



Bulldog Bulletin



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7	5:00-7:30	Spring Family Picnic/Book Fair
	7:30pm	PTA meeting
8	2:00-4:00pm	Book Fair
12		Spring Portraits
15		Lost and Found donated to charity
		Twin Day
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@cusdk8.org



Take the Parent Survey Online Now!

It's time to take the Parent Survey for the 2010-2011 school year. The parent survey provides us with extremely valuable information and we want your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to take the survey online. If you have more than one child at Meyerholz, we encourage you to take the survey once for each child. We will keep track of the amount of families taking the survey. If we get more than a 70% return rate, students will have a fifteen-minute special afternoon recess on Friday, May 6th. An 80% return rate will result in a twenty-minute recess. If you do not have internet access from home, you may pick up a paper copy in the office. The survey will be available online until Friday, April 29th.

The survey can be accessed from the home page of the Meyerholz Website.

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Thank you to our parent traffic volunteers

A big thank you goes out to the parents from Rooms 4, 5 & 18 for volunteering to help with traffic duty last week. This week, Rooms 8, 9, & 16 were responsible for traffic duty. The google.docs spreadsheet for signing up is now available to access from the Meyerholz website. Please look at the upcoming schedule and sign-up online.

Week of 4/11-4/15- Rooms 7 & 25
Week of 4/25- 4/29- Rooms 24 & 32
Week of 5/2-5/6- Rooms 10, 3 & 28
Week of 5/9-5/13- Rooms 2, 12, & 27
Week of 5/16-5/20- Rooms 13 & 30
Week of 5/23-5/27- Rooms 29 & 34
Week of 5/31- 6/3- Rooms 31 & 33
Week of 6/6-6/7- Rooms 14 & 15



INDEPENDENT STUDY

If you plan to be away from school for a **minimum of five school days and a maximum of ten school days**, please contact the office and your child's teacher **at least two weeks ahead** of your departure date to arrange for a special Independent Study (IS) Contract. This way your child can keep up with class. The following guidelines must be followed:

- A student must be enrolled for three consecutive weeks before an IS contract can be initiated.
- The contract and homework must be returned the first day back to school with all the work complete, so days missed do not count as unexcused absences.
- Students who are absent for more than ten consecutive days will be dropped from the roster of their school. When the student returns, if space is available at his or her school, the student will be reinstated. If no space is available, the student will be assigned to another school in the district where space is available.

Meyerholz Library Fund... Tomorrow is the last to contribute to the Meyerholz Library Fund.

To date, we have raised just over \$9,000. **Our school-wide goal is to raise \$15,000, which will pay for 2 extra hours a day for our library media clerk and have the library open at lunch.** Thank you to all the wonderful families who have already contributed to the fund! If you have not contributed yet, please consider donating \$50 per family. Please make checks payable to Meyerholz School and all donations are tax-deductible.



It is donations like this one that enable us to provide more enriching educational experiences for our students. Thank you again for supporting our students.

Friday is last day of the Book Fair and we are open from 2:00-4:00 PM. Thank you for your support for the Library Fund.



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.

PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Please do not park in red zones and leave your car to drop off and pick up students. This disrupts traffic flow and creates hazards. Drivers must remain in their cars. Our neighbors have asked that we leave the house driveways clear and not block them. Also, do not park in the bus zone.



Be a Meyerholz book reviewer!

Would you like to tell other kids about books that you have read and liked? Either draw a picture or write a few sentences about the book. Let us know if you liked it or not. Why do you think

others will like it? Put the title and the author at the top of the page and your name and room number at the bottom. Try to be neat! Turn it in to Mrs. Mallison and she will post it on the wall for others to see! Be creative and have fun with it!

AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE... While our state is going through the current 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), the actual number of students physically present at each site on a daily basis. While we understand that a student cannot attend school because of illness, unfortunately, the state of California does not take that into consideration.

Every year, CUSD loses thousands of dollars of ADA funds (\$35 per student per day) when students miss school for a reason other than illness. **Parents, please make an effort to take family trips during the student's vacation breaks.** If you must take your child on a trip during the school year, we recommend an Independent Study contract. The absence must be at least five days and no more than ten 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 CUSD, every dollar counts!

Visitor's Badges... We welcome parents on campus. Please sign in the office and wear a name tag. Your assistance in identifying yourself anytime you are on campus, whether it is to bring lunch or assist in class, will help us maintain a safe environment.

Don't Lose Your Place at Meyerholz

We have noticed that many families are starting to make travel plans for the summer break. This is just a reminder that CUSD policy states that all students must be in class on the last day of school. Students risk losing their placement at Meyerholz School for the 2011/2012 school year if they are not present on the last day of school, June 7th, 2011. Students must also be present on the first day of the 2011/2012 school year, August 18th, 2011.

Absences in early grades have a big impact on school success... Missing school in the early grades can have an impact throughout your child's school years. New studies show that often, these early absences create a cascading effect from which your child can never recover.

The early grades are where students learn and master the basics. Without that strong foundation, they may face learning problems throughout their schooling. Children who miss just one day of school every two weeks in kindergarten score lower in reading, math and other knowledge at the end of first grade. In other words, they never quite make up the learning they missed.

Early absences also set a pattern. Kids who get in the habit of missing school early continue that pattern. That leads them to miss even more learning. So the cycle continues. And studies consistently show that missing school is one of the strongest predictors of dropping out of high school.

Remember, your child can't learn if s/he's not in school. So be sure you and your child take school attendance seriously. S/he should attend school every day, unless there is an emergency or unless s/he is sick.

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STAR Testing, April 25th – May 6th, 2011

The STAR Testing dates are being published so that parents can plan ahead. STAR Testing will be held from April 25, 2011 through May 6, 2011 for grades 2-5. Your child will need to take the entire test in order to receive complete STAR scores. Please do not schedule family trips or make appointments during this time. It is very important that our students be at school during the testing window.



ENCOURAGE THE WHOLE FAMILY TO SPEND ONE "GREEN HOUR" PER DAY...

If you're like most parents, you agree that it's important for your kids to spend time outdoors. But nearly seven in 10 parents say their children are spending less time outdoors than they did.

Children not only want that chance for outdoor play--they want parents to be part of it. A survey by the Boys & Girls Clubs found that 43 percent of all kids said they'd like their parents to spend more time outdoors with them.

Doctors agree. There's been a dramatic rise in childhood obesity. Parents, too, are struggling to reduce stress and keep their weight down.

What's the solution? Think about giving your child one "green hour" each day. For 60 minutes, unplug your child from all electronic media. Turn off the TV and the video game. Don't use the Internet. Instead, give your child a chance for active play. Better yet, encourage the entire family to participate. To enjoy a "green hour":

- Go for a walk, run or bike ride.
- Find a basketball court and challenge your child to see who can get the most baskets in the least amount of time.
- Explore nature. Head to a nearby park, a wooded area or even your own backyard. What do you hear? What do you see? Focus on tiny insects and large trees. Later, look up answers to the questions you wanted to answer as you explored.

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