



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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Calendar

May

25 Tue

- Last day for Bridge tutoring program

26 Wed 7:00 pm

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

28 Fri 2:35 to 3:05 pm

- Walker Creek ice cream sales, near the quad

31 Mon

- Memorial Day holiday — NO SCHOOL

June

1- 4 Tue-Fri

- Academic conferences

4 Fri

- Last day on-campus student banking
- Walker Creek ice cream sales, near the quad, 2:35 to 3:05 pm

9 Wed 1:30 pm

- Reception and artwork unveiling in honor of Mrs. York, in the Kindergarten playground

10 Thu

- Sixth grade promotion ceremony, in the MPR, 9:30 am
- Last day of school — 12:30 pm dismissal (report cards sent home with students)

14-25

- Summer school

Next Korematsu Kids: Mon Jun 7

School Site Council Members Needed

Community members are needed to fill three vacancies on the 2010-11 School Site Council (SSC). Site council monitors the implementation, evaluation and update of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), and makes decisions on spending certain 'categorical' funds. Monthly meetings are public. Members include teachers, staff and elected parents.

If you are interested in serving, please contact the school office. You will submit a short bio/statement to be included on the ballot distributed in early June.

Thank you to the 2009-10 SSC for their hard work in such economically challenging times.

Korematsu Student Banking Open for Business

Yolo Federal Credit Union's student banking program is open. Joining is simple and you can transfer your child's savings from another bank. Campus banking hours are Friday 8:10-10:30 in the Music Room. Students may also make deposits at the YFCU branch at 2171 Cowell Blvd (in Oakshade shopping center).

Parent volunteers help make the program a success. Please email the address below if you can help.

Yolo Federal Credit Union, a not-for-profit financial cooperative, has been exclusively serving Yolo County since 1954.

Art Project to Honor Retiring Mrs. York

Mrs. Phyllis York – Kindergarten teacher extraordinaire – will be retiring in June.

To commemorate her many years of teaching in Davis public schools, and especially for serving as 'teacher-in-charge' when Korematsu first opened, a special piece of artwork in her honor has been commissioned.

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Enter to win \$25 Alphabet Moon Gift Certificate

Clip 25 'Box Tops for Education' coupons during the month of May. Look for Box Tops on hundreds of products including Betty Crocker, Nature Valley, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Kleenex, Ziploc, and other brands.

Place the Box Tops in a Ziploc bag or envelope with your name and teacher clearly marked.

Turn in by Tuesday June 1 to the collection container in the school office.

General Mills donates 10 cents to KPTO per box top redeemed.

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The art piece was designed by local ceramicist Heidi Bekebrede and many Korematsu students helped work on it.

Donations are being gratefully accepted to cover the cost. Checks may be made out to Korematsu Elementary and turned in to the school office.

All are invited to a public unveiling of the artwork and reception in honor of Mrs. York on Wednesday, June 9 at 1:30 pm in the Korematsu Kindergarten yard. (Mrs. York was instrumental in ensuring that the Kindergarten yard was landscaped with grass and plants).

Congratulations Nature Bowl Teams

Two Nature Bowl teams have been meeting diligently for an hour each week after school since September to learn about the interaction between animals and plant species in California's Central Valley. Students chose an environmental issue and wrote a minute long 'commercial' to increase awareness and propose solutions.

The teams performed well in competition in March, and in the state final in May at Sacramento State University. Competitive events included Jeopardy, nature relays, outdoor investigations, "environmentals" and team questions. Fourth grade team: Choyang P., Haley S., Hallie T.; 5/6th grade team: Kanishk P., Elizabeth S., Jessica B., Nikki A., Jessica Y., Maddie R., Patrick B., Jessica Y.

Bee Theme for Sixth Grade Legacy Art Project

Staff are excited to have Sarah Rizzo and Donna Billick as lead artists for this year's sixth grade legacy project.

Working with the UC Davis Bee Biology department, Sarah and Donna are helping to create public awareness of the diminishing bee populations in California by designing a mural with a honeybee theme. As a result, the legacy idea changes from "I was here," to "this is how I made a difference".

The final product will be a mosaic on the exterior wall of the MPR facing the center quad. Students have created bees, honeycombs, flowers and pollen tiles out of clay. They glazed the pieces which were then fired and brought back to school. Students worked in groups to design their row of the mural using their handmade pieces and broken colored tiles. Installation of the mural will be completed before the last day of school.

Thank you!

...students and families from staff for making **Teacher Appreciation Week** so special. Staff enjoyed flowers, tokens of appreciation, cards...and all of the extra hugs! Thank you as well to the KPTO hospitality crew that served and hosted the delicious lunch from Dos Coyotes. You all made our week wonderful!

...Belinda Kesser and Eliza Slater and parents for organizing this year's **running club**. Awards and t-shirts will be distributed in early June.

Next Year's KPTO Officers Elected

Congratulations to next year's KPTO board who take office in July:

- President: Wes Hardaker
- Vice President: Monica Reeves
- Vice President: Shari Dailey
- Secretary: Glenn Osborne
- Treasurer: Trish Marshall

Special thanks to outgoing officers:

- President Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi
- Vice President Richard Reed
- Treasurer Betsy Salomon

Betsy's children are moving on to junior high but Marc and Rich have children continuing and will remain busy volunteering in other capacities.

ACCESS After-School Rec Program Available For Summer and Fall

ACCESS is now enrolling for summer camp and fall session. Affordable, homework help with UCD math and language arts tutors, snacks, and fun fitness. To enroll, visit www.daviskidsklub.com; e-mail: daviskidsklub@aol.com or phone 530-220-4731 for more information.

Apology to volunteers...

We are so glad that many of our dedicated volunteers attended the appreciation reception on May 19. Again, we thank you for your support of our school. Korematsu staff and KPTO apologize that refreshments did not arrive as planned. Please accept our apology and our deepest gratitude for what you do each and every day.

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