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Traffic Volunteers for the week Jan. 3 - 6 are from room 5
Traffic Volunteers for the week of Jan 9 - 13 are from room 4

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Recess – NO SCHOOL
Jan. 3	Students Return to School
Jan. 9	SSC - 7:45 a.m.
Jan. 12	Class Picture - 8:30 – 12:00
Jan. 12	HSC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 16	MLK Day – NO SCHOOL
Jan. 19	Family Science Night
	6:00 – 6:45 – Grades K – 2
	6:45 – 7:30 – Grades 3 – 5
Jan. 23	Hearing Screening – 8:30 – 12:00 Grades 1, 2, 5 & SDC
Jan. 26	Winter Band Concert - 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Staff Learning Day - NO SCHOOL
Feb. 6	SSC 7:45 a.m.
Feb. 9	HSC Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Dear Dilworth Families,

Good afternoon! What a terrific few weeks we’ve had, with a successful Dare to Care fundraiser for the Family Giving Tree, an informative Morning Enrichment presentation, and creative holiday projects and informational writing taking place in all of our classrooms.

This time of year there is much focus on giving and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the many ways you give to our school and the Dilworth community including, but certainly not limited to:

- Volunteering in our classrooms.
- Helping monitor traffic in our parking lots.
- Coordinating and supporting amazing Home and School Club events like Walkaround.
- Providing basketball clinics for interested students at lunch.
- Running Math Club for 4th and 5th grade students.
- Supporting students at lunchtime as yard duties.
- Reading with your children every night.
- Copying/organizing classroom materials for teachers.

We appreciate all you do to support your children and all the students of Dilworth!

Please join me in welcoming two new staff members to the Dilworth community. Jayashree Varadarajan joins us as our Technology Specialist and Stephanie Lu joins us as a 3rd grade teacher in Room 5. Welcome to Dilworth, Jaya and Stephanie!

The holidays are a sweet reminder that we need to pause and enjoy time with our family and friends. Whether you are going away over winter break or staying here in San Jose, I wish you a wonderful holiday. Ms. Johnson

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT!

Thursday, January 19 in the Dilworth GLC
 Time: 6:00 – 6:45 - K – 2nd grade students and families
 6:45 – 7:30 - 3rd-5th grade students and families

There is a \$10 suggested donation per family. We look forward to seeing you. The theme will be “Secret Agent Science.” You can become a science detective who uncovers clues and follows great leads! Gather all the tools and knowledge needed to lift fingerprints, track footprints, and extract DNA. With your spy glass and cipher wheel, you can solve the world’s mysteries!

BOOKS AND BEYOND - Books and Beyond, Dilworth's school/community reading program, begins today. There are only two requirements – a good book and the desire to read it. Here's how it works: ANYONE can participate. We encourage you to read as a family, as well as individuals. Participants record the number of pages read aloud to them, as well as the number they read alone, on a log sheet. A tracking chart will be located in the GLC to show how each participant is progressing. Small incentives are given out to each participant at the end of each round. (About every five weeks)

The goal is for each participant to read 3,500 pages by April 7th. Special recognition will be presented to those participants having read 3,500 pages or more.

This is a wonderful program that the whole family can participate in. Parents, be a good role model and let your children see you read. Support your child in this program and be a partner with us in raising children who love to read.

Reading log sheets are going home today in the Friday folder. If you have any questions about this program, please feel free to contact me. Happy Reading!! Mrs. Gauthier

SECOND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

The Morning Enrichment students and I would like to thank everyone for their support of our annual food drive. Your generosity helped us fill 10 of our food donation bins. Thanks for helping us help those less fortunate. Mrs. Gauthier and the Morning Enrichment students.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to the following parent volunteers that helped during lunchtime at our holiday book fair. Faye, Jyothishree, and Jeannie, we could not have done this without you.

DISTRICT NEWS SECTION – Vol. 9 2016 – 2017 – Elementary School

PARENT WORKSHOP

Workshop	Date	Time	Location	Registration
Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Readiness: Activities to Prepare for School	Monday Jan. 9, 2017	6:30 to 8:00 PM	Nimitz Elementary School 545 Cheyenne Drive Sunnyvale, CA 94087	To Register follow the directions on the link.

The Cupertino Union School District and CHAC will share the basic building blocks that parents and caregivers can use to prepare their children for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten. Learn ways to improve a child's classroom success and activities you can do at home or center to prepare for the transition to school.

Representatives from the Cupertino Union School District will be available after the presentation for a question and answer session. Registration is requested.

