

February 15, 2019

Dear John Muir Families,

This week I received so much love in the form of candygrams and valentines – thank you! And...so much rain! Our teachers are really good at providing novel activities for our kids to do when they have indoor recess and lunch, and our yard duty employees and parent volunteers are endlessly flexible and patient. Still, I think next week's break is arriving just in time! I hope you all enjoy some extra down time with your kids next week. See you on the 25th! -*Adrienne*

Parent Volunteers for Art Show

The fruits of our fantastic art program will be on display at our annual art show in the spring. The show requires a lot of preparation, and Mrs. Sanchez needs your help to make it happen! If you are able to volunteer some time to assist her, please [sign up here](#). The available time slots begin this month and continue into spring.

THANK YOU to our PTA!

If you know a PTA Board member, please reach out to thank them. They are doing a very successful job of planning fun events and raising funds to keep our art, music, tech and library programs running next year just as well as they do this year. And thank you to all of YOU who have donated this year and arranged for matching funds from your companies. You are fantastic!

Principal's Coffee with Dr. Baker

Please mark your calendar to attend our next principal's coffee – this one is with Dr. Baker! He will talk to us about the state of our budget and the direction of our district. It would be great if you could attend, 8:40am on Friday, March 15th!

End of School Year Absences

Although it may seem very far into the future, some of you may have started considering your summer plans. Those might include pulling your child out of school prior to the official end of school, and/or missing the first day(s) of the 2019-2020 school year.

As a reminder, below are the District policies and practices (based on CUSD board policies and practices, and California Ed Code), that will be followed. This information was also provided in your child's Opening Day Packet. *These are followed regardless of the time of year.

- The District does not support the practice of taking trips/vacations on school days, per CUSD AR 5113.
- The District will not hold a student's seat at a school after a 10-day absence, with or without an Independent Study*, without pre-approval due to extenuating circumstances. School site personnel and administration follow state guidelines in determining what is an unexcused, versus an excused, absence. Please keep in mind that informing the teacher and/or school site staff of an impending absence does not make the absence excused. A "Parent Report of Absence" form, found at your school site office, must be completed and approved by the principal. *Requests for Independent Study may be granted provided

the student will return to school at least five (5) days prior to the last day of school (AR 6158).

- Students who have 10 consecutive days of unexcused absences will be inactivated at the end of the 10th day. The Student Assignment Office at the District Office will then work with families upon their return to confirm residency and school assignment. It is not guaranteed that your child will be placed in the same school and classroom they were in prior to the inactivation.
- If any number, up to 10, of the last days of school are missed and unexcused, the child(ren) will not have the ability to make up class work or homework.
- If any number, up to 10, of the last days of school are missed and unexcused, the child(ren)'s grades may be impacted.