



Bulldog Bulletin

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Staff Learning Day – No School for Students

Volunteer Orientation
CLIPCO meeting

7-15

Parent Teacher Conferences
Grades 1-5 8:30-1:00 p.m.
All Kindergarten 8:30-11:55
Walk-a-thon

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Staff Learning Day - No School for Students

Staff Learning Day – Tomorrow... Please note that Friday, September 17, is a Staff Learning Day. It is not a school day for students.

Please Mark Your Calendars

Parent Teacher Conferences...

Monday, October 7 – Tuesday, October 15, 2010

All kindergarteners will attend school from 8:30-11:55 pm. All students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:00

pm. Teachers will be sending home pre-scheduled appointments next week. Please make every effort to attend your appointment. This is the time parents and teachers develop academic, social and behavior goals to assure that your child has a successful year.



Communication is Important!... We

happily encourage home school communication. However, we request that parents not go directly to classrooms to talk to teachers during the instructional day. Teachers need to have uninterrupted time to teach. We make every effort to be available to parents. Teachers and administrators return phone calls or correspond by e-mail. If you have concerns or questions, you should contact the school and arrange a conference with the teacher. Working together as a team, we can help each student reach their own unique potential. We appreciate your support!

Back To School Safety For Students and Parents...

Walking to School:

- Parents: Choose the best route to school and walk it with your children.
- Walk with a group, parent, or "buddy." Avoid walking alone.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and street markings, such as crosswalks.

- Look in all directions when crossing. (Left, right, front and back)
- **Cross the street at a corner or crosswalk only.** Do not cross mid-block!
- Stay alert at all times – especially in bad weather.

Riding a Bike to School:

- Wear a helmet at all times! It's the school policy and state law!
- Ask your parents to help you choose the best cycling route.
- Obey all traffic signals, signs and street markings.
- When riding in the street, ride on the right hand side of the street.
- Ride with the traffic flow; do not ride facing traffic.
- Children under 10 should ride on the sidewalk.
- When riding on sidewalks, ride slow, and watch for walkers.
- Also watch for cars entering or leaving driveways.
- Cross streets at corners, and use crosswalks.
- When crossing in a crosswalk, walk your bike across the street.

Riding in a Car to School:

- Remember that the safety of the children always comes first, even if the driver is running late.
- When turning, wait behind the limit line until it is safe. Don't stop in the middle of the intersection blocking traffic.
- Wear your seatbelt for the entire ride, even if it is just a short way to go.
- Younger children (under 6 years or 60 pounds) must ride in a car seat.
- Make sure the children enter or exit the vehicle on the passenger side of the car, next to the sidewalk.
- Park your car a block or two away from the school. And walk the rest of the way to avoid congestion.
- **OBEY ALL PARKING, WALKING, AND DRIVING LAWS,** they're for your safety and the safety of our children!
- The San Jose Police Department will be enforcing pedestrian and driving laws around the schools periodically to improve safety for our children.

Congratulations!!!....This past Tuesday evening, five of our teachers were honored at the CUSD Board Meeting for receiving tenure status. Congratulations to Karen Frias, Grace Lee, Judy Peng, Jennifer Riano, and Anna Tsai. We are so proud to have these five exemplary teachers as permanent members of our staff.

ABSENCES AND TARDIES

Attendance and punctuality are important in establishing good behaviors and building responsibility in young children. Please ensure that your child is at school everyday and that they arrive on time. If your child will be absent, please call the attendance line promptly (252-7450, ext. 6). If your child arrives after 8:30 a.m. they must report to the school office for a late slip before entering the classroom. Under state law, three unexcused absences or tardies may be considered truancy.

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.

The second Volunteer Orientation for new volunteers will be held Wednesday, September 22nd at 8:45 a.m. in the GLC.

Vacations or Family Trips...

If at all possible, do not take vacations or family trips during school. There are plenty of holidays and vacation days throughout the school year. Because CUSD gets funding based on the number of students physically at school on a day-to-day basis, our district loses thousands of dollars every year because of these trips and vacations. While students can ask for an Independent Study Contract if the absence will be from five (5) to ten (10) days, this work can never take the place of classroom instruction. The office must be given at least two weeks notice to prepare the contract.

Noon Duty Supervision... We are in need of noon yard duty supervisors for this school year. The hours needed are 12:10-1:20 pm. We especially need supervision in the kindergarten play yard. This is a paid (\$8.15/hr.) position and is critical to the safety of your child. Volunteers are also welcome.



If you are interested in learning more about noon duty supervision, please call the school at (408) 252-7450 to obtain further information or pick up an application in the school office.

Target Donation... We thank Target and The Take Charge of Education Program for donating \$878.44 to Meyerholz School. To date, the total contribution to Meyerholz from the Target Charge of Education Program is \$5,425.31. We also thank the parents, teachers, and community members for supporting our school.

Reflections: "Together We Can"

Reflections is a PTA sponsored Arts Contest in the areas of visual arts, literature, photography, dance, music and



film. The deadline to submit the entries to the Meyerholz office is Friday, October 8, 2010. The rules information is also available on the website:

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/reflections.cfm>

Students may enter the Reflections Program in the appropriate division for their grade. The divisions are as follows:

- Primary: **preschool-grade 2**
- Intermediate: **grades 3-5**
- Middle/Junior: **grades 6-8**
- Senior: **grades 9-12**

Originality

Each entry must be the original work of one student only. An adult may not alter the creative integrity of a student's work. Because the program is designed to encourage and recognize each student's individual creativity, help from an adult or collaboration with other students is not allowed. Only one student may be recognized as the award recipient for each entry. Other individuals may appear in or perform a student's work, but the work itself - the dance choreography or film production (including screenplay, camerawork, and directing) or musical composition (including written score and any lyrics), etc. - must be the creative product of one student only. (See the specific arts area rules for details.) Use of copyrighted material (other than recorded music in dance choreography and film production entries) is prohibited.

Judging

All entries are judged on artistic merit, creativity, mastery of the medium, and interpretation of the theme. Mastery of the medium in the context of the national Reflections Program pertains to the level of skill the student demonstrates in the basic principles/techniques of the arts area. However, a well-developed concept is more important than technique. Entries will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme.

Specific arts area rules:

Go to <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/reflections.cfm> and select specific category.

Forms:

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/Reflections StudentEntryForm.pdf>

Reflections is organized by California PTA and financially supported by Meyerholz PTA.

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DISTRICT HEALTH GUIDELINES

It is important that our children follow good health practices at all times and be kept at home when they are ill.

A child should not be in school when he or she is ill and is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms:

- Nausea or vomiting (**must remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours**),
- Diarrhea (**must remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours**)
- Severe headache
- Continuous coughing or runny nose
- Evidence of a communicable disease such as a rash, swelling or unusual sore throat
- A temperature of 100.4 F (38 C) degrees or higher (**must remain at home until he/she has a normal 98.6 F (37 C) degree temperature for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer such as Tylenol**)
- Conjunctivitis - pink eye
- Undiagnosed rash (**rashes must be verified by your doctor that they are non-contagious before the child may return to school; a note is needed**)

The School Nurse may clear a student with known chronic illness (asthma, allergies, migraines, etc.

If a student is sent home from school for feeling ill, the child may not return to school that day. A doctor's note for absences over (7) days is required (CSUD BP & AR 5113).

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep all children and staff healthy.

SILICON VALLEY FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday and Sunday September 25-26, 2010

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Memorial Park in Cupertino

Free Admission

The Silicon Valley Fall Festival is an evolution of the very successful Cupertino Jubilee and Fall Festival that has been held for the past five years. This is a fun and educational community event for the whole family.

The key elements of this year's festival are: Kids Fun Zone; Cultural Fair, Health and Safety Zone; Environmental Earth Zone; along with great food, beverages and wonderful entertainment. Additional information is available at www.cupertino.org.

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.