

March 6, 2019

Every rainy day brings a series of decisions – do we eat and play outside? Eat inside and play outside? Remain inside the entire time? If I could predict the weather to the minute, I would be the best principal ever! No matter what, our staff and students continue to demonstrate flexibility and a positive attitude every day. Please read on for more important information about events at Muir. -*Adrienne*

Update on CUSD25

Did you know that CUSD receives an amount per student that is significantly lower than every neighboring district? We get approximately \$7,721 per child. This is well below the state average of \$10,291 per child.

The goal of the CUSD25 campaign is to close this gap through one-time or monthly donations from families. We are asking that you commit to a monthly, ongoing donation of \$25 per month (or more!). In its first week, CUSD25 collected over \$15,000. Please join this movement! You can donate [here](#), or visit ceefcares.org.

Our own John Muir PTA's fundraising efforts are separate from the CUSD25 campaign. The money you have donated and continue to donate to PTA pays for all of our TK-5th art instruction and our TK-3rd music instruction, and additional hours for our tech and library programs.

In sum, donations to John Muir PTA go directly to John Muir students and programs, whereas donations to CUSD25 go directly towards ALL CUSD schools and students to help close our funding gap, stabilize our budget to avoid future cuts, and fulfill our strategic vision. We want everyone to consider donating to both funds, but if you feel you must choose one, we ask that you choose John Muir PTA. AND, we THANK YOU for all that you have already done for us!

Second Harvest Food Drive

The Second Harvest Food Drive is happening! Please bring your donations by 3/15 and drop them off in the barrels throughout the school. Your donations will help those in need in our own community.

Best Drop-off Practices

I have seen many families recently in the yellow drop-off circle in the morning where the driver gets out of his/her car to assist their child in getting out of the car and to class. **Please do not do this.** It slows the process down for the long line of drivers behind you. If your child needs assistance, we ask that you park on the street and walk your child to class. On non-rainy days, our student car hops are also there to assist. Thank you for following this best practice for the benefit of all.

State Testing

State testing, also known as the CAASPP or Smarter Balanced test, takes place for our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders beginning on April 29th. Click [here](#), or visit www.caaspp.org, if you are interested in viewing some practice tests at home.

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, the CUSD25 campaign, and the direction of our district. It would be great if you could attend in our GLC, 8:40am next Friday, March 15th!

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 for a slot with our PTA.