



# Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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## Calendar

### April

#### 26 Mon

- 7th grade course work sheets due to 6th grade teachers

#### 30 Fri

- STAR testing completes

#### 30 Fri 8:10 – 10:30 am

- Student banking begins in the Music Room

### May

#### 1 Sat and 7-9 Fri-Sun

- DSF events (see next page)

#### 3-7 Mon-Fri

- Staff Appreciation Week

#### Fri 7

- Spirit Day and lunchtime BBQ for students

#### 10 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room

#### 12 Wed 7:00-8:00 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome

#### Fri 21 5:00-7:00 pm

- KPTO Asian Pacific Festival and Silent Auction

#### Wed 26 7:00 pm

- Harper Jr. High Incoming 7th grade Family Night (at Harper Jr. High)

Next Korematsu Kids: Mon May 10

## From the Principal

Welcome back from spring break. Each family should have received our April automated telephone message. We're pleased to use this new technology to send important messages to our community.

It's incredible to believe that April is almost over and May is around the corner. We have less than 40 days of school left and many activities to accomplish.

Welcome Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Nicole Smith, who will be principal-in-charge May 13 – June 25 while I am on maternity leave. Mrs. Smith has many years of classroom instruction and administrative experience. She has shared the teacher-in-charge duty while I have been away from the school campus and worked as the summer school vice-principal. She is highly organized and respected by her colleagues. Our community will be in good hands. Mrs. Smith will work with staff, students and parent leadership for the rest of the school year. Thank you in advance for supporting Mrs. Smith while I am away.

Student school savings: On April 30 we will begin a new student banking program through Yolo County Federal Credit Union. You should have received a packet from your teacher. Banking will be every Friday from 8:10-10:30 am in the Music Room. Students are asked to bring in their registration materials and savings during recess. This is a great way to teach students how to save money and be financially responsible.

STAR testing ends April 30: Remember to continue to send your children to school on time. All make-up tests must be accomplished by this Friday.

- Mary Ponce

## KPTO Officer Nominees

Nominated for next year's KPTO board are President: Wes Hardaker; Vice President: Monica Reeves; Vice President: (open); Secretary: Glenn Osborne; Treasurer: (open). Nominations will be accepted until the vote at the May 12 KPTO meeting. Current KPTO members are eligible to vote.

## Spring Fundraising Guide — Replacing State Cuts for 2010-11

Davis Schools Foundation's Dollar-a-Day campaign **through May 1** raises funds for:

- Class size reduction (teachers) in grades K-3
- School office secretary
- Lunch yard duty staff
- Night custodial services

KPTO auction proceeds on **May 21** raise funds for items including:

- Teacher/classroom supplies
- Computer specialist and equip.
- Student clubs
- Supplemental teaching material
- Sixth grade outdoor education
- Library; playground equip.

## Auction Program Set – Volunteers Needed

KPTO's Silent Auction – the school's primary fundraiser – is May 21 along with the Asian Pacific Festival. Auction proceeds will fund services and items based on the school district's fundraising priorities and accounting for the needs of teachers and staff.

The following will be among those items to be auctioned:

- Teacher for a Day
- Classroom art projects
- Spend a day with a teacher
- Disneyland tickets
- Dinner packages
- Babysitting from Ms. Ponce
- Librarian for a Day
- Principal for a Day
- Theme basket filled with lots of wonderful goodies
- Family friendly day trips
- Explorit birthday party
- Karate birthday party
- ... and much more!

New this year, "Balloon Bop" - pop a balloon and win a goodie bag filled with special gifts and prizes

The auction catalog with all the details will be distributed the week of May 3-7.

On Friday May 21, the auction opens at 5:00 pm and the first tables close at 6:00 pm.

The auction committee is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event (in short 30-45 minute blocks).

Please email:  
korematsupto@yahoo.com

## Davis Schools Foundation Update

While the formal DSF campaign concludes May 1 (to meet state budgeting deadlines for the next school year), fundraising continues into May...

Please visit [www.davisschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.davisschoolsfoundation.org) for more information or to donate. There is also a collection box for DSF donations in the school office.

### Sat May 1

Westlake IGA Market plans a chili cook-off and family festival from noon-4:00 pm outside the store at 1260 Lake Blvd. Individuals, restaurants, service organizations and other groups are invited to make a \$50 tax-deductible donation and enter a chili recipe in the competition. Entry forms and 'Official Cook-off Rules' are posted at [www.westlakeiga.com](http://www.westlakeiga.com). Also planned are other food and beverages, children's activities and music.

"Culture in Motion" Benefit Concert. NewStar Chinese School, a nonprofit organization that offers classes in Chinese language and culture, plans an evening performance in which all of the profits will go to DSF. It will start at 7:00 pm in the Brunelle Auditorium at Davis High School. Ning Wan, NewStar principal, is putting together a lineup of performers from throughout the region and promises a high-quality, family-friendly show. General admission tickets are \$10 and are available at Watermelon Music, the NewStar Chinese School located on the campus of Emerson Junior High School, or by calling the school at 530-219-4995 or email [newstar@dcn.davis.ca.us](mailto:newstar@dcn.davis.ca.us)

### Fri-Sun May 7-9

Davis High School Honors Orchestra and Hanneke Lohse's dance company are collaborating on a special opening to Lohse's spring concert. It is designed to heighten awareness about the schools foundations' campaign, and a wine-tasting benefit is planned at intermission. Performances will be held at 7:30 pm May 7 and 8, and 5:30 pm May 9 at the Veterans Memorial Theater. Tickets are on sale for \$12 each at the Davis Art Center.

## Bookshelf Wanted

The 'Take Home Reading Program' is in need of a bookshelf for the program.

If you have one to donate, please stop by Room C20 or email: [dyeaman@djuds.k12.ca.us](mailto:dyeaman@djuds.k12.ca.us)  
Thank you!

- Debbie Yeaman  
Reading Specialist

## Reminder: Students Arriving Late

Please phone the school office ahead of time if a student will be late. Provide the reason and say if a hot lunch is to be ordered. (Lunch count is completed by 9:00 am so call before that time).

Phone anytime and leave a message: 530-757-5358.

District Dollars, a web-based interactive program to help you understand the DJUSD budget situation: [www.districtdollars.org](http://www.districtdollars.org)