
The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

December 13, 2005

PTA MEETING IS TONIGHT!!

All you fourth and fifth graders, AND anyone interested in learning about Willard Middle School, come listen to the new Willard principal and the chair of the PTA talk about their vision for Willard School!

Agenda: 1. Principal/PTA Chair of Willard School (6:30 to 7:00), Minutes Review, Update from Greg John, Book Faire Results, Wish List, Coach Don for the Upper Grades, The Fund Committee, and Misc...

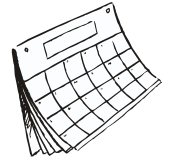
For all you Kindergarten parents, we understand that the Kindergarten Multicultural Family Potluck is on the same night at 6pm. So have some yummy food and then head on over to the auditorium when convenient. All are welcome to the PTA meeting and we are a stronger community when all voices are heard!

AND NOW, A SLIGHTLY UNPLEASANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF HEALTH SERVICES ABOUT HEAD LICE

Head lice on young children continue to be a problem at home that is being detected through screening at day care centers, preschools and elementary schools. Parents who discover that their child has head lice, or has been in contact with another child with head lice, should do the following: Thoroughly inspect the child's hair, and the hair of any siblings, close to the scalp, at the neckline, and behind the ears. Remove daily all lice and eggs with a metal nit or flea comb. This step is the most important lice control measure. Several brands of metal nit combs are available at pharmacies. Comb the child's entire head every day until no more lice or eggs are found. Remove any eggs that cannot be combed out by either picking them out or snipping the hair between the scalp and where the eggs are attached. Use an over-the-counter head lice control product. The active ingredient of choice is permethrin, which is currently in Nix® cream rinse formula. Parents should follow the label directions carefully and not exceed the recommended treatment without consulting a physician. Soak combs, brushes, hair bands, and barrettes in soapy water for one hour or boil for five minutes. There is no need to apply pesticides in the home. For more information on how to control head lice, please visit the CDHS Infectious Disease Branch Web site at <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/disb/disbindex.htm>. A head lice PDF document is posted under the Vector-Borne Disease Section: Guidelines for Parents.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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



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

Monday, Jan. 2nd-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**

THE BOOK FAIR WAS A SUCCESS!!!

This year's Book Fair was held in room 5A for 2 days, and all of you supported the Book Fair and bought a ton of books! We beat last year sales by 51%, for a whopping net (without the sales tax) of \$4789 in sales. How does this benefit JM? This means \$2874 in FREE books (60% of net Book Fair) for all JM instructional classrooms and library!!!

This year's Scholastic Book Fair theme was The Kingdom of Reading- we have certainly entered the Kingdom of Reading in a big way! I want to thank the following list of volunteers who help make this happen:

(in first name order)

Adele Szilardi (Eva's mom)
Angela Cavanaugh (Enrique's mom)
Bruce McNaught (Seth's dad)
Cecilia Sandvik (Clarissa's mom)
Chris Fryer (Alina's dad)
Diana Yovino Taylor (Morgan and Delaney's mom)
Ellen Sebastian Chang (Sunim's mom)
Elena Eger (Ari's mom)
Janine Kraus (Alina's mom)
Jerry Berkman (Sophia and Sarah grandpa)
Jim Greenberg (Emma's dad)
Karin Evan (Frannie and Kelly's mom)
Katie Snyder (Sasha's mom)
Lynn Rachel Altman (Raffi's mom)
Locke Jaeger (Eva, Lee and Jackson's mom)
Maria Poole (Aidan and Oliver's mom)
Marc Beyeler (Ari's dad)
Peter Szilardi (Eva's dad)
Richard Jennings (Max and Zoe's dad)
And many thanks to Dee, our librarian, for all her help too.



I apologize if I have missed other volunteers who helped with the Book Fair. The volunteer parents and guardians were all terrific. Also, thank you to Ms. Vogel, Ms. Wells, and to Lisa at Kid's Village, for allowing us to use room 5A for the entire week and being flexible in using other classrooms and spaces for their wonderful programs. Thanks to Ms. Donaker for thinking of "Plan B" when there was an elevator crisis, and to Ms. Franco for helping work out logistics with me. I want to thank Principal Greg John for helping move boxes and boxes from auditorium to room 5A. Many of you have shown your JM life skills- Flexibility, Problem Solving, and Cooperation- when we had the Book Fair that was originally suppose to happen in the library, but ended up in room 5A.

Most of all, thanks to all the parent and guardians who came out to buy books. You truly have supported not only JM classrooms who will receive free books from Book Fair proceeds, but also your child who will be a better reader by reading the books you purchased at the Book Fair and will continue their journey in The Kingdom of Reading.

Sincerely,

Gina Lim (2005 Scholastic Book Chairperson, Matthew's mom-2nd grade)