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ANNUAL GALA: "SPRINGTIME IN PARIS"

Saturday, March 18th, 2017 - 5:30 PM – Midnight
The Fairmont San Jose

Please join us at our annual gala, "Springtime in Paris," as we celebrate over 30 years of partnerships with parents, businesses, and our local community in support of our CUSD schools. The Gala will honor not only the 2016 - 2017 CUSD Teachers of the Year and the 2016 - 2017 District Teacher of the Year, but also the recipients of the Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award, the Innovative Technology Educator Awards, and the Patricia A. Lamson Endowment Fund for Reading Literacy Scholarship. Additional highlights of the evening shall include tastings with local wine makers and breweries. Live and silent auctions, as well as a casino and dancing, will make this celebratory evening complete.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CUPERTINO EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION - Your support of the events below will allow us to perpetuate the legacy of educational excellence for all 25 elementary and middle schools of CUSD for years to come.

THE 2017 SANDY LIU COMMUNITY SERVICE LEADERSHIP AWARD - CEEF is pleased to announce its 4th Annual Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award. This award will honor a member of our local community who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in service to the children of CUSD.

Sandy Liu was a visionary leader within both the Blue Hills Elementary School and CUSD communities. A loving mother of two, Sandy passionately dedicated her life to improving the quality of education for all children. In 2010 she played an instrumental role in leading the collaborative effort of parents, local businesses, local leadership, CUSD, and CEEF to retain 115 K-8 teachers, prevent K-8 teacher reshuffling, and maintain a 20:1 class size ratio in Grades 1 – 3 district-wide by raising \$2.5 million in 2.5 months. She battled cancer in a similar way – with courage and persistence, grace and beauty.

The winner of the 4th Annual Sandy Liu Community Service Leadership Award will be announced at CEEF's 32nd annual Gala, "Springtime in Paris," to be held at the Fairmont San Jose on March 18th, 2017. The awardee will receive a ticket to the Gala as well as a \$1,000 award, to be allocated to an educational program within CUSD of her/his choice.

The deadline to submit nominations for consideration of this award is 5:00 PM Friday, January 27th, 2017. The online application and additional information for this award can be found on our website at: www.ceefcares.org

ATTENDANCE REMINDERS - For every child to be successful, s/he must be healthy and attend school regularly. It is our desire to be supportive and work collaboratively to help you with your child's educational success. Regular attendance plays a significant role in student achievement. Student Absence Reporting Expectations:

- If your child is going to be absent from school, please **notify the school office** either before the absence or in the morning of the absence.
- Office notification does not automatically make an absence excused.
- If your child has a fever, diarrhea or is vomiting, please keep your child at home.
- Students returning to school should be symptom-free for 24 hours.
- If your child has a doctor's appointment during the school day or is seen by a physician resulting in a school absence, please submit to the school office a doctor's note verifying the appointment/absence within five days of the absence.
- Per Education Code, an **advanced written request** must be submitted to the **school office** to receive a full day excused absence for participation in a religious exercise or holiday.
- *Failure* to provide the advance written request will result in your child receiving an unexcused absence.
- A partial day absence for religious instruction or participation in religious exercises may be considered excused; please discuss options for such purposes with the school office.

The District does not support the practice of taking trips/vacations on school days, and parents are urged to schedule their travel during school breaks. If a family must plan a trip during the school year, parents may request a Short-Term Independent Study provided the student will return to school at least five (5) days before the last day of school. Such absences are unexcused unless it is prearranged and a Short-Term Independent Study contract has been approved by the school principal. Requests for Short-Term Independent Study will be evaluated by the school principal on a case-by-case basis after consideration of the criteria set forth below, including whether the student possesses the necessary motivation, commitment, organizational skills, and academic skills to work independently.

1. Requests **must be made at least ten (10) school days in advance** of the planned absence
2. The student must be in attendance at their assigned school for at least three (3) weeks before the commencement of the independent study
3. Absences for this purpose must be for a minimum of five (5) school days and a maximum of ten (10) school days per school year and shall not occur during the Spring assessment period
4. Student truancy patterns, including the number of unexcused absences or tardy (more than 30 minutes) for three days without a valid excuse, will be considered before approval

Student assignments under Short-Term Independent Study contracts are due on the first school day immediately following the student's return to school.

CAC SPEAKER SERIES - JANUARY 18: INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS PANEL

Location: Fremont Union High School District Professional Learning Center, 589 West Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Presenter: General and special educators from SELPA II

Teaching all children, regardless of their needs, together in a single classroom is what "Inclusion" is all about. This panel discussion will cover how inclusion is currently being implemented within SELPA II. Our speakers from all three school districts will encompass general education and special education teachers from different grade levels. They will discuss strategies to include children in mainstreaming opportunities and meaningful inclusion in general education classrooms. They will address issues like communication and training with the general education staff and how they work together to ensure all student's needs are being met. Please come prepared with your questions about how inclusion is being successfully implemented at our schools.

