



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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Calendar

May

10 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room

12 Wed 6:30 pm

- ELAC meeting, in Room F48

12 Wed 7:00-8:00 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome

18 Tue

- Walker Creek pizza fundraiser

19 Wed 7:45-8:30 am

- Volunteer appreciation, in the MPR

21 Fri 4:30-8:00 pm

- KPTO Asian Pacific Festival and Silent Auction

26 Wed 7:00 pm

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

31 Mon

- Memorial Day holiday — NO SCHOOL

Fridays through June 4:

- Walker Creek ice cream sales, near the quad, 2:35 to 3:05 pm

June

10 Thu 9:30 am

- Sixth grade promotion ceremony, in the MPR.

10 Thu

- Last day of school — 12:30 pm dismissal

Next Korematsu Kids: Mon May 24

Asian Pacific Festival and Silent Auction May 21

Plan to attend Korematsu's celebration of Asian and Pacific Island people and culture — with family friendly games, crafts, food and entertainment. Fun for everyone!

Congress designated May as 'Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month' in 1992 to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Concurrent with the festival is the silent auction — the school's primary fundraiser. This year's theme is "Back to Basics", raising funds to backfill state cuts to core programs and services including: Teacher/classroom supplies; computer specialist and equipment; student clubs; supplemental teaching material; sixth grade outdoor education; library; and playground equipment.

FESTIVAL

- Kite flying on playground: 4:30 pm
- Craft and game booths: 4:30 – 6:30 pm
- Food booths: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
- Entertainment: 6:30 – 7:45 pm

AUCTION

- Auction registration in MPR 4:30 pm
- Auction begins in MPR 5:00 pm
- Pink tables: Theme baskets, food and wine, auto, health, beauty, and fitness. Bids close 6:00 pm
- Blue tables: Family outings, day trippers, kids classes, fun for kids, fashion and photography. Bids close 6:30 pm
- Green tables: Teacher outings, class art projects, gift card wall. Bids close 7:00 pm
- Check-out/pick up auction items no later than 8:00 pm

See the auction program for details.

From the Principal

Thank you Korematsu community for another successful school year. As I reflect on the continuous economic challenges facing our district and education in California, I am amazed at the financial and emotional support our community gives to their schools. From direct donations, KPTO fundraisers, and district-wide support for the Davis Schools Foundation, it's wonderful to be in a community that is committed to education and our kids!

Although we will endure some hardships next year, with limited human capital, money and resources, I know all of us working together can continue to make our schools successful. I encourage you to think about what you and your family can do to support

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your classroom teacher and the school as a whole. Your continuous support is more important than ever.

I also like to thank the parents and their well wishes for me and Sean as we expect our new baby in less than two weeks. It has been a joy to share our blessing with the Korematsu family. We appreciate your support.

Enjoy your last weeks at Korematsu before the summer break, have fun, and come out to the Asian Pacific Festival and support the KPTO silent auction!

Thank you again and I will see you next fall.

- Mary Ponce

Fourth grade teacher Ms. Nicole Smith will be principal-in-charge while Mary is on leave .

Last day of school

Mark your calendar: last day of school is Thursday, June 10, with early dismissal at 12:30 pm

Limited Summer School This Year

Due to reduced funding, summer school will be limited to First grade and Fourth / Fifth grade students with the most need. Invitations will be sent to students. Please do not call the office about summer school; if your child is invited they will receive a notice.

Ice Cream and Pizza for Walker Creek Outdoor Ed

State funds that were used to supplement parent program fees for sixth grade Walker Creek outdoor education are no longer available. Parents are starting now to raise funds for next year's camp.

- **Ice Cream Fridays** are back! Beginning May 14, 2:35 to 3:05 pm near the quad and continuing for the rest of the year (May 14, 21, 28, Jun 4). Ice cream treats \$1.00 each. Celebrate spring with ice cream and good friends!
- **Pizza night** at Round Table - Tuesday, May 18, 5:00-9:00 pm, Pole Line Rd at Cowell Blvd. (Oakshade shopping center). Roundtable will donate 20% of the proceeds; a special coupon – available in the school office – is required to credit your purchase to this fundraiser. A fun event to socialize and to support a great cause.

Kids Helping Kids Drive for STEAC in May

Please bring the following donations the school office this month: Children's clothing: gently used shoes, coats, pants and tops; new socks and underwear; Non-perishable food items: cereal (low sugar), canned fruits and vegetables, juice, meals in a can (chili, stew, etc.)

Monetary donations may be mailed to: STEAC, 1900 E 8th St., Davis CA 95616-2504

For more information call 758-8435 or visit www.steac.org

Final ELAC Meeting May 12

On behalf of EL specialist Mrs. Thomas, thank you EL parents and students for your hard work this year. Our last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, May 12, 6:30 pm. We encourage you to come and give feedback about our program (and then attend the KPTO meeting shortly thereafter).

DSF Through May 13

Davis Schools Foundation's Dollar-a-Day campaign has been **extended through May 13**, raising funds for:

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

Volunteer Appreciation May 19

Staff and KPTO will honor our hard working volunteers on Wednesday, May 19, 7:45-8:30 am in the MPR. We will show our gratitude and appreciation for volunteers' commitment to our school and students!

Class Placement Form Available

An optional class placement information form is available in the office — to share social, emotional, or educational concerns about your child not known by your current teacher. (This is not a request for a specific teacher). The form will be shared with your child's current and future teachers. Completed forms are due in the office Friday May 15, and the information will be taken into consideration for class placements.

District Dollars, a web-based interactive program to help you understand the DJUSD budget situation: www.districtdollars.org