

January 25, 2019

Dear John Muir Families,

This week began with a stunning lunar eclipse – did you see it? – and included an impressive disaster drill at Muir. It ended today with the fire alarm unexpectedly going off during lunch recess. Every student and staff member responded promptly and appropriately by evacuating and lining up on the field by class. The fire department came and gave us the all-clear to return to class.

One of my primary responsibilities as a principal is to ensure student safety. Wednesday's drill, and today's fire alarm, was evidence of our staff's skills and efficiency, and our students' willingness to practice and honor safety. In the event of an actual disaster, I have no doubt that your children are safe with us until you or a family member are able to pick them up. That's a good feeling! -*Adrienne*

### **Town Hall Meetings**

The District will hold five Town Hall Strategic Planning Meetings where community members will engage in discussions related to SIX (6) common systems and strategies that lead to student success. We would love for you to attend one of the five scheduled meetings hosted at CUSD middle school sites. This is your opportunity to help determine the direction of our future as a district! If interested, [sign up here](#). If you're unable to attend but would still like to provide your feedback, please take this [QUICK SURVEY](#).

### **Principal's Coffee with Dr. Baker!**

Please join me in welcoming Superintendent Dr. Craig Baker on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:40am in the GLC for a conversation about **OUR** District and the work ahead to ensure all students benefit from a quality education. Dr. Baker will share information about the District, CUSD goals and priorities, while also providing a District budget update highlighting strategic next steps. As the leader of our District, Dr. Baker's focus continues to be on providing opportunities, experiences, and resources to **all** of our children at **each** of our 25 schools. **CUSD25 - We are in it together!**

### **Disaster Drill Review**

We had a very efficient and successful disaster drill on Wednesday afternoon. Staff and students ducked and covered in the classrooms, and then evacuated to the preschool playground. Teachers reported attendance to the command center, and then all staff worked on a team – such as first aid, student release, student supervision, or search and rescue – to respond to the demands of an actual disaster. Chosen students acted as missing and injured students, and volunteer parents acted out various student release scenarios. Thank you to EVERYONE who helped us to make it happen!

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Placement Tests**

In order to help us place students in the sixth grade math course that is the best fit for them, all fifth grade students across the district take a math exam in their own classroom between March 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. We will share the exact date, as well as links to practice tasks, in an upcoming message.

Students who are absent on the day of the exam will be able to take the exam upon their return to school.

### **CuperDoodle Registration**

Our district's first preschool classes, at Muir and at Sedgwick, are a big success, and our district is looking to grow its program next year to meet the demands and needs of our families. Registration for the 2019/20 school year has begun. [Click here](#) for more information and to register a student.

### **After-School Classes at Muir**

Did you know that several after school enrichment classes are offered at Muir? Right now, our district policy states that we cannot advertise for these vendors. Therefore, the only way for you to find out more about them is through word of mouth or by visiting [PeachJar](#) and viewing the flyers. Please take a moment to do so, as we have some wonderful offerings that are beginning in February!

### **PTA Updates**

Our PTA provided a DELICIOUS luncheon for staff today. Thank you to all who donated money and/or time to make this event happen. We are very grateful.

PTA is hosting another Parents Night Out event on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-9pm. More information will be pushed out soon, both for now, mark your calendars!

### **Event for Prospective TK and Kinder Families**

A special Principal's Coffee will be held next Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:40 for parents of students who may join us next year for either TK or Kindergarten. The agenda is as follows:

- Learn about the registration process for both current TK students who would like to remain at John Muir instead of going to their home school, AND for students who do not currently attend TK but may attend Kinder at John Muir next year.
- Learn about some similarities and differences between TK and Kindergarten
- Learn about the fantastic weekly art and music instruction that all Muir students receive
- Briefly tour a Kindergarten and a TK classroom

Please spread the word among your friends and neighbors who may be interested!

### **Geo Bee Update**

We had about 20 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participate in Tuesday's Geo Bee, and it was a lot of fun! Congratulations to all for taking a risk and gaining some experience with competition. Our winners are:

First Place – Isaiah in Room 19

Second Place – Ethan in Room 21

Third Place – Dennis in Room 19