

The Weekly Read-It

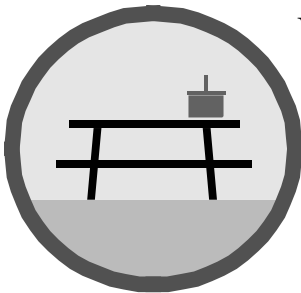
John Muir School PTA Newsletter

February 28, 2006

We've Got the Money... Now We Need Help Spending It!!


Painters and Artists take note: we have a grant to paint the lunchroom and make it gorgeous! We need talented individuals with skill to assist in completing this project. If interested in having fun and creating a wonderful place for our kids to eat, please contact coordinator Kelly Cash at kcash@tnc.org.

Also.....



We are lucky enough to have received the In Dulci Jubilo grant which provides funds to improve our outdoor eating areas. We are in the hunt for handy folks, carpenter types or any one with knowledge as to how to secure outdoor picnic tables. Henry Poole has graciously begun the task of finding outdoor table/bench set. Please contact Henry Poole at Poole@fsf.org or Diana Yovino-Young at Tayloryy@yahoo.com if interested in helping out! Thanks!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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- Monday, March 6-** Site Council Mtg.
 - Wednesday, March 8-**In-school Celebration of International Women's Day
 - Tuesday, March 14-**PTA Meeting, **6:30-8:00pm** in Library **AND** Drop Everything and Read (DEAR) Day
 - Tuesday, March 21-**Staff Luncheon Sponsored by Third Grade
 - Friday, March 31-**End of Third Grading Period (secondary) **AND** Cesar Chavez School Day of Service and Learning **AND** March Nutrition Event 9:00am to 3:00pm
 - Thursday, April 6-**Middle School Open House
 - Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14** Spring Recess, **NO SCHOOL**
 - Tuesday, April 18-**JMS PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm **AND** JMS Staff Lunch (Fourth Grade Sponsors)
 - Thursday, May 18-**MAY FAIR
 - Friday, May 19-** Malcolm X's Birthday Holiday, **NO SCHOOL**

HAVE AN EXTRA CHILDREN'S CLOTHES LYING AROUND??

Kelly in the office has requested clothes that will fit first and second graders: especially underwear and pants. So dig in your closets for any clothes your child may have out grown and bring it in to Kelly! Thanks!



School Site Council Meeting is happening this Monday, March 6 at 5:30pm. Ask Greg John for further details if interested in attending.

LOST AND FOUND

A couple weeks ago items from the Lost and Found were spread about on the railings for students and parents/guardians to reclaim. This will occur one more time at a later sunny date and then all items in the Lost and Found will be donated. The box is kept to the left of the auditorium, please take a close look to see if any of the clothes belong to you. Thanks!

ANNUAL MARCH NUTRITION EVENT!

Chef Carrie and Michael Bush have graciously organized the **Annual March Nutrition Event for the California Nutrition Network grant**. It is scheduled for **March 31st from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. We will be hosting a **Harvest for Health** with five activities that will occur in and around the garden area. We have invited K through 3rd grades. Each class will split into small groups with each group visiting each of the five stations and completing the activity.

These stations might include:

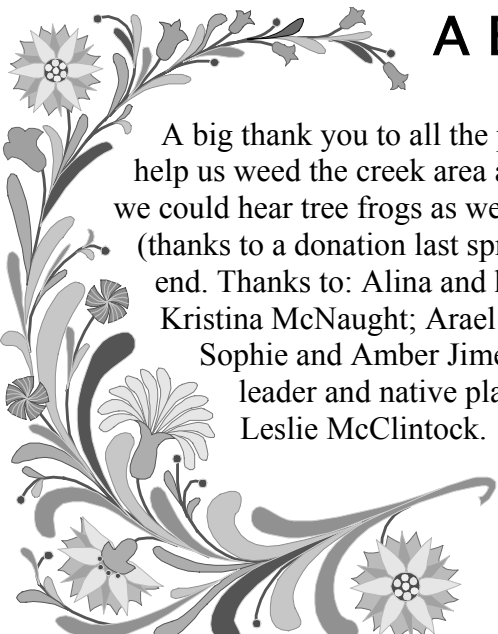
- Harvesting
- Snack preparation
- Seeding/planting
- Composting
- Personal power take-home project

We are looking for parents to come and be with us and the students in the garden - it should be fast-paced, 30 minute visits, simple but powerful activities -

2nd Grade Staff Luncheon a Big Success!

A big thank you to 2nd grade families for providing a scrumptious and healthy lunch to teachers and staff last week. Your show of appreciation put smiles on their faces and contentment in their tummies. An extra special thank you to Room Parent Alesia Rhodes (Nehemiah's Mom) for coordinating the luncheon and Ellen Chang (Sun Im's Mom), Kelly Cash (Lee Lee's Mom), Elena Eger (Ari's Mom), Locke Jaeger (Lee's Mom), Martha Singer (Max/Zoe's Mom) and Megan Jin's Grandmother for volunteering at the luncheon. Thanks for continuing this tradition and conveying everyone's appreciation of JMS teachers/staff!

A Beautiful Day at the Creek & Garden!

A decorative floral graphic in the bottom left corner, featuring various flowers and leaves in shades of gray and white, arranged in a flowing, artistic pattern.

A big thank you to all the parents, guardians, neighbors, and students who came out last Saturday to help us weed the creek area and prepare for planting in the next few weeks. It was a beautiful day and we could hear tree frogs as we worked. We will be purchasing native plants during the next two weeks (thanks to a donation last spring from Grubb Realty) and getting them in the ground before the rains end. Thanks to: Alina and her mom, Janine Kraus, and her dad, Chris Fryer; Seth and his mom, Kristina McNaught; Arael and Michael, their brother, Evan, and their mom, Elizabeth Grey; Ariana, Sophie and Amber Jimenez; Marie Clare and her mom, Karyn Smith; Glen Schneider, our fearless leader and native plant expert; and his friend, who is also a student teacher at Rosa Parks, Leslie McClintock. If we missed anyone, please accept our heartfelt apology and thanks!