

# The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

March 7, 2006

## THE EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM NEEDS OUR HELP!



The Emergency Shelter Program, Inc. serves women and children in Alameda County. The mission of the program is to provide shelter, support, and education to women and children who are victims of domestic violence or homelessness. For additional information, please see their web site [www.espca.org](http://www.espca.org)

The director of the Emergency Shelter Program has indicated that they are in need of the following items:

- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Goods (Toilet paper, paper towels and tissue)
- New Socks and Underwear for women and children (various sizes)

Please leave items in the auditorium where the signs indicate (usually to the left as you enter). They will be collected March 20 through March 31. If you have questions, please contact **Cindy** at **849-9536**. Thanks!

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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)

Friday-Sunday, May 5-8-Cody's School Daze Book Sale

Thursday, May 18-MAY FAIR

Friday, May 19- Malcolm X's Birthday Holiday, NO SCHOOL

## PTA MEETING NEXT TUESDAY!

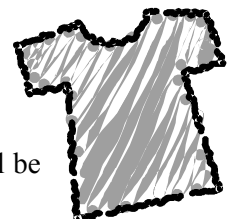
Agenda for **March 14**: Vines Purchase, PTA council meeting **March 20**, Resource Fair (**March 18th** at Le Conte 10a.m.-1p.m), Cook's/Air Safety Meeting, Cafeteria painting project (Kelly Cash), My Fair Progress, Outreach to fellow parents with volunteer opportunities, Rebuilding Together Update and misc.

## NEW VOLUNTEER FORM ON BACK

Check out our new volunteer form on the back. Thanks to Jim Greenberg and Berkeley Arts Magnet for providing the motivation and blue print! This form provides the PTA a better understanding of who can volunteer for what and allows folks in the JM community to easily sign up for an event and/or project. We really need everyone at John Muir to help in making this school the best it can be. Your effort is never too small and can range from bringing a dish for the teacher's Luncheon or to help organize a major event! The more participation, the more our children benefit!

## LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found clothes will soon be donated. On the next sunny Thursday all of the clothes will be laid out. Please take a look and remind your child to glance at the displayed clothes.



# JMS PTA Volunteer Sign-Up, 2005-06

Thanks for completing this form. *Everyone can help.* Find an activity below that sparks your interest. If you have other ideas, absolutely write them in. **Please return this completed form to the PTA Mailbox in the school office.** You'll be contacted to help you get going.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Check one or more that interest you.*

## ***School Pride and Community***

- JMS School Directory:** Help put together this incredibly valuable resource for parents and students at JMS
- After-School INTRAMURALClasses:** Help recruit, organize, and publicize these great classes for students.
- Weekly Read-IT:** Compile, publish, copy and distribute this critical communication tool for parents at JMS.
- JMS T-Shirts:** coordinate development, sales, and distribution of these wonderful shirts.
- Gardening:** Assist in creating and maintaining the landscapes that surround our students.
- Open House:** Help organize and publicize this spring showcase for our students' achievements.
- Front Hall Display Wall:** Coordinate rotating displays across from the main office.
- JMS website:** Help maintain these valuable information tools. .
- JMS Creek Restoration/Upkeep:** Plan weekend gatherings to keep our creek looking pristine.

## ***School Support***

- Classroom Volunteer or Tutor:** Help in a classroom on a regular basis.
- Lunchtime Volunteer or Staff:** Assist in cafeteria with school lunch initiative.
- Parent Education:** help plan, coordinate, and publicize evening programs for parents.
- Computers/Technology:** Work with others to expand JMS's computer and technology resources.
- Emergency/Earthquake Preparedness:** Work with staff, inventory supplies, update disaster plans.
- Kindergarten Information Night:** Help plan an evening that helps parents appreciate JMS
- End of Year Beach Day:** Plan and participate in this schoolwide day of fun.
- Teacher Appreciation Lunches:** Coordinate lunch buffets for teachers and staff.
- Library Assistant/Support:** Help in the library on a regular basis.

## ***Fund Raising.***

- JMS Silent Auction:** Plan and coordinate this festive and fun event.
- JMS May Faire:** Plan and coordinate this annual event.
- Book Faire:** Help organize, match up students and parents with books, and cashier.
- JMS Walk-A-Thon:** Coordinate or helping out on this day of outdoor fun

## ***Office/Clerical***

- Kindergarten Registration:** Help with this springtime effort.
- School Office Volunteer:** Help out on a regular or and as-needed basis.
- Supervise during spring testing:** 2-3 hour shifts during the two week testing period and/or provide snacks.

## ***For Next Year***

- Kindergarten and New Families Potluck:** A special welcome the week before school
- First Day of School Coffee:** Create a place for parents to gather that first exciting morning.
- Room Parent:** Sign up to help with volunteer recruitment, classroom communications and special projects.

What other ideas and/or skills do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

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