



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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Calendar

September

10, 17, 24 Fri 2:35 – 3:05 pm

- Friday ice cream sales for 6th grade Walker Creek outdoor ed; near the quad. Treats \$1.00

10-24

- Farm Fresh to You fundraiser. (See flier sent home with students).

14 Tue

- Picture Day

15 Wed 7:00 – 8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome

16 Thu 8:00-10:00 am

- Student banking resumes in the Music Room

22 Wed 5:30 – 7:30 pm

- Welcome Back Family Picnic, on the quad behind the library; bring picnic and blankets. Free.

October

8 Fri

- Workday reduction — NO SCHOOL

20 Wed 7:00 – 8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome

November

5 Fri

- Workday reduction — NO SCHOOL

Next Korematsu Kids: September 20

From the Principal

The first days of school are always exciting. It was wonderful to see all of the returning students and meet so many new families. The beginning of the year has been very smooth, thanks to our wonderful staff, community members...and, of course, our students!

I would like to once again welcome you all to the 2010-2011 school year. Please feel free to stop by the office to say hello. If you come by to visit your child's classroom or volunteer, please arrange it in advance with your child's teacher, and sign in at the front desk. Have a great year!

- Nikki Smith, Interim principal

New Free After-School Sibling Club

Davis Kids Klub's after-school ACCESS program now offers a free sibling club. The program is for siblings in grades 1-3 who are waiting after 2:35 pm for the 3:05 dismissal of their older siblings in grades 4-6. It provides a safe place to relax while waiting. Effective weekdays EXCEPT Wednesday, in the MPR. Registration is required to participate. Visit <http://www.daviskidsklub.com/programs/fallProgram.html>, download and complete the Fall Enrollment Packet (disregard sections about tuition) and return to the ACCESS coordinator in the MPR. Call 530-220-4731 with questions.

Stay Clear of Subdivision Construction

Construction is underway on the Verona housing subdivision south of the school campus at Fifth Street and Alhambra Drive. Families and students should be alert to construction vehicles and stay clear of the work area.

Welcome New Teachers!

Cristina Sandoval Fourth Grade

"I am truly excited to be joining the Korematsu community. I have been a teacher in the district for seven years now. I taught first grade at Valley Oak for one year and then moved to Marguerite Montgomery, where I taught fifth grade for five years. Previous to teaching in the district, I taught juvenile offenders, boys ages 11-18, for two years.

In 2009, I graduated from CSU, Sacramento with a Master's degree in Teacher Leadership in Multicultural Education. I also completed a Multiple Subject Credential and a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice at CSU, Sacramento.

I am currently raising a 14 year old son, who attends Holmes Jr. High. He and I reside in the Natomas area, where we enjoy spending time with my sister and her family. For fun, I enjoy learning new things, cultural issues/studies, ceramics, poetry, math, reading, and drawing.

I look forward to working with the staff, children, and parents. It's going to be a fun school year!"

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Christina Mathiesen, Mrs. Smith's Fourth Grade

We are very lucky to have Christina Mathiesen joining the fourth grade team as Nikki Smith's long term substitute. Ms. Mathiesen was a student teacher last year in Mrs. Sitts' third grade class. She and the students will have an easy transition, because they already know each other. Ms. Mathiesen and Mrs. Smith will be working closely together to ensure continuity when Mrs. Smith returns to the classroom in November.

Please help us give Ms. Sandoval and Ms. Mathiesen a warm Korematsu welcome!

School Banking Open

Yolo Federal Credit Union's student banking program returns Thursday, Sept. 16. Joining is simple, and you can transfer your child's savings from another bank. Campus banking hours will be Thursdays 8:00-10:00 in the Music Room. Students may also make deposits at the YFCU branch at 2171 Cowell Blvd (in Oakshade shopping center).

Korematsu's Sunflowers and Hunt for the Bees

Korematsu classes planted sunflowers late last spring along the south fence for the "hunt for the bees!" Several hundred sunflowers are providing food for bees and are beautifying part of our school campus. Students are learning the importance of bees and are making observations to submit to San Francisco State researchers who are studying 'Bee colony collapse disorder', which is taking its toll on the bee population.

Student Council Sponsor Needed

We're seeking a parent volunteer to serve as the sponsor for the student council. The sponsor begins the year by helping students with their campaigns, assisting with speech writing and practicing, and facilitating the election assembly. Once the representatives have been elected, the sponsor meets once or twice a month during the lunch period with the student board members and the classroom representatives.

We would love to get student council going, so please contact Mrs. Smith at nsmith@djuds.k12.ca.us if you are interested

Ice Cream Fridays Return for Walker Creek

Join us on Fridays from 2:35 to 3:05 pm near the quad and continuing through the fall, weather permitting. Ice cream treats sell for \$1.00 each. Proceeds support this year's 6th grade Walker Creek outdoor education program. Come celebrate the new school year with ice cream and good friends!

Farm Fresh to You Fundraiser

Watch for a flier that will be sent home with students about Yolo County's 'Farm Fresh to You' fundraiser, Sept 10-24, in support of Korematsu's garden-based learning program.

Korematsu Legislation Sent to Governor

In August the California Senate unanimously passed Assembly Bill 1775. The legislation now goes to the governor and needs his approval before September 30 to become law. It would recognize Fred Korematsu's January 30 birthday as a special day of significance in which schools would be urged to commemorate his memory.

To support enactment of the legislation into law, please contact: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA 95814; Phone 916-445-2841, Fax 916-558-3160. To send an email, use the online form at: <http://gov.ca.gov/interact#email>.

From the KPTO...

Parents and teachers are encouraged to join the Korematsu Parent Teacher Organization (KPTO). Member dues form the base of KPTO's support for the school. Visit the KPTO: www.korematsupto.org

- **Show School Spirit with T-shirts and Sweat Shirts**

KPTO is selling Korematsu "Coyote wear" so students and families can show their school spirit. Order forms are in the school office and will be sent home. Youth t-shirts \$10, youth sweatshirts \$20, adult t-shirts \$12, adult sweatshirts \$25. New colors this year; samples are in the office. Orders due Sep 24. (Sweatshirts run small so order a size up). To encourage school pride, students and staff are encouraged to wear either a Korematsu T-shirt or school colors on Fridays.

- **Stay in Touch with KPTO Email List**

A convenient way to stay in touch with school happenings is through the KPTO's email list. To sign up: <http://mail.korematsupto.org/mailman/admin/korematsu-pto>