



Bulldog Bulletin

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8:30-10:00am

Report Cards go home

Chinese Language contest parent meeting in GLC

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3:30pm

MCAC meeting

7:00PM

ASEP Winter performance in GLC

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Vision Screening – Grades 1, 3, SDC

7:00pm

CLIPCO meeting

20-31

Winter Recess



Parenting and Report Cards Go Home On December 3rd ...

Report Cards – reflect and a time to plan... Report cards provide the perfect time to talk together as a family about ways

to support your children in their “careers” as students. Ask your children to review report cards and select what they think should be celebrated and why. Be sure to add positive comments. Some of the best celebrations do not cost a thing - smiles, acknowledgments, hugs, reading a book together, or a walk to the park. Be sure to tell your children how proud you are for them in their accomplishments. When there are areas that need improvement, select only one or two. Ask your children what they need to do to improve in a particular subject area. Write their ideas down and create a plan. Ask how you might help them, without assuming the leading role. Save your notes, review the plan every two weeks, and discuss how the plan is going. When you review the plan, use work samples (grades K-5) and homework Agenda Books (grades 3-5). Ask your children to point out their improvements. Adjust the plan as needed. Read class and school newsletters together when they come home. Stay in touch with your children’s teachers. Be sure to encourage each small step towards success.

Report Cards and Punishment

As part of our partnership between school and home, it is important to understand various state and district policies and laws related to the welfare of children. As you guide and support your children through their education, it is important to know that punitive measures involving physical punishment over report cards, grades, or test scores are inappropriate and potentially illegal.

If you have questions or concerns about how to best motivate your children to give their best effort, please talk to your child’s teacher or call our school office about community resources that can support you at home. Physical punishment can cause long-term emotional consequences and dramatically diminish a child sense of self worth. Likewise, giving money or gifts as rewards for grades is a deterrent to your child’s inner motivation, which is an essential life skill. Thank you for your cooperation and support as our partner in your child’s education. Please call the office if you need assistance.

Cold Weather Reminder... Now that the weather is getting colder, please send your child to school with a jacket, sweatshirt, or extra layer of clothing. Students are outdoors for physical education, recess or lunch activities unless it is unusually cold, windy or raining.

Staying Healthy During The Flu Season

Hand washing is the simplest, most effective thing people can do to reduce the spread of infection. Despite the generally held belief that cold germs are spread through sneezing and coughing, the majority of transmission comes from hand-to-hand contact and transfer of germs. The Center for Disease Control reports that hand washing is one of the “most important means of preventing the spread of infection.” It is the first line of defense for infectious diseases, including respiratory infections and gastrointestinal disorders, among others. It is important to wash one’s hands before and after handling food products, after handling pets, before eating and whenever one is sick or around people who are.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – DAILY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE WILL ENSURE SUCCESS



We woke up late and there’s no way s/he is getting to school on time. Would it really matter if s/he went to school late—or not at all? In a word, yes. A study from the Journal of

Educational Research found that attendance makes a big difference. Kids who are in school every day do better than those who aren’t. But what can you do to make those mornings easier? How can you get your child up and out the door, on time, every day? Here are some tips:

- Start the night before. Is homework in the backpack? Are permission slips signed? Does he have lunch money?
- Put the backpacks by the door your child will go out.
- Lay out clothes—down to the socks. This one step will avoid more morning fights than anything else you do.
- Create a to-do list of jobs that have to be done in the morning.

Meyerholz Book Drive....Share the joy of reading!

Come join the Meyerholz community as we collect books to give to those who can't afford them. We will be collecting new and gently used books to send to Castro Elementary School in Mountain View.

Bring your books to the box in the GLC by the checkout desk. We will be collecting books until December 17th. Thanks for helping others!

Teacher/Classroom Wish List... Many parents have expressed an interest in providing classroom supplies for their child's classroom. This way you can make contributions to your child's classroom anytime during the school year. Options for donating to your child's classroom include direct donations to classroom support. Teacher Wish Lists are located in the school office for your convenience.



Young Artists Showcase...

Congratulations to the Meyerholz students honored by the County Office of Education in the Young Artists Showcase! The 2010 honorees include Gilford, Mandy, alumni Megan Deng, Allison, Erica, Christina and a group of Room 11 students from last year. Their artwork is now part of the Santa Clara County Office of Education's permanent collection.

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Chinese New Year Parade Update:

We have been accepted to the San Francisco Lunar New Year, Year of the Hare parade which will occur Saturday, February 19, 2011. Practices will be on designated Friday afternoons, 3:10-4:15pm, starting on **December 17** (last day of school before break). Join the parade team and be part of the unforgettable experience. Please look for the flyer in your folders for grades 1 and above. You may apply by submitting the on-line form at <http://tinyurl.com/cnyparade2011> <<http://tinyurl.com/cnyparade2011>> . Deadline is December 14. Any questions, please direct to Anita Yee at parade.committee@gmail.com.



An Evening of Enrichment 文化熏陶之夜

The After School Enrichment Program will be presenting the ASEP winter showcase this coming Thursday evening, December 9, 2010 at the Meyerholz GLC. You will have an opportunity to see some of the most spectacular performances from our wonderful ASEP classes which include Chinese dance, Chinese flute, Claymation, Calligraphy, Lion Dance, Percussion and Wushu. Prepared to be entertained and enriched !!

Free admission, Everyone is welcome, Door opens between 7:00-7:10pm. No entry after door close.

DISTRICT NEWS

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Students must be residing in the district at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.

Registration and Open Enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is as follows:

- **Kindergarten registration for all Attendance Area Schools:**
- **January 24 – February 3 at the respective attendance area school.** Only parents/guardians may pick up a registration packet at their area attendance school beginning **January 14, 2011**. Registration packets are numbered sequentially. The registration number on the packet is valid for packets returned between January 24 through February 3, 2011. Sibling priority will be given to siblings of in-district students currently attending their area attendance school who register during the registration window.
- **Kindergarten registration for Stockmeir and Eisenhower Schools: January 24 – February 3.** Only parents/guardians may pick up a registration packet at their area attendance school beginning **January 14, 2011**. As the potential for new kindergarten enrollment at Stockmeir and Eisenhower may exceed the schools capacity, parents are encouraged to ensure that the prospective kindergarten student (residing in the Stockmeir/Eisenhower attendance area during the Kindergarten Registration Window) is registered during the registration window from January 24 – February 3, 2011. A Kindergarten Lottery for Stockmeir Elementary and Eisenhower Elementary will be held on **February 7, 2011** for Kindergarteners who registered during the Kindergarten Registration window only. Sibling priority will be given to siblings of in-district students currently attending Stockmeir/Eisenhower who register during the registration window and live in the Stockmeir/Eisenhower attendance area.
- **Open Enrollment requests: February 11 - 17, 2011 at the school of desired attendance.** Parents/guardians may only apply to one school or program other than their area attendance school.
- **Alternative Education Program** requests (Faria and Murdock-Portal grades K-5, McAuliffe, Mandarin Immersion grades K-8): February 11 - 17, 2011 at the alternative program of your choice.
- **Sibling priority** will be given to siblings of in-district students currently attending the respective school who register during the registration window.
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 1, 2011**

Detailed registration and open enrollment information is available on the district website www.cupertino.k12.ca.us, by contacting the staff in your neighborhood school office or by contacting the Student Assignment Office, (408) 252-3000, extension 110.