



Bulldog Bulletin



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20	7:00pm	CLIPCO meeting
21	9:00	CLIP Tour #2
	2:30-5:00	Chinese Language Contest
24-Feb.3		Kindergarten Registration
24	6:00pm	School Site Council meeting
11-17		Open Enrollment Requests
21-25		Mid-Year Recess

Truancy and What it Means... Compulsory attendance is the law in California from the age of six until eighteen, (Education code 482600). A student who has three unexcused absences or three tardies of more than 30 minutes, or any combination thereof, without a valid excuse is considered legally truant. A student who has six unexcused absences or six tardies or absences of more than 30 minutes, or any combination thereof, is considered habitually truant and may be referred for further action.

How Does This Impact Students?

- Students suffer academic setbacks when frequent absences occur.
- If tardy by even a few minutes, students start their day behind other students who have had a chance to organize and are focused on instruction.
- Students in school on a regular basis and on time do significantly better in school.
- Studies have shown that students struggling in high school developed patterns of absenteeism in elementary school.

These are just four items out of a long list of issues that negatively impact children when they are absent or tardy. Simply getting to school on time is one of the greatest gifts you can give your child. It teaches responsibility and punctuality; qualities EVERY profession values. Let's make every effort to have our children in their seats when the school day begins.

HANG UP YOUR CELL PHONES!

We want to remind you that a new state law has been in effect since July 2008 that requires the use of hands-free cell phones while driving.

We ask that all drivers please hang up cell phones and give all your attention to the traffic and pedestrians in and around our school parking lots.

We continue to see parents talking on their cell phones

Lunch Accounts... It is very important that students who eat hot lunch have a positive balance in their lunch account. Parents can pre-pay as many lunches as possible so that students do not run out of money. Students are only given one lunch on credit. If a student has used the credit, CUSD policy is that the cafeteria will provide a drink and the cold items, but **no** entrée to the student. All lunch money needs to be in a blue envelope. Checks should be made out to CUSD Nutritional Services. Envelopes are available in the office, and can be returned to your child's teacher or to the office. To check your student's lunch account balance, log on to: www.paypams.com or call 1-888-994-5100. You can also contact Ms. Lee at 408-252-7450 ext. 132 for account balance information.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES

Please remember to pick up your child promptly after school. Students are to go directly home after dismissal. Students may not play on the playground to wait for siblings. We have had many students in grades 1-3 staying after school and playing unsupervised on the playground. This is disruptive of the PE classes on the playground as well as the upper grade classrooms. Thank you for being courteous of our upper grade classroom instruction.

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.

From the GLC... Many thanks to all of you who contributed to the book drive before the holidays! All together we collected 627 books for the Castro School community. Thank you for helping to share the joy of reading!

Thank you To Our PTA and 3rd Grade Parents - Our Meyerholz staff wishes to thank 3rd grade parents and our PTA for the wonderful treats on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. We appreciate all you do for Meyerholz students.

CLIPCO Dining for Dollars Fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese (located at 19805 Stevens Creek Blvd. in Cupertino)... Wednesday, Jan. 26 from 3 - 9PM. Have an afternoon and evening of fun playing and eating at Chuck E. Cheese and help fundraise for CLIPCO at the same time!

CLIP Orientation tours for prospective CLIP parents will be held on the following days at 9:00 AM sign-in:

Friday, January 21
Thursday, February 4
Wednesday, February 16

To reserve a space, please log on to the following website and register:

<http://www.cupertino.k12.ca.us/meyerholz.www/>



District News

CUSD BOARD OF EDUCATION – BUDGET INFORMATION

The governor released his 2011-2012 budget proposal on January 10, 2011. In response to this new budget, the Cupertino Union School District Board of Education will be hosting two informational budget discussion items during the next few weeks. The details of the meetings are as follows:

- **6:00 p.m., Monday, January 24, 2011, in the Lawson Middle School Event Center (10401 Vista Drive in Cupertino)**
- **6:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2011, in the Sedgwick Elementary School Guided Learning Center (19200 Phil Lane in Cupertino)**

Any individual may appear before the Board of Education to comment or ask questions regarding the District's current budget situation. These discussion items are for information only at this time and the Board of Education will not be taking any formal action regarding this topic at these meetings.

In addition, the Board of Education will be holding a public hearing regarding a potential education funding measure at the Monday, January 24, 2011, meeting at Lawson Middle School.

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.