

Bulldog Bulletin

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7	5:00-7:30 7:30	Spring Family Picnic/Book Fair PTA meeting
12		Spring Portraits
15		Lost and Found donated to charity
18-22		Spring Recess
25-May 6		STAR Testing

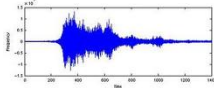
Attendance: Call 252-7450, extension 6

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@cusk8.org

Disaster Drill....On Wednesday, March 30 our school staff conducted a disaster drill. Thanks to all who helped make our drill a success.



The purpose of this annual drill is to:

- practice drop, cover, and hold procedures.
- practice evacuation of the building.
- evaluate the use of classroom emergency materials.
- evaluate the effectiveness of emergency response teams.
- test internal communications.
- monitor command center effectiveness.

What parents should do before a disaster occurs:

1. Be sure that your child's health and emergency card (on file in the office) has accurate and up-to-date information. List correct emergency contacts on the card. The only people other than yourself who can sign out your child from school are those you list on the card. Inform the people you have listed that they are authorized to take your child in an emergency.
2. Prepare your child. Let your child know who might be picking them up if you are unable to do so. If you work out of the local area, be sure that your child understands that it may take you hours to reach home.
3. Reassure them that they will be cared for until you arrive. Children who are prepared experience less fear and hysteria.

Our PTA has supported district preparedness training for staff and parents. Our staff and some parents have been in-serviced on search and rescue procedures. PTA has purchased emergency food for students and search and rescue materials. The school district has provided each school with disaster preparedness and medical supplies. We have radio communications with the district. We review duck, cover and hold procedures and evacuation to the field. Emergency routes out of all classrooms are posted in each classroom, with fire extinguisher locations identified.



Join Us for
Meyerholz
Spring Picnic Night
Thursday, April 7, 5-8 pm

Book Fair

5-7 pm GLC – proceeds benefit Librarian Fund

Bring Your Own Picnic Dinner
5:30-7:30 pm – at the picnic tables

Lion Dance Performance
6:15-6:45 pm – outside by picnic tables

PTA Association Meeting
7:30 pm – elections & honorary service awards

PTA Prize Drawing & Dessert
come for the meeting, stay for the sweets

Don't miss the only evening hours the Book Fair is open, the captivating performance of costumed Lion Dancers, or the exciting announcements of gold star volunteers and next year's PTA board. Drawing prizes and sweets provided by PTA.



Thank you parents for helping keep our students safe... This is the second week of the classroom rotation for parent volunteers to help out for morning and after school traffic. It has made a big difference with so many parents out helping

direct traffic and keep our students safe. Thank you to all the parents from Room 26 and Room 11 who helped us last week, especially with all the rain we had. This week, our wonderful volunteers from Rooms 4, 5, and 18 helped out. Next week will be Rooms 8, 9, and 16. Please go to the googledocs page to sign up and help. Since the link is so long, you can access the sign-up page by going to <http://tinyurl.com/47cmfgw>

Thanks again for all the parent volunteers. Your help is appreciated.

The Book Fair is Back!

Next week we will host a Scholastic Book Fair in the GLC. This fair is a fundraiser for our Library Fund. 25% of our pre-tax sales will go into our library fund--which will be used to extend our Librarian's hours next year. Please come and support our Library! Also, a reminder for those who have already donated a minimum of \$50 to our library fund--your free book certificates **will be sent home with your child on Monday**. Hang on to those to redeem next week at the book fair! They expire the last day of the book fair.



Come in and see the new books and stock up for summer reading, birthday gifts, Easter baskets, etc.!

Book Fair Hours:

Tuesday April 5 1:30-3:30 pm
Wednesday April 6 2:00-4:00 pm
Thursday April 7 2:30-3:30 pm and 5:00 -7:30 pm
(Spring Family Picnic)
Friday April 8 2:00-4:00 pm

Playgrounds Off-Limits After Dismissal

Parents, please remember that children, whether they are supervised by you or not, should not be playing on any playground equipment after school is dismissed. This includes both the time between primary and upper grade dismissal, as well as the time after upper grade dismissal. After primary dismissal, parents and young children may wait for older siblings at the lunch tables under the canopy. Thank you for your cooperation!

If your child becomes ill or injured at school...

- make arrangements to pick your child up **IMMEDIATELY**
- have an alternate plan for care if you work or you are not available
- evaluate his/her readiness to return to school based on the "stay home..." guidelines
- if your child is sent home with a fever, he/she **SHOULD NOT** return to school until the temp has been normal for 24 hours

Our Lost and Found bins are

overflowing! Please remember to check the Lost and Found bin in the GLC. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the April break.** Please write your child's name on their backpacks, lunch boxes and on the labels of their jackets, so that items can be returned if they are lost and then found.



Spring Portraits

Bud White Photography is coming to Meyerholz, Tuesday, April 12th for Spring portraits. Order envelopes have been sent home with your child this afternoon. Only children with a completed order envelope and payment will be photographed.

Leya Mathew Spirit Award

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Leya Mathew Spirit Award for Art Excellence. The art submissions were creative and thoughtful. Here are the results of the Leya Mathew Spirit Award. 1st place: Elaine; 2nd place: Meijie; 3rd place Irene. Congratulations!!

Building Character...

Banish bullying by teaching your child to respect others...

Bullying is a serious problem that deserves your attention, even if your child is not bullied or a bully. Research shows up to 30% of kids are bullied repeatedly, which means plenty of kids are at least observing bullying. Encourage your child to:

- **Respect others.** Teach respect through words and actions. Provide a warm home environment with good role models and effective discipline (not too strict or too lenient). Remember the importance of supervision, since bullying often occurs when adults aren't around.
- **Recognize bullying.** Bullying comes in many forms. It can be physical, verbal or written, such as in emails or text messages. It can also be silent, when a child is left out on purpose.
- **React to bullying.** If your child knows someone who is being bullied, he should inform you or a teacher about the situation.

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DISTRICT NEWS SECTION

GREAT SCHOOLS WEEK AND GROCERY DAYS

Great Schools Week, organized by the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF), has raised over \$30,000 to-date! There are still over 1/3 of the donation checks yet to arrive. You can add to the number by buying groceries for your family next week at Whole Foods Cupertino. Last year, the power of our community raised over \$12,000 for CUSD schools at this event. ALL SALES will be used to offset pending budget cuts. Join us in supporting our CUSD schools!

- **Tuesday, April 5, 2011**
Whole Foods, 20955 Stevens Creek Blvd,
Cupertino - 5% of all sales

Additional information is available at www.ceefcares.org.

2011 STAR TESTING DATES

STAR Multiple Choice Testing will begin the week of April 25, 2011 and continues for two weeks. The STAR Program is a state accountability measure that helps us assess how we are meeting the needs of our students. You can help prepare your child for the test by ensuring your child goes to bed on time, eats a good breakfast, and leaves for school with a positive attitude. Please do not schedule any family trips or doctor appointments during this time.

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 and 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.