



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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Calendar

September

22 Wed 5:30 – 7:30 pm

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

27 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room.

27 – Oct 7

- STEAC drive for cooking oil— see article on page 2.

October

6 Wed

- Science program fundraiser at Chevy's restaurant.

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

Weekly

Thu 8:00-10:00 am

- Student banking, Music Room.

Fri 2:35-3:05 pm

- Ice cream sales for 6th grade Walker Creek outdoor ed, near the quad. Treats \$1.00
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Next Korematsu Kids: October 4

Welcome Back Family Picnic — Wed Sept 22

Kick off the new school year with fun for Korematsu families, friends and staff at the 'Welcome Back Family Picnic', Wednesday September 22, 5:30-7:30 pm on the quad, behind the library.

'Mariachi Tradicional' will perform an array of music from Mexico with different styles and rhythms from other regions of Latin America.

KPTO will provide piñatas for the kids. Bring a blanket, picnic dinner and beverages for your family and friends.

5:30 - 6:00 Picnic and socialize

6:00 - 6:30 Picnic continues; "Mariachi Tradicional" performs

7:00 - 7:15 Piñatas

This is a free event sponsored by the KPTO.

From the District Office

Fundraising to Support All Students

Throughout the school year parents and community members are invited to support student music and drama groups, sports teams and clubs, programs funded by parent teacher organizations, and a host of other very worthy causes. Fundraising is an important component of community support that helps enrich the Davis Joint Unified School District's educational program at every level. The Board of Education deeply appreciates such contributions and encourages the participation of parents and community members in helping achieve the district's vision for student learning.

An important goal of fundraising is to secure equitable opportunities for all DJUSD students, regardless of ability to pay. Last spring, the district worked closely with parent groups to develop fundraising guidelines consistent with the laws governing public education and with state-recognized best practices. These guidelines are now available on the district's website at www.djUSD.net/district/boe/fundraispolhm

As a result, parents may notice a change in requests for support. Look for a focus on the cost for all students to participate, rather than a request to fund individual students. The goal is met when all students who want to participate are covered by the group's fundraising activities.

Questions, suggestions or requests for a paper copy of the guidelines may be directed to the office of the Associate Superintendent of Business Services at business@djUSD.k12.ca.us or 757-5300, ext. 122. All district policies are available online (with keyword search) at www.gamutononline.net/district/davis/

Arts Foundation Seeks Board Members

The Davis School Arts Foundation is looking for motivated, art-loving individuals to join its all-volunteer board in its mission to support and celebrate arts education in the Davis public schools. No fundraising experience is necessary, but a love of arts is mandatory. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month, from 7:00–9:00 pm.

Can't commit to a board position? Join "Friends of the DSAF" and help staff or supply concessions for some of our fundraising.

Want to stay in the background? Volunteer to supply concessions for our fundraisers, solicit donations, or help get out a mailing.

For more information visit: www.dcn.davis.ca.us/go/dsaf or contact Colleen Connolly at 753-1138.

New School Site Council begins meeting Sep 27

Thank you for participating in the vote for SSC representatives.

Our School Site Council is made up of the following staff and community members: Principal/Interim Principal Mary Ponce/Nikki Smith; Teachers Janet Sitts, Maria Garcia, Teri Murphy; Computer Specialist Julie Cuetara; and parents Susan Kirby, Stephen Inouye, Elisa Levy, Sujatha Branch and Jennifer Vinh.

Site council monitors the implementation, evaluation and update of the School Improvement Plan (SIP), and makes decisions on spending certain state 'categorical' funds.

TALK Language Enrichment Available

Students in grades K-6 are invited to learn a second language — Spanish or French — through TALK (Teach Another Language to Kids), managed by parent volunteers, with enrollment through the nonprofit Davis Art Center.

Students are taught by native or "near-native" speaking instructors. Games, role plays, music, cultural and other activities increase conversational skills and teach vocabulary in a meaningful context. Classes of 6-12 assure focused, fun group instruction in a positive, supportive atmosphere.

Classes have begun but enrollment is still open. Classes held Monday-Thursday 7:40-8:10 am. Phone 756-4100 or email: TALKprogram@hotmail.com

STEAC Needs Cooking Oil Sep 27-Oct 7

The school district is helping local nonprofit STEAC (Short Term Emergency Aid Committee) replenish their food pantry. Each school site is collecting designated items — for Korematsu, it is cooking oil.

Please drop off donations of cooking oil to the school office between September 27 and October 7.

STEAC is a non-profit organization which has served very low-income families and individuals in Davis for over 43 years. It is composed almost entirely of volunteers and maintains a food closet in Davis where distribution takes place throughout the year.

For more information, contact STEAC: 1900 East 8th Street, phone 758-8435, www.steac.org

Please BE SAFE in the school parking lot!

This month we have been focusing on safety, and the students are doing a wonderful job! We also need to focus on safety in our parking lot. Please remember and abide by the following rules when you pick up your child after school. Please:

- The west parking lot (near CDC/Kindergarten) is closed after school.
- Leave your engine running and continue to pull forward when possible to keep school traffic off Loyola Drive.
- Do not leave your car unattended at the pick-up curb.
- Do not double park.
- Do not call your child into the driveway or traffic to get into the car. You may make a circle around the lot and return to the curb.
- Do not make U-turns or three-point turns in the parking lot.
- If you are walking from the sidewalk to a parked car, use the crosswalk where a staff member is wearing an orange vest.
- The south row of parking spaces are for staff. There should be no traffic through the staff parking aisle. (Review the campus map in the Parent Handbook).

Thank you for helping our children stay safe!



KPTO contributed over \$8,500 to Korematsu classrooms or educational programs last year.