

# The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

April 18, 2006

## PTA MEETING TONIGHT!

This is it y'all! Big planning time for the end of the year! Voting for new PTA officer's, Mr Bush will talk about the arbor project, picture frames for cafeteria, May Fair, Beach Day, School Testing Snacks, Cleaning PTA closet, etc...Come make your voice heard!

## Time to Sell Those Raffle Tickets!!

Your student has brought home a yellow envelope with instructions on the front explaining how to sell raffle tickets. Inside the envelope is 20 tickets for them to start. Tickets are \$2 each, 6 for \$10, and 12 for \$20 (what a deal!). You can always get more tickets! In the past students have had great success

selling tickets to neighbors and even your co-workers. Another great opportunity is to set up a table outside of a neighborhood store, at the farmer's market, or a sporting event (please check with the store owner first!). Others have had a whole lot of success sending out an email in their own words to friends and family around the country and the world. Have your student(s) describe what they like about John Muir, why they would like for someone to buy a ticket and what some of the great prizes are that they could win. Don't forget to mention that their checks should be made out to John Muir PTA when they mail them to you (before May 17). Thanks for you support! And remember all classes that beat their Magic Number will get a Sundae/Banana Split party!

## *Volunteers Needed for the Harvest for Health Event this Friday!!*

Mr Bush is sending out a last minute request for volunteer's to help out in the Harvest for Health event that will take place this **Friday, April 21** from **9:00 am** until after lunch. This event is for students K through Third grade, but every one is welcome to help out!. There will be five stations in which groups of children will visit and engage in activities that range from harvesting greens grown in the garden, to making seed packets, to making salad dressing (that will then be utilized that day at the salad bar), to cooking a greens saute with chef Carrie. Our beloved Mr. Rutherford will be on hand to explain such concepts as soil erosion and Mr Bush will assist in amending the soil with home-grown legumes! This is a very unique experience for our children, so come and share in the fun and learning! We need some parents to chaperone or '(wo)man' the stations. Please Contact Mr Bush at **(510) 604-3279** if you have any questions!



Also, on **Saturday April 29th 9:00 till 3:00**, we are scheduled to build a wood arbor with Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) and would love to have some somewhat skilled parents to come and be a part of this long awaited dream of Mr Bush! We could definitely use some saws, drills, and ladders. We will be constructing an arbor, building raised beds and a new seating area in the garden for future lunchtime experiences. So come and join the fun and help transform the garden area into an even more incredible place for our children to enjoy and learn!!!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:



- Tuesday, April 18**-JMS PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm  
**AND JMS Staff Lunch** (Fourth/Fifth Grade Sponsors)
- Monday, May 1**-Elementary School Testing Begins
- Friday-Sunday, May 5-8**-Cody's School Daze Book Sale
- Tuesday, May 9**-Fourth/Fifth Staff Luncheon
- Thursday, May 18**-MAY FAIR
- Friday, May 19**- Malcolm X's Birthday Holiday, **NO SCHOOL**
- Monday, May 29**-Memorial Day Holiday, **NO SCHOOL**
- Friday, June 16**- Last Day of School

