

# The Weekly Read-It

John Muir School PTA Newsletter

January 10, 2006

## PTA Meeting Tonight!!



The next PTA meeting is tonight, **Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Intramuirals/vote for funds **5.**

DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) **6. May Fair**

**7. Other Items**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

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

Childcare provided

**Thursday, Jan 12-** Enrollment  
forms due for Intramuirals.

**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**



## YOUR TURN FIRST GRADE!! STAFF LUNCHEON IS NEXT TUESDAY!

**On Tuesday, January 17,** your grade level is sponsoring a luncheon for all of John Muir Staff. Please show your appreciation for the hard-working staff at John Muir by bringing in food and/or assisting in set-up, serving or clean up. Here are the food assignments: If your child's first name begins with: **A-J - Bring entree that can be served at room temperature (pasta salad, cold cuts, casseroles etc...)** **K-R -Bring green salad or vegetable dish** **S-Z – Dessert.** Please email or call Jim Greenberg, Room Parent Coordinator, at [jgjb@earthlink.net](mailto:jgjb@earthlink.net)/595.1823, to let him know if you can volunteer to help on January 17. Thanks so much!



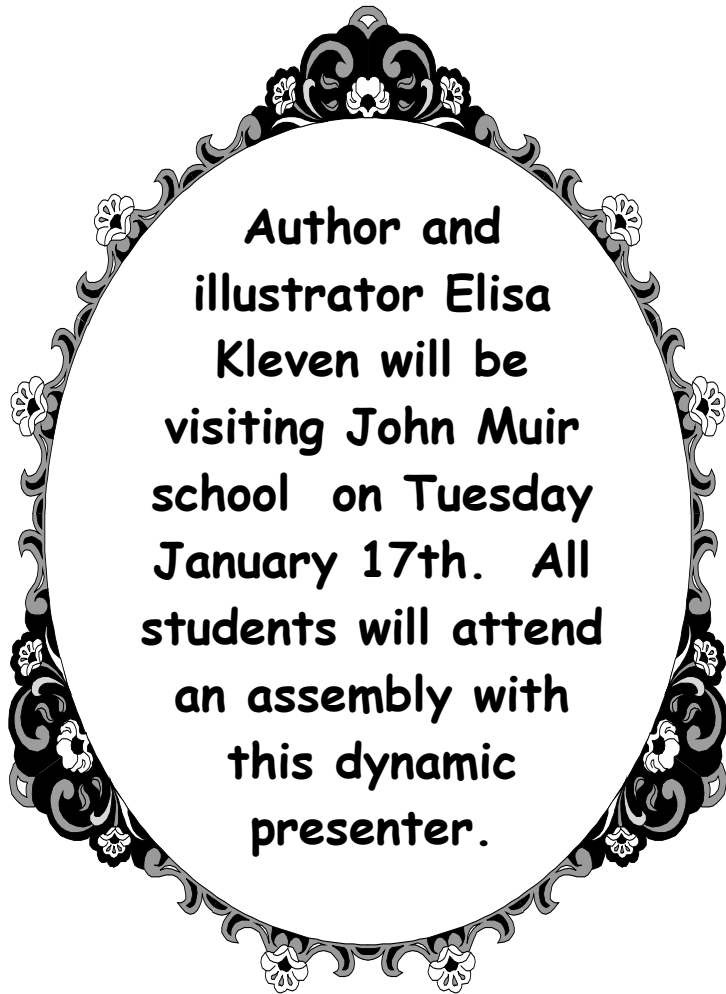
## WINTER/SPRING INTRAMUIRALS ARE HERE!



If you are interested in the up-coming IntraMUIRals, please fill out for the registration packet that you should have received in your child's folder. If you did not receive one, please pick one up in the office. Enrollment forms and **class fees must be returned to Kelly in the School office by Thursday January 12 (NO EXCEPTIONS!).** 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. Please read the front page carefully as the methodology and some requirements have changed.

## CHANGE OF DATE FOR FEBRUARY PTA MEETING!

Mark it on your calendars that February's PTA meeting will occur on Tuesday, 2/21 and not on 2/14, Valentines Day. Different date, but same time and place. Hope to see you there!!



In the past the John Muir PTA has hosted authors to come and give special assemblies to the students. These assemblies offer our children the opportunity to meet someone who has turned a passion for writing into a career. It brings to life the books that they love and read. It broadens their horizons and holds authors in our community in high esteem.

Elisa Kleven is an award winning author illustrator of children's books. She says, "like all authors and illustrators, I love to make up characters and build stories and environments around them. To make her pictures she combines many different media: watercolors, gouache, ink, colored pencils, pastels, markers, and crayons. She also uses lots of collage, snips of old scraps -- a bit of wool for a lion's mane, a doily for a snowstorm. During the assembly she will speak with the students about how she writes her books, how she makes the pictures and she will show slides of her original work. She aims to encourage children to create their own characters, settings, and stories -- the basics of fiction!

You will be receiving a flyer home with an order form that will allow you to order and purchase books that she will personalize and sign on the day

of her visit. If you would like to read more about Elisa Kleven, please visit her website at <http://www.elisakleven.com>

**This author visit is sponsored by the John Muir PTA. If you have any questions, please contact Locke Jaeger (Eva - K, Lee 2nd, and Jackson 5th) at [lockesj@comcast.net](mailto:lockesj@comcast.net)**

## **M A Y F A I R R A F F L E L O O K I N G F O R A P E R S O N A L T O U C H**

Donations for the May Fair Raffle are flowing in, and we'd love to reach more local businesses!! Often the best way to get a donation is by asking people you know, SO -- if there are stores or companies you do business with regularly, or friends or neighbors who might be able to donate goods or services, please mention the raffle and ask if they'd like to contribute! All donations are tax-deductible, and the donors are advertised on all the postings as well. Copies of donation letters are in the office, or you can call or email Valerie Gutwirth (510) 420-8661 or [valerie@gutwirth.org](mailto:valerie@gutwirth.org).

If you can find a free hour, or need to do some shopping, we are still looking for a couple of people to do some more raffle solicitations in Berkeley neighborhoods. Please contact Valerie Gutwirth if you are interested (see contact info above).