



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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Calendar

May

Fridays 2:35 – 3:05 pm

- Ice cream sales for 6th grade Walker Creek outdoor ed; near the library. \$1.00 each.

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- Teacher Appreciation Week.

4 Wed 6:00-8:00 pm

- Science fair, in the MPR.

5 Thu

- Last day of Running Club.

18 Wed 8:00 am

- Volunteer appreciation reception, in the MPR.

18 Wed 6:00 pm

- ELAC meeting, in Room C-14.

18 Wed 7:00-8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting and election, in the library; all welcome.

20 Fri 4:30-7:45 pm

- Asian Pacific Festival and Silent Auction.

23 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room.

30 Mon

- Memorial Day holiday — NO SCHOOL.

June

9 Thu

- Last day of school — 12:30 pm dismissal (report cards sent home with students).

Next Korematsu Kids: June 6

Asian Pacific Festival and Silent Auction May 20

Join us for Korematsu's celebration of Asian and Pacific Island people and culture — with fun for everyone! Concurrent with the festival is the silent auction. Funds raised go directly to benefit Korematsu students. The auction is the main funding source for extracurricular activities, curriculum support and classroom supplies. Volunteers are needed on May 20. Visit the KPTO website for details or contact auction@korematsupto.org

From the Principal

"Appreciation in any form and at any time brightens anyone's existence" said Ruth Stafford Peale, writer, speaker and wife of *The Power of Positive Thinking* author, Norman Vincent Peale.

May is appreciation month, and we celebrate our staff, students and volunteers. This is a time to reflect upon and acknowledge those who put in many hours to benefit our school. From the administrative staff: Thank you!

STAR testing is completed, and thank you parents for helping to make the testing experience as smooth as possible. Test results are expected in August.

Thank you to our generous students who raised \$700 in one week for the Red Cross Japanese Relief Fund, supporting those who have suffered from the earthquake and tsunami.

- Mary Ponce

FESTIVAL and AUCTION

- 4:30-5:30 — Kite flying
- 4:30-6:30 — Games and crafts
- 5:00-7:30 — Auction
- 5:00-7:00 — Food
- 6:45-7:45 — Entertainment

KPTO Officer Election

KPTO will hold its annual election of officers during the May meeting. Among other things, officers are responsible for organizing many of the school's events throughout the year, and they need your participation! If you're interested in serving as a board member or committee chairperson next year, please attend our May 18th meeting!

School Site Council Members Needed

We have 3 vacancies for next year's School Site Council. If you would like to learn more or are interested please phone principal Mary Ponce at extension 103.

Limited Summer School This Year

School Site Council voted to conduct summer school with unused Title I funding. Since those funds are limited, the school will prioritize grade levels and students to be served. Please do not call the office regarding summer school. Children invited to attend will receive notice sometime in May.

Ice Cream Fridays for Walker Creek Outdoor Ed

Join us on Fridays from 2:35 to 3:05 pm near the library through the end of the school year. Ice cream bars sell for \$1.00 each. Proceeds support next year's 6th grade Walker Creek outdoor education program. Celebrate spring with ice cream and good friends!

ELAC Meets May 18

The last ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee) meeting for the year will be Wednesday, May 18, 6:00 pm, in room C-14.

We will be reviewing the school site plan and asking for recommendations. Also we will take recommendations and suggestions for next year's program. Hope to see you there!

RISE Recycling Coordinator Wanted

We're looking for someone with enthusiasm to coordinate the school's recycling program and teach our students about the benefits of recycling to our environment. There are many opportunities to expand the position, which is paid a stipend by the school district. Please contact: sharindavis@sbcglobal.net

Korematsu T-Shirts Still Available

There is a limited supply of youth-sized t-shirts and sweatshirts still available for sale. Please contact: auditor@korematupto.org

Running Club Ends May 5

Running Club concludes a successful year on Thursday May 5. About 115 students earned running club t-shirts this year. They had to run a cumulative half-marathon to earn a t-shirt (and many have run even further). This is by far the biggest number of runners ever!

Kindergarten and School Tours for New Families

- Kindergarten tours (adults only) Wednesday May 11, 9:00-9:30 and 9:30-10:00 am.
- School tours (new families only) Wednesday May 11 and 18 at 2:30 pm.

Volunteer Appreciation Reception May 18

Korematsu staff greatly appreciate all of our wonderful volunteers, who are essential to maintain the quality of our school. From KPTO and SSC to parents and community members, thank you for all you do. We would like to honor you on May 18, at 8:00 am, in the MPR. Staff members will be sending out personal invitations. Again, thank you!

Staff Thank You!

The staff and Principal Ponce send the Korematsu community a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful lunch provided on Teacher Appreciation Day!

About Class Placements for Next Year

Our teachers have the professional expertise to place your child with a teacher whose instructional style most closely matches the learning style of your child. And we are confident that all of our teachers provide instruction that meets the needs of all students. When assigning students to classrooms, teachers consider many variables including but not limited to: academics, behavior, student social development, specialized programs and student needs.

If you have any concerns that you would like to share with the school regarding your child, please pick up a student placement information form from the school office. The form is to communicate your child's specific needs, but is not to request a specific teacher. Forms are due to the school office by Friday May 20.

Also note that individual schools do not have control over enrollment. Combination classrooms are sometimes unavoidable.

Classroom configurations and assignments for next year will not be decided until summer, with some changes likely after the start of the new school year.

Reminder—due this month! Vaccine requirement for students in grades 6–11

The district office reminds you of a new state law: Pertussis (T-dap) booster vaccines are required after age 10. See your doctor or clinic. Submit proof of vaccination to the school office by the end of May. Your child cannot attend school in Fall 2011 without it!