



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

Calendar

December

8 Tue

- Student Council leadership forms due.

9 Wed 5:30 pm

- Title 1 meeting; in MPR.

9 Wed 6:30 pm

- Reading is Magic Show; in MPR.

14 Mon

- Student Council speech assemblies.

14 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room. All welcome.

16 Wed

- STEAC coat and book drive donations due.

17 Thu

- Oral Language Fair entry forms due.

18 Fri

- Kindergarten oral health assessments due to school office.

21-Jan 1

- Winter break — NO SCHOOL

January

6 Wed 7:00-8:00 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; Silent Auction committee meets at 8:00 pm. All welcome.

Next Korematsu Kids:

- Mon 11 Jan

From the Principal

Thank you to all who have worked very hard these last three months to make the school year a success. I am very thankful during this season that we are supported by such a giving community, especially during these hard economic times. Your support does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated!

Sixth grade students attended the Walker Creek Ranch outdoor education camp. (We still need funds to pay registration for students in need. Please contact Tammy in the school office to help).

Student Council elections will be held for all interested 6th graders. Thank you to parent Mrs. Salomon for coordinating the council again this year.

Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Smith will be coordinating the oral language fair, a wonderful event open to all students and classrooms.

Staff is working diligently on updating our Single Site Plan. The plan reflects school goals and addresses the following areas of need: language arts, mathematics, the achievement gap, students below grade level, school climate, and preparing for the STAR test in April.

Thank you again for helping us develop a learning environment that promotes a sense of belonging, and a focus on positive relationships that makes everyone feel safe and welcomed.

Warm regards and happy holidays
 - Mary Ponce

Oral Language Fair Entry Forms Due Dec 17

Preparations for Korematsu's second annual Oral Language Fair are underway. The event, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is a speaking competition open to all students. Entry Forms are due Thursday, December 17.

This month, teachers are helping students prepare for the event by choosing poems. Parents may also choose poems for their children. Poems should relate to a theme (announced in early December) and meet the time limit. Primary grades: 30 seconds to 3 minutes; Intermediate: 45 seconds-5 minutes. Students may perform as soloists or in groups of three or more. Performers will earn points in the following categories: quality of selection, speakers, interpretation, and stage presence. Top performers will be showcased in a daytime school assembly and evening performance. For questions or more information, contact your child's teacher.

Reading is Magic Show Wed Dec 9



Attend a free reading magic show for all ages that will captivate, educate and motivate.

Join us in the MPR on Wednesday, December 9, 6:30 pm

Take Home "Book in the Bag" Reading Program Expanding

The take home "book in the bag" program has expanded thanks to a fabulous team of parent volunteers. Each weekday, the team change books for every First through Third grade classroom so that students are able to take home a book to read at their level or topic of interest every night. This is especially important at the early reading levels when books from the library may be at a higher reading level than the child's instructional level. We have 123 students participating.

KPTO donated funds from last year's silent auction which were used to purchase books over the summer, and many books have been donated by families cleaning off their bookshelves. We are always looking for extra books, so keep us in mind when cleaning out bedrooms and bookshelves. Donations of gallon size Ziploc bags are greatly appreciated too. Donations can be placed in the school office.

Thank you to the following parent volunteers for all of your efforts each week: Sheeba Kudilil, Lindsay Szeder, Kanmani Ramajani, Kristina Vu, Mona Siegel, Dawn Hardaker, Maria Martinez, Kimi Kunimoto, Cary Arnold, Jon Sanchez, Linda Delbar, Alicia Gonzales, Deborah Folb, Susie O'Bryant, Steven West, Mina Garcia, Eloisa Calderon, Angie Din, Jenn Vinh, and Brianne Agatep.

We expect to expand the program to Kindergarten later in the school year.

- Debbie Yeaman,
Reading Specialist

Happy holidays and
winter break!

*From Korematsu staff
and parent leaders*

STEAC Needs Coats and Books

District parents are helping lead a coat and book drive through December 16 to benefit STEAC's (Short Term Emergency Aid Committee) holiday program. Please bring gently used winter coats (for all ages and sexes) and gently used books (appropriate from babyhood to young adulthood). Place donations in the STEAC box in the office. Your donations will truly make a difference for Davis families in need this holiday season.

Innisbrook Raises Over \$5,000!

Thanks to all who purchased Innisbrook products and the teachers who helped distribute the merchandise. Our gratitude to KPTO president Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi for coordinating the assembly, collecting money, processing orders, sorting merchandise, and handling issues. During this time of deepening state funding cuts, everyone's contributions are greatly appreciated.

If you have questions about your Innisbrook order, please call Innisbrook at 1-877-525-5608. If you did not receive your order, please contact Marc at the email below or stop by the office. If you accidentally turned in your order form and need to find out how to break down the order detail, please stop by the office. Marc: kptoprez@kaimera.com

Thank You!

UNICEF thank you to...

... the following students who participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF: Angelina B., Alex D., Alexa F., Brandon F., Lydia K., Sienna L., Shane M., Garrett M., Daniel O., Kaitlyn O., Kierra R. They helped to raise \$123.00 for UNICEF. Davis students have participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF for over 30 years. Last year, Davis students raised over \$16,000! - - Helen Ma, UNICEF Coordinator

Hospitality thank you to...

... to the Korematsu families for helping us make conference week staff lunches a success. Teachers and staff were extremely thankful and touched by the generosity of the Korematsu community. - - KPTO Hospitality Committee Melinda Swift, Sharon Adams and Camille Melendres.

Target thank you to...

...Target's Hillary Albers, executive team leader and the Target team – for donating two \$25 gift cards to needy Korematsu families in November. - - Mary Ponce, Principal

Student Council Leadership Election This Month

Student council selections will be held this month.

Sixth grade students interested in running for leadership positions should pick up a form in the office. Completed forms are due on Tuesday, December 8.

Student council speech assemblies will be held Monday December 14.