

# The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

December 6, 2005



The May Fair is a fun-filled, delicious, exciting, and wonderful event each year at John Muir. The event includes food, games, fire engines, a petting zoo, a cakewalk, climbing walls and the jumpy caterpillar, and lots of fun for the kids, too!! The May Fair is also our biggest fundraiser of the year. We raise money mostly through a raffle and silent auction. You can help get the event off to a great start in two ways:

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 6-9-Book Fair**

**Wednesday, Dec.7-Last Day for Peets Cards**

**Tuesday, Dec.13- PTA Meeting 6:30- 8:00pm, Childcare provided**

**Monday, Dec. 19- Jan 2 Winter Recess, NO SCHOOL**

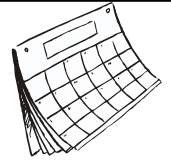
**Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Dead-line to turn in Cody Receipts**

**Tuesday, Jan 10-PTA Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm Childcare provided**

**Monday, Jan 16-MLK Birthday Holiday- NO SCHOOL**

**Tuesday, Jan 17-JMS Staff Lunch (First Grade Sponsors)**

**Monday, Jan. 30- Elementary Staff Development Day, NO SCHOOL**



## **PUT YOUR FEET ON THE STREET**

Sign on to take a January walk around one of the great neighborhoods in Berkeley and Oakland, delivering donation solicitation letters to merchants as you go. There are about ten neighborhoods to choose from, and each tour takes about an hour. Letters will be ready the first week in January.

If you can do this job, please call Valerie Gutwirth (Ruby and Sylvie's mom) at (510) 420-8661 or email [valerie@gutwirth.org](mailto:valerie@gutwirth.org).

The May Fair Raffle and Silent Auction is always looking for donations of goods, services, artwork, vacation cabins, airline tickets, museum passes, gift certificates, and other items for the event. The greater the prizes, the more tickets we can sell, and the more we can do for kids at Muir.

Do you know someone or have connections to a business who might be willing to donate something for May Fair? If so, please call Valerie Gutwirth (Ruby and Sylvie's mom) at (510) 420-8661 or email [valerie@gutwirth.org](mailto:valerie@gutwirth.org).

**PLEASE turn in YOUR Cody's receipts to the office so that they may be submitted by the January deadline!! Also, Wednesday Dec. 7 is last day to get a Peets Card so what are you waiting for?**



## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS THIS WEEK! ( Dec. 6 - Dec. 9)**

Buying Days are on **Thursday** and **Friday** from **2:30-6:30pm**. ALL profits (anywhere from 30-60% of the total Book Fair) goes directly to classroom teacher's choice of books so kids gets to see Book Fair success in all classrooms. If you can volunteer, please email Gina Lim at [bartandginas@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bartandginas@sbcglobal.net), or call 510-843-5809 and leave message.



## **THREE SISTERS SOUP WITH PAZOLE (HOMINY)**

Another great recipe from Chef Carrie!

The three sisters are corn, beans and squash. You may substitute any kind you like. Pozole is made from dent corn which is a hard corn that is native to America. It is also used to make Masa Harina for tortillas. Ms Olson and Ms Warburton's class helped bring the "Three Sisters" to life and illustrated the lesson of living together.

### **Ingredients:**

- 1 yellow onion
- 1 Tablespoon of tomato paste
- 1 carrot (cut into small pieces)
- 4 cups of vegetable broth
- 4 cups of water
- 1 zucchini (cut into small pieces)
- 1 can of cooked Hominy, (or 1 cup of dried hominy cooked for 3 hours)
- 1 cup of cooked beans (canned Kidney beans can substitute for fresh)
- 1 cup of fresh corn (or frozen corn)
- Salt



Cut onion into small pieces. Add 3 tablespoons of oil to a large soup pot, heat oil slightly and add onion. Cook for about 10 minutes. Add carrots, cook for another 5 minutes. Add the tomato paste, cook for 1 minute stirring constantly. Add vegetable broth and water. Add beans, corn, zucchini and Hominy. Heat all. Add salt to taste. Eat and Enjoy!

## **PTA MEETING IS NEXT TUESDAY!**

**6:30pm to 8:00pm. - Pizza, Salad and Childcare Provided!-**

**-Come meet Willard Middle School's PTA chair, Jon Marley and Willard's Principal, Robert Ithurburn!**

For all you Kindergarten parents, we understand that the Kindergarten Multicultural Family Potluck is on the same night at 6pm. So have some yummy food and then head on over to the auditorium when convenient. All are welcome to the PTA meeting and we are a stronger community when all voices are heard!