the blue pre-pay lunch envelope inside your child's weekly folder that came home today. Complete the information on the blue lunch pre-pay envelope. Record your child's PIN somewhere handy. Enclose a check and return the envelope to school. Post the menu on the refrigerator for a reference. Help your children memorize their PIN.

## Parents are encouraged to pre-pay for school lunches online...

For your convenience, you are encouraged to pay for your children's school lunches online. If you do not already have an account set up, go to <http://www.paypams.com> or call 1-888-994-5100. You will need to provide your child's PIN and billing information. Payments may be made by credit/debit cards or by electronic check withdrawal from your bank account. You can make payments, view your child's payment history and change payment preferences 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This web or phone site can also be used by parents to check account balances. If parents choose not to pay on-line or by phone, the inquiry service is still free to use. Parents can simply use their child's PIN to set up an account with no payment required. Lunch menus are posted on the district web-site. The elementary and middle school lunch menus are posted on the district's web-site: [www.cupertino.k12.ca.us](http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us)

The lunch price is \$2.75 for students. The milk and juice price is 75¢. Be sure to check the menus daily to make sure the items listed are foods your child will eat. Students will not be allowed to play until they have finished at least one item from their lunch.

## Box Tops For Education...

Earn cash for Meyerholz by turning in your Box Tops for Education Coupons. They can be found on products by General Mills, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Totinos, Progresso, Old El Paseo, Gold Medal, etc... Meyerholz will receive 10 cents for each coupon collected. Just turn in the coupon to your child's teacher or the office. This is an ongoing program, so keep bringing in those box tops throughout the year. Last year we earned hundreds of dollars through this program.



**Four ways to help your child make this school year great...** It's the start of a new school year and you want to make it a great one. Researchers at Indiana University found that children did better in school when their parents taught them how to:

1. **Be positive about challenges.** The children who do the best in school are those who approach a new task with a positive attitude. Look for ways to model that behavior at home: "I don't know how to use this computer program. Shall we figure it out together?"
2. **Break down big assignments.** Reading an entire chapter book may seem overwhelming. But reading one chapter is something your child can do. Teach your child to break down tasks into smaller, achievable steps.
3. **Pay attention to instructions.** A classroom runs more smoothly when students do what the teacher says. Your child's score on a state test could be lowered if he doesn't fill out the answer sheet correctly. So spend time at home learning to follow directions. Cook together and talk about what happens if you don't follow the recipe exactly.
4. **Solve problems on their own.** If your child can't figure out the answer to a math problem, help him think about a way to find the answer. Ask, "Have you worked other problems like this? Does your math book show how to find the right answer?"

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### OPENING DAY PACKET BOOKLET

In effort to consolidate information and save on duplication costs, the Cupertino Union School District has included in the Opening Day Packet one form covering the Receipt of Information on Parents Legal Rights, Student Acceptable Use of Technology Policy and the Multimedia Withhold Form. This form is located in the front of the Opening Day Packet. Please review the corresponding pages, sign each section, and return to the school site as soon as possible.

### STAR TESTS RESULTS

The district has received the 2009-2010 STAR Student Reports from the state and we are in the process of sending out the almost 14,000 district reports. **If you do not receive your child's STAR Report by September 1, please contact your school office.**

### CELDT TESTING

The Cupertino Union School District will administer the CELDT (California English Language Development Test) September through October 30, 2010. Based on your child's last years CELDT scores, if their proficiency is limited, withdrawn or transitional, your child will be included in the annual CELDT test at their school. A letter will be sent home with your child prior to the testing date at your school.

The initial CELDT will be given to kindergarten students whose primary language on the Home Language Survey is a language other than English.

The test consists of four skills: Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing. Students in grades K-8 are tested in all four areas. You will receive the official results after January 2011. If you have any questions, please contact your school office.