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# Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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## Calendar

### October

6 Wed, 4:00—7:00 pm

- Science program fundraiser at Chevy's restaurant in Dixon.

8 Fri

- Workday reduction —  
NO SCHOOL

12 Tue

- Running Club begins —  
see page 2 for details.

20 Wed 7:00 – 8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library;  
all welcome.

### November

5 Fri

- Workday reduction —  
NO SCHOOL

11-12 Thu-Fri

- Veteran's Day and  
Workday reduction —  
NO SCHOOL

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### Weekly

Tue and Thu 2:35—3:00 pm

- Running Club begins Oct 12;  
grass field west of playground.

Thu 8:00-8:30 am

- Student banking, MPR.

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Next Korematsu Kids: October 18

## 'Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution' Signed into Law

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger approved AB 1775 on September 24, introduced by Assembly member Warren Furutani (D-South Los Angeles County). The law establishes 'Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution' each year on January 30 — Mr. Korematsu's birthday. This is the first day recognizing an Asian American in US history. The purpose is "to encourage schools across the state of California to teach students about Fred Korematsu's story and its relevance in today's post-9/11 environment." We will keep you informed as ideas and plans for observing this day take shape for Korematsu Elementary and other schools in the district.

### From the Principal

Last week our staff participated in academic conferences for teachers and support staff to discuss individual needs of the children. Each grade level spends one half-day with specialists on campus and the principal. We group students to provide the most appropriate education possible. Many new reading and math groups will begin soon.

This week we will focus on school climate. Although our campus is a happy and safe place, there is always room for improvement. At this point in the year, the children begin to feel more comfortable, and behavior sometimes becomes more relaxed. Mrs. Smith will be holding assemblies and classroom discussions to remind students of our expectations for excellence and kindness. This week we will focus on common sense and common courtesy. Please review Cody's Rules of Conduct (in the Parent Handbook) at home and help us by discussing ways to make good choices, solve problems, be a good friend, and a responsible citizen. Thanks!

### Chevy's Science Program Fundraiser Wed Oct 6

KPTO is sponsoring a fundraiser at Chevy's restaurant in Dixon for the school science classroom. While the school district supplies the basics for the program, science teachers add activities to the curriculum to make it more interesting, exciting, and fun. Funds donated to science help pay for things such as: plucks and flowers for dissections; groceries for various lessons; geological and biological specimens; replacing broken glassware; food and bedding for classroom pets; books and films to support lessons; models; website subscription; alum for making crystals; and supplies for 'Science Just for Fun Week'.

Join science teacher Ms. Cooper and Korematsu families on Wed, Oct 6, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Chevy's 'Fresh Mex' restaurant, 1470 Ary Lane, Dixon. Chevy's will donate 25% of the proceeds. Event coupons were distributed last week; extras are in the school office.

## Student Banking Time and Location Change; Need Parent Volunteers

Student banking time is now 8:00-8:30 am on Thursdays in the MPR. Account holders may also stop by any Yolo Federal Credit Union office to make deposits or check balances.

Parent volunteers are needed to help out. If you have time Thursