



Bulldog Bulletin

Meyerholz School

Lisa Hickey, Principal
Victoria Chang, PTA President



Board of Education

Anjali Kausar
Ben Liao
Josephine Lucey
Gary McCue
Phyllis Vogel

6990 Melvin Drive, San Jose, CA 95129
(408) 252-7450
Fax (408) 446-2597

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

Cupertino Union School District
Phil Quon
Superintendent

February 3, 2011



4	9:00am	CLIP Tour #3
9	1:30-2:30	Author Assembly for grades 3-5
10	3:30pm	MCAC meeting
11		Lost and Found donated to charity
11-17		Open Enrollment dfRequests
16	9:00am	CLIP Tour #4
19		San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade
21-25		Mid-Year Recess

Attendance: Call 252-7450, extension 6

Please report absences by 8:45 a.m. each morning that your child is absent. Please spell the child's name beginning with last name, first name, include grade, reason for absence, and your relation to the child.

Homework: Homework may be requested for absences for three days or more. Please call before 9:00 a.m. to request, and pickup the homework after 3:00 p.m. You may also check the teacher's website for homework.

To email Staff: lastname_firstname@cusdk8.org

Absences, Tardies and Attendance Hotline (408)

252-7450 Ext. 6... The attendance hotline is available 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Parents keeping their children home at the FIRST sign of illness, may prevent longer absences. When a child is absent or late for any reason, parents should call the school office on the first and each successive day of absence. It is extremely important and helpful for you to call the office to report your child's absences. The office is responsible for ensuring accurate reporting of attendance to the District Office and the State. If you are aware of upcoming medical appointments, or other reasons for absence/tardiness, you may call several days in advance and leave a message on the recorder.

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/Healthy Families information, call toll-free: 1-888-747-1222.**

Do Your Children Know Their Home Phone Numbers?

Almost every afternoon students come into the office to call home, but can't do it without our help because they don't know a phone number to contact a parent or care giver. We suggest that you write down important phone numbers and have your child keep them in his/ her backpack. Knowing a phone number to contact a family member is a life skill that all our students should have. It will make them feel more independent, and you will feel more confident that they can reach you in an emergency.

REMINDERS

Student Arrival and Dismissal Information...

All students should arrive at school between 8:15 - 8:25 a.m. There is no yard

supervision before 8:15 a.m. Our dismissal times are 2:35 p.m. for the primary grades (K-3) and 3:05 p.m. for upper grades (4-5). **On Tuesdays, all children are dismissed at 2:00 p.m. except AM kindergarten (11:40 a.m).**

After the 2:35 p.m. dismissal, primary students and younger children may not play on the Big Toy, blacktop, or by the classroom wings. Our upper grade students are in school until 3:05 p.m. Classes may also be having P.E. in those areas. All parents need to be prompt in picking up children after school. If you are waiting for an older child, please make sure your younger children are with you and not in areas where the upper grade students have class. You may not wait in the GLC, since this area is used by upper grade classes. We do not have yard duty supervision after the school day has ended. You may wait with your child under or near the lunch canopy. You may also consider enrolling your child in the YMCA Program on campus for before and after school child care, if you are unable to pick your student up at the appropriate times on certain days.

LOST AND FOUND... All unclaimed items will be donated to a charity on Friday, February 11th.



LEYA MATHEW SPIRIT AWARD FOR ART



EXCELLENCE is open to 4th and 5th graders at Meyerholz. Information and entry forms are being sent home today.

All entries must be submitted to the office by March 1, 2011. Extra entry forms are available in the office.

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

It is important to plan your vacations so your student misses as few days as possible. If you plan to be away from school for a minimum of five days or a maximum of ten days, please contact the school office **at least 10 days** before your departure date to arrange for an Independent Study (IS) contract.

To receive credit for the days away, the contract homework must be completed while you are gone, and returned to school the first day your student is back in school. If the Independent Study work is not completed and returned, the days missed will be recorded as unexcused absences.

School Café Message to Parents/Guardians:

Please remember that all meals from our school café must be consumed on the school campus. These meals may not be taken off the campus as per federal regulations governing the school lunch program. Thank you for your cooperation with this! Also, thank you for depositing money into your child's lunch account in advance by using our blue prepayment envelopes, or on-line at www.PayPams.com.

Miller Middle School invites 5th grade parents living in the Miller Middle School attendance area to attend our Sixth Grade Information Night on March 2nd...

Parents of fifth graders are cordially invited to attend our Sixth Grade Information Night in the Miller gym on March 2nd, 2010. Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Next year's sixth grade parents will receive an overview of the Miller program. Students will receive more information about Miller from the school's counselor during meetings at their elementary schools during the spring. Required subjects, electives, and scheduling procedures, as well as school routines and activities will be described. We strongly recommend that you attend this important meeting and we look forward to seeing you on March 2nd. This event is for parents only please.

DISTRICT NEWS SECTION

BE A HERO! PROTECT OUR GREAT SCHOOLS!

Get ready to Dine, Shop and Play during Great Schools Week, February 14th thru 18th.

Remember the tremendous success of last year's Community Day? This year will be even better as we expand the event from one day to the full week. Grab your family, friends and colleagues and show your support for educational excellence. Great Schools Week spans FIVE DAYS, February 14 - 18!

A portion of sales from over 50 local businesses will be donated to benefit OUR 18,000 students! The list of participating businesses is growing daily. Keep an eye out for your golden ticket next week! Additional information is available at www.ceefcares.org/GSW.

There are many ways to participate:

- **Dine out** - Head to lunch with colleagues and friends. Take a break from cooking for the week and enjoy family dinners at a favorite restaurant, or a place you've been meaning to try. There's American, Thai, Japanese, Indian, Chinese, Mexican, Italian and pizza, lots of pizza.
- **Spring Training** - Gearing up for soccer and baseball? New shoes and equipment are available at Sports Basement and All Star Soccer
- **Summer Reading** - Stock up at Barnes and Noble
- **To-do Lists** - Kids need a haircut? Outgrowing their shoes? Car needs service? How about dry cleaning? or a mani-pedi for you? Take care of all that!
- **Take the kids out** for a great time with classmates. Got swimming and piano? Stop for a short while in between activities. The kids will have a blast helping out their school and hanging out with friends!
- **Special Treat** - Let them have dessert too! Stop in for ice cream, yogurt, crepes, baked goods, or drinks

Great Schools Week is sponsored by the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF), a community partner for excellence in local education.

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.