



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

April 11, 2011
 Volume 5, Issue 10

Calendar

April

14 Thu 6:30-7:30 pm

- Incoming 7th grade Harper Jr. High parent information night for English learners.

18 Mon

- STAR testing begins (for two weeks).

20 Wed 7:00-8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome.

21 Thu 6:30-8:00 pm

- Incoming 7th grade Harper Jr. High parent information night.

25 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room.

26 Tue 6:30-8:30 pm

- Korematsu night at Measure A phone bank (see article).

27 Wed 5:00-8:00 pm

- KPTO fundraiser at Applebee's. Watch for coupon distribution.

May

4 Wed

- Science fair, in the MPR.

Weekly

Tue and Thu 2:35-3:00 pm

- Running Club; on the grass field west of playground.

Thu 8:00-8:30 am

- Student banking, in the MPR.

Next Korematsu Kids: May 2

From the Principal

Welcome back from spring break. We hope your family enjoyed the time together and are refreshed and ready to finish off the school year with success!

Before the break we concluded parent/teacher conferences, held grade level academic conferences and had a wonderful open house. Thank you to all families and staff for your teamwork in meeting the needs of our children.

Next week we begin STAR testing for all 2nd-6th grade students. It is important that students get plenty of rest, attend school and arrive on time to ensure a positive testing environment.

Next month KPTO and staff will be preparing for the school's annual Asian Pacific Festival and Silent Auction. This is our largest fundraising event — supporting school-wide and individual classrooms' needs. During these difficult financial times, we are depending more on your generosity. Working together we can sustain our high quality Davis public schools. Thank you!

- Mary Ponce

Applebee's Fundraiser for KPTO April 27

Join us for a KPTO fundraiser on Wednesday, April 27, 5:00-8:00 pm at Applebee's, 1715 Research Park Drive in Davis. KPTO will receive 15% of the proceeds for dine-in and car-side to go orders. Watch for a required coupon that will be distributed before the event.

May 20 Silent Auction Donations Needed

The second annual silent auction, which is scheduled for May 20, is looking for donations. Anyone with solicitation ideas or time to spare, please contact Monica at auction@korematsupto.org.

KPTO Seeks Officer Nominees

KPTO is seeking nominees for next year's officers. Nominations will be accepted until the election held at the May KPTO meeting. Current KPTO members are eligible to vote. For more information or to be nominated, please attend the April KPTO meeting or email: korematsukids@korematsupto.org

Help Measure A Phone Bank — April 26 Korematsu Night

Volunteers (parents, teachers, older kids) are needed for Korematsu night at the Measure A phone bank (reminding voters to vote and return their mail ballot): Tuesday, April 26, 6:30-8:30 pm, Coldwell Banker's 425 2nd Street offices. Please contact president@korematsupto.org if available that evening.

Measure A — Information: www.yesforourstudents.org

All-Mail Ballot, Davis Joint Unified School District Special Tax Election
 Voting through Tue May 3 — Watch for ballot in mail — VOTE!

Thank you for Book Fair and Battle of Books Success

We are very appreciative of the Battle of Books judges who volunteered to judge and helped clean the MPR on a very rainy day! Twenty-seven teams competed. The winning team was from Mr. Kelleher's 5th grade and 2nd place from Mr. Carlson's 6th grade class.

A special thank you to parents who staffed, and purchased books at our spring Book Fair. Cash profit was \$1,390; retail value of books for the library was \$948; credit for future purchases from the Scholastic catalog \$1,268, and 29 books were donated by Scholastic because of our efforts with the "One for Books" program.

- Sandy Pattison
Library Teacher

From the KPTO

- The Dos Coyotes fundraiser in March earned \$102.39. Thank you to everyone who joined us.
- Box Top Contest Winner! Congratulations to Ms. Sandoval's 4th grade class winner of Box Tops for Cupcakes contest. All of the classes did great – collecting 4,225 box tops. Thank you all for participating!

Important Reminders:

Campus Safety

Arrival to school after 8:10 am: School begins at 8:15 am for morning K/1 combination students and at 8:30 am for all other students in grades K-6. Our school does not have supervision until 8:10 am, and it is unsafe for students to be on campus before 8:10.

Bikes and moving vehicles (i.e. scooter, skateboards) are to be walked on campus, including through the park entrance gates, upon entering or leaving.

The play structure and playground is not available after school. The public may use this equipment after school hours at 5:00 pm. Students should be going straight home or to their designated activity i.e. Running Club, ACCESS, etc.

Working together we can keep our campus safe.

Dress Code

With the onset of warmer weather, please be mindful of the school district dress code, based on the principle that student dress shall be safe, neat and clean in appearance. Students are asked to come to school prepared for learning and to dress in a manner that is not disruptive to the school's operations. This means students should be wearing shorts/skirts of a reasonable length and shirts/tops that adequately cover the chest and shoulders. Our district policy states the following:

- Undergarments and underwear must be covered.
- Shirts and blouses must cover the back to the shoulder blades and all of the stomach and chest area. Shirts and pants/skirts must be touching in both front and back. Shirts and tops cannot have straps that tie or be easily unsnapped.
- Inappropriate tops include but are not limited to: midriff tops, crop tops, tube tops, halter tops, strapless tops.
- Shorts or skirts should be of an appropriate length. As a general guideline, to determine appropriate length, stand with arms at side making a fist.

Attendance Important for STAR Testing April 18-28 (Grades 2-6)

STAR testing for grades 2-6 will be in the mornings from April 18-29. Please do not schedule vacations or appointments during this time, and ensure your student arrives to school on time. Students arriving after testing has begun will not be allowed into the class until after testing is completed.

Please note: "Bring Your Child to Work Day" is on April 28, and while it would be an opportunity to share your professional world with your children, it falls during the STAR test period. STAR tests are important for qualifying for certain programs, measuring program effectiveness, and can be tied to school funding. Your child's participation in STAR testing is a vital component of our school district's success.

(STAR is California's **Standardized Testing and Reporting** program to test progress toward achievement of state content standards and to measure the achievement of California students in comparison with students nationwide).