



Bulldog Bulletin



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DECEMBER

Jan

9	3:30pm	MCAC meeting
	7:00pm	ASEP Winter performance
14		Chinese Language Contest registration deadline
16		Vision Screening – Grades 1, 3, SDC
	7:00pm	CLIPCO meeting
20-31		Winter Recess
3		Return to School
17		Martin Luther King Day – No School



Vision Screening... Vision problems are common childhood health problems; however, when detected early, visual problems can be corrected or minimized. Conversely, failure to identify and treat these problems can lead to significant learning impairment, developmental delays and failure in school. Vision difficulties are often discovered during the school vision screening program, an essential component of the school health program.



The district school nurse will be doing vision screening on Thursday, December 16, 2010. Students in first, third and Special Day Classes will be tested.

School vision screening does not substitute for a professional eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. If your child had difficulty with the vision screening, a note and a referral to an eye specialist will be sent home.

Healthy Children Learn Better

ILLNESS AND ABSENCES

Attendance and punctuality are important in establishing good behavior and building responsibility in young children. Please ensure that your child is at school every day and that she/he arrives on time. If your child will be absent from school for any reason, you must inform the office by calling our **24-hour attendance line at 252-7450 ext. 6** and leave a message including the child's name, room number and the reason for the absence (no matter what it is). You need to call in every day that your child is absent. If your child arrives after 8:30 a.m., she/he must report to the office for a late slip before entering the classroom. Absences are excused **only** for the following reasons:

- Illness
- Medical/dental appointment
- Bereavement (death of family member)
- Religious holiday

MESSAGES, ITEMS AND LUNCHES FOR STUDENTS...

Please make sure all information between you and your child is taken care of before school. **The school office will no longer call into your child's classroom to give a messages, deliver items or lunches during instructional hours.** If you are bringing lunch for your child, make sure you deliver it to the lunch bin in front of the office before 12:20 pm. Please write your child's name and room number on the lunch bag and remind your child where to pick it up. Parents are NOT permitted to deliver lunch to classrooms. Please tell your child to check in the office if s/he does not have their lunch and not buying hot lunch.

Planning On Being Out of Town?

If you plan to be away from school for a minimum of five school days and a maximum of ten school days, please contact the teacher and the school office at least one week before your departure date to arrange for a special Independent Study Contract. The Independent Study homework must be returned the first day back to school with all the work complete, so days missed do not count as unexcused absences. Students who are absent for more than ten consecutive school days will be dropped from the school roster. When the student returns, if space is available at his/her home school, the student will be reinstated. If no space is available, the student will be assigned to another school in the district where space is available.

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.



Holiday Shopping... If you are planning to shop online with Amazon, please use the Meyerholz PTA fundraising portal.

Enter through the link below and a part of your purchase will come back to Meyerholz to support PTA programs. Buy a gift card first through the portal and you can use it through the portal a second time. You will not see any acknowledgement of your purchase for Meyerholz fundraising, but PTA does get paid monthly. Click on the "Powered by Amazon" icon in the upper left corner to buy anything than Amazon sells (the first web page through the portal is books). All purchases are anonymous--PTA is not given any information on buyers, only a list of products purchased. Go here for holiday shopping: <http://astore.amazon.com/meyerholz-20> Please feel free to forward this link to family and friends to help Meyerholz Elementary students. Thank you!

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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!

Lost and Found... Parents, please have your children check for lost items in our Lost and Found located in the GLC. Also, remind your children to check repeatedly, as items don't always get to the Lost and Found the first day they are lost. Please label your child's possessions, so that we can return Lost and Found items to their owners. Any clothing items remaining after December 17, 2010, will be donated to a charity. Thank you to Brenda Chin for organizing our Lost and Found area.

Need Insurance Coverage? Did you know that thousands of children in California are without health insurance? Did you know countless school hours are lost due to dental pain, vision problems and illnesses that could be prevented or treated? **There are no or low-cost insurance coverage programs available for you and your child.** You can give your child a better chance to learn. Our school district has always known what experts are just now realizing – that there is a direct link between children's health and school success. **For more Medi-Cal/Heathly Families information, call toll-free: 1-888-747-1222.**

*"Where parents do too much for their children,
the children will not do much for themselves."*

- Elbert Hubbard

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.