



Bulldog Bulletin



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FEBRUARY

MARCH

17	7:00pm	CLIPCO meeting
19	6:00pm	San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade (watch on KTVU-Channel 2)
21-25		Mid-Year Recess
28	6:00pm	School Site Council
2	7:30pm	PTA meeting
4		End 2 nd Trimester
	8:30am	Principal's Coffee

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.

To email Staff: lastname_firstname@cusdk8.org

Staying Warm Outside

As you know, it has been cold and rainy during the past few weeks. Please make sure your children bring a jacket to school and encourage them to wear it when they go outside. Also, please have all clothing items labeled so they won't end up in the Lost and Found.

Average Daily Attendance

Since our state is still going through a budget crisis, we want to remind all parents of our district's effort to maximize funding from the state. CUSD'S funding depends on our ADA (average daily attendance). This is the actual number of students physically present at each site on a daily basis. While we understand, and appreciate, that parents keep their children home from school because of illness, this isn't our main ADA concern. Each day that your child is out of school for a reason other than an illness, the district loses ADA dollars. Because of this, every year, CUSD loses thousands of dollars of ADA funding. Parents, you can help us keep from losing those valuable funds. How? By taking your family trips only during the student's allotted vacation breaks. If, because of an emergency, you must take your child on a trip during the school year, we recommend an Independent Study (IS) contract. To qualify for an IS contract, the absence must be at least 5 days and no more than 10 days. This is the only way for our district to receive funding when your child is not in school. For a minimally funded district like the CUSD is, every dollar that we can save counts.



Lunches... For the safety of all students, please do not send your child(ren) to school with glass containers with food or beverages. Also, if you are delivering a lunch for your child, place it in the lunch bin in front of office no later that 12:15pm.

WRITING ASSESSMENTS FOR GRADES 3 - 5

On Tuesday, March 1, 2011, our third, fourth and fifth grade students will be taking writing assessments or tests in their classrooms. The third and fifth grades will take the CUSD Writing Assessment, while the fourth grade will take the STAR Writing Test. All students will take the assessments/STAR test at the same time. A make - up day for the students absent on March 1, is scheduled for the following day, March 2. 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 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.

Please do not schedule appointments or family trips on this date.

The two-week multiple-choice STAR Test window begins April 25, 2011, and will be completed by May 6, 2011.

Mark Your Calendars... Eileen Healy will be at Meyerholz on Monday, March 21st at 7:00pm to present, Building Children's Emotional Intelligence. This parent education night is sponsored by our PTA. Childcare will be provided.

LEYA MATHEW SPIRIT AWARD - Reminder to all 4th and 5th grade students: the deadline for the Leya Mathew Spirit Award is Tuesday, March 1st. This year's theme is "Kindness is". Extra entry forms are available in the office. You are all encouraged to enter.



ATTENTION PARENTS - would you consider serving on the Meyerholz PTA Executive Board for the 2011-2012 school year? A flyer was sent home in last week's blue folder detailing all available positions. If you would like more information or have any questions please return the bottom part of the flyer to the school office or contact Shivaun Patel at (408) 996-9357 (shivaunpatel@yahoo.com) or any of the existing Board members listed on the flyer. Help us to continue the tradition of PTA helping to make Meyerholz a special place for all our children. Extra flyer are available in the office.



Honorary Service Awards

Each year the Meyerholz PTA honors individuals from our community and staff who represent the best in working for our children and school. Some people have very visible contributions, and some may work quietly behind the scenes, as well as in the classrooms, office, with School Site Council, PTA, CLIPCO, CAC, scouts or sports. Do you know someone who should be recognized for their efforts and achievements? No verbal nominations will be accepted. An award committee will review the nominees and the winners of the award will be announced in April. Please take a minute to nominate that person for this year's Honorary Service Award. Forms are due Friday, March 4th. Forms are also available online at Meyerholz website.



Contest From Google Doodle 4 Google

There are many ways to participate:

1. Become a doctor with my own TV show.
2. Invent rocket shoes that let you fly
3. Open a zoo for the world's endangered animals.

Welcome to Doodle 4 Google, a competition where we invite K-12 students to use their artistic talents to think big and redesign Google's homepage logo for millions to see. At Google, we believe that dreaming about future possibilities leads to tomorrow's leaders and inventors, so this year we're inviting U.S. kids to exercise their creative imaginations around the theme, "What I'd like to do someday..."

Whether students want to find a cure for cancer or take a trip to the moon, it all starts with art supplies and some 8.5" x 11" paper. And, one lucky student artist will take home a \$15,000 college scholarship and \$25,000 technology grant for their school, among many other prizes.

Registration closes at 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) on March 2, 2011, and entries must be post-marked by March 16, 2011 11:59:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). The winning doodle will be featured on our Google.com homepage on May 20, 2011.

Parents Can Register Their Children If They

Choose To Participate: This year, based on your feedback, we are expanding the contest. Now, parents and legal guardians can directly register their K- 12 students in the contest and submit their doodles@ <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/>

District News

2011 SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

The Cupertino Union School District continues to face major budget cuts from the state. As a result, there will be no available funds to implement the District's summer school program. As a result, there will be no regular education, CLIP, or ELD summer school this year.

Special Education Extended School Year is not affected and will be available for students currently identified and enrolled in Cupertino Union School District Special Day Classes (SDC) whose IEP includes summer school. Registration forms will be available from the SDC teachers beginning April 2011.

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.

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PARENT PHOTOS AND VIDEO GUIDELINES

The Cupertino Union School District currently allows parents to capture audio recordings, images, and/or video footage of their children in the classroom and at school events. The district believes that allowing this access is an important part of involving parents in the education of their children. While the district understands the desire for parents to share this information with others, we request that all parents be respectful of the privacy of other families and the district's policies for protecting student identity.

Therefore, any audio recordings, images, and/or video footage of students obtained during school hours or at any other school related activity should be used only for your private viewing and not be posted or published online. This guideline is consistent with the school district's policies and we would appreciate your cooperation.

As new technology continues to emerge, the district is balancing the use of innovative technology at the school site with the protection of the identity of our students.