
The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

January 3, 2006

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

PTA Meeting Next Tuesday!



The next PTA meeting is **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.** Pizza and childcare are provided. Hope to see you there!

Agenda: 1. Fund Committee Update 2.

Volunteer Update/Needs 3. Winter/Spring Intramurals/vote for funds 5. May Fair 6. Other Items

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Childcare provided

Thursday, Jan 12-

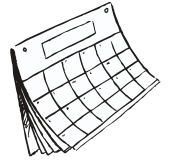
Enrollment forms due

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

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

Friday, Jan 20- Rosters are posted/distributed

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



AN OPEN LETTER FROM JON MARLEY, PTA PRESIDENT OF WILLARD SCHOOL:

Dear Families of 5th Grade John Muir Students,

The faculty and PTA at Willard would like to invite you to become more familiar with our school, as you begin the process of deciding which middle school is right for you. There are three ways during the next few weeks for you to learn about the many wonderful things happening at Willard:

1. Take a Tour

If you are available during the day on **Wednesdays** or **Fridays** in **January**, you can contact us to arrange a tour of the school, and see what Willard is like during the day. If you would like a guided tour by our Principal, Robert Ithurburn, on a **Wednesday**, call him at **(510) 985-3644** to choose a date. If you would like a parent-guided tour on a **Friday**, contact **Jon Marley**, Willard PTA President, at **(510) 548-4040, ext. 321** or **marley@stanfordalumni.org**, and we will set you up with a parent guide.

2. Join Us for our All-School Gathering

On the evening of **Wednesday, January 11**, you are welcome to join us in the Willard cafetorium for food, music, and conversation. We will begin with dinner at **6:00pm**, provided free by the PTA. Food will be followed at **6:30** by a lively discussion of activities and projects happening at Willard. The evening will culminate with a concert from **7:00-8:00**, with music provided by Willard's orchestra and bands.

3. Meet the Faculty

Willard has an incredible corps of teachers and strong leadership from our administrative team. Come get to know them on the evening of **Wednesday, January 18 (time TBA)** and take the opportunity to ask questions about the innovative curriculum approaches used in the classrooms of Willard. For more information, call **Jon** at **(510) 548-4040, ext. 321**.

WINTER/SPRING INTRAMUIRALS COMING VERY SOON!!



If you are interested in the up-coming IntraMUIRals, please keep a look out for the registration packet. Here are some of the classes offered: Spanish, chess, soccer, ceramics, carpentry, survivor science (which will continue on but new students are welcome to join), a new dance class and Lego engineering class. Here is a preliminary look at some important changes and highlights that will be in the registration packet:

- Enrollment forms and **class fees must be returned to Kelly in the School office by Thursday January 12.** You may bring them to the office yourself or send them with your child in an envelope clearly labeled “Intramurals.” Late forms will not be accepted for any reason.
- The PTA is pleased to be able to continue to offer some **scholarships**. If you need to, use the attached enrollment form to apply for a quarter or half-off tuition scholarship for one class only. To do so, you must still include a check, made out to the correct party, for the other half or three quarters of the class fee.
- **If your child is enrolled in Kids Village**, please do not use the attached forms to enroll your child in a class that lists Kids Village after the instructors name; instead let Lisa Jackson know of your child’s interest in that class and use the attached forms to sign-up for other classes.
- **If your child is enrolled in Kids in Motion** please do not use the attached forms to enroll your child in a class that lists Kids in Motion or Troy after the instructor’s name; instead, let Troy know of your child’s interest in that class and use the attached forms to sign-up for other classes.
- **If you pick-up your child up (parent pick-up), you must sign them out of Kids Village.** This is a **new** procedure and must be followed whether you meet your child in the auditorium or at their class site..
- The classes will **be assigned based on a lottery system**; this system replaces the previously used first-come first-serve system. Because we cannot guarantee that your child will get his/her first choice class, you can indicate an alternative (second choice) class on the enrollment form. The lottery will work in the following way: All of the first class choices will be assigned, and then the alternate classes will be assigned. Signing up for one or more classes and/or listing alternate classes will not affect your chances for getting into a class
- If there is a gap between the time your child regularly gets dismissed, and the time the Intramuiral class begins, Kids Village will provide **transitional care**. However, as soon as the intramuiral class is over your child must be picked up **IMMEDIATELY**; if your child usually attends Kids Village or Kids in Motion, he/she will be sent there right after class. **If your child is picked up late more than two times, he/she will be suspended from the class for the remainder of the session with no refund!**
- Intramuiral **class lists** will be posted on the auditorium doors on **Friday, January 20**. You will be contacted only if your child **does not** get into a requested class—or if you indicated an alternative class and your child got into that class instead.