



Bulldog Bulletin

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27-Feb.3	
2	7:30pm
3	
4	6:00pm
11-17	
16	9:00pm
21-25	
28	6:00pm

Kindergarten Registration
PTA Meeting
Author's visit
Hearing Screening for grades 1, 2, 5, and SDC
CLIP Tour #3
Open Enrollment Requests
CLIP Tour #4
Mid-Year Recess
School Site Council meeting

Author Oliver Chin visits Meyerholz next week...

Author and cartoonist Oliver Chin will be visiting Meyerholz students next week. He will be here on Thursday, February 3rd after lunch. Mr. Chin will be reading his new book *The Year of the Rabbit*, his 6th book in the popular annual series *Tales from the Chinese Zodiac*. Flyers were sent home earlier this week with an order form if you would like an autographed copy of any of his books. The deadline to turn in these forms is Monday, January 31st. A portion of the sales will also go to our school. There are extra order forms in the office if you need one. We look forward to having Mr. Chin share his book on the first day of Chinese New Year.

HOMEWORK DURING ABSENCES

When a child is absent during the school day, especially due to illness, please do not have the child come after school of the same day to get his/her homework. If a child is ill, he/she needs to stay home the entire day. Aside from the student's own health, there is a risk that others may be exposed. This is especially true during the flu season. **Request for homework may be made on the third day of the absence.** Please leave a verbal request on the attendance hotline. Homework may be picked up in the school office after 3:15 pm.

HEARING SCREENING...

Hearing screening will be conducted by Hearing Conservation Associates at Meyerholz School for all 1st, 2nd, 5th, and Special Day Class students on **Thursday, February 3, 2011**. Students will have a chance to get on the hearing van in small groups to have their hearing checked by a credentialed audiometrist. Each child will wear a pair of ear phones to listen to tones of varying frequencies.



If a student is unable to pass the group screening he/she is then re-checked individually. Should a possible hearing problem be discovered, parents will be notified by mail.

VISITING CAMPUS - Once school is in session, parents are not allowed to interrupt class for any reason.

Our teachers are busy with their students and interruptions are distracting and affect classroom instruction.

- If your child is late, or returning from an appointment, **you must** bring him/her to the office to be signed in.
- If you need to give a message to your child's teacher, come into the office and either write a message that will be given to the teacher, or we will let you leave a message on the teacher's voice mail.
- If you need to leave a lunch for your child, there is a lunch bin outside the office. Always let your child know ahead of time if you are leaving a lunch.

Safety News

Before you let your kids out, please pull your vehicle as far up as possible and close to the curb to minimize traffic jams and ensure safety. Also, please make sure that they depart the car from the sidewalk side of your vehicle to avoid putting your child at risk by stepping into oncoming traffic or weaving thru cars that may move forward suddenly. Once you drop off your child, please move out of the drop zone along the curb as soon as possible to allow other vehicles to drop off their kids on time. **Please do not turn left when leaving the parking lot as stated on the sign near the stop sign in the parking lot. Also, please make sure that you stop your vehicle completely at all stop signs near the school.**



LOST AND FOUND... Our Lost and Found is overflowing! Please remember to check the clothes rack inside the GLC for sweatshirts and jackets. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity after Friday, February 11th.



District Calendar 2011-2012 (all schools except Murdock-Portal)

August 18, 2011	Students Return
September 5, 2011	Labor Day
September 23, 2011	Staff Learning Day
October 31, 2011	Staff Learning Day
November 11, 2011	Veteran's Day
November 21-25, 2011	Thanksgiving Recess
December 19-30, 2011	Winter Recess
January 3, 2012	Students Return
January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King Day
February 20-24, 2012	Mid-Year Recess
March 19, 2012	Staff Learning Day
April 16-20, 2012	Spring Recess
May 25, 2012	Staff Learning Day
May 28, 2012	Memorial Day
June 12, 2012	Last Day of School

PTA Reflection 2010 Update... Congratulations to the following students whose entries were selected at the District Level for judging:

- **Amanda** of room 11 won the 1st place Intermediate Visual Art at the district level
- **Katherine** of room 34 won the 3rd place Intermediate Visual Art at the district level

CLIP CORNER

2011 CLIP Chinese Language Contest (中文學術比賽)

The Chinese Language Contest which was held on Friday, January 19, 2011, was a success! Two-hundred and twenty CLIP students from Meyerholz, Miller and Lawson participated in five categories of the language contest, and 126 students participated in four categories of the art contest. The CLC committee was able to provide this great opportunity for our students to gain experience outside of their classroom environment in public speaking, writing, reading and listening in Chinese. The CLC committee will display the winning art entries in the front office and GLC for a few weeks.

This year, registration for the contest was done on-line again, thanks to Mark Pollans, our school webmaster. We would also like to thank all students who participated, CLIP teachers and CLIP art teachers who helped with judging, parents who volunteered to help in all areas, and Mrs. Hickey and our staff for their support.

Finally, a big thank you to parents' donations to sponsor this event. The CLC committee is looking for more parents to help run next year's contest. If you would like to see the contest continue, step up and help by joining our committee. Please contact us at clipclc@googlegroups.com.

Thank you to Cathy Lu, CLC Chair and the CLC Committee for putting on a successful event.

San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade on

February 19, 2011... Be sure to tune in to KTVU-Fox 2 on Saturday, February 19th from 6:00pm-8:00 pm, to see our students perform and march in the San Francisco New Year Parade.

DISTRICT NEWS SECTION

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 host two informational budget discussion items. The first meeting was held on January 24, 2011. The presentation and other budget information is available at www.cupertino.k12.ca.us

In addition, there will be a second budget meeting with updated information at:

- **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 this meeting.

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

On January 11, 2011, the Cupertino Union School District Board of Education approved the 2011-2012 school year calendar. The start date for date for next year is as follows:

- **District (all schools except Murdock-Portal) – August 18, 2011**
- **Murdock Portal Elementary School – August 11, 2011**

The full 2011-2012 calendar is available at www.cupertino.k12.ca.us.

STAR WRITING TEST

Students in grades 4 and 7 will take the STAR Writing Test on March 1, 2011.

The STAR Writing Test addresses writing application standards for grades 4 and 7. At grade 4, these standards require students to produce one of four types of writing: narrative, summary, information report, or response to literature. The grade 7 standards require students to produce one of five types of writing: narrative, persuasive essay, summary, response to literature, or research report. Students at both grade levels read a task and write a first draft of their essay. First drafts are submitted to the state for scoring.

The two-week multiple choice STAR Test window begins April 25, 2011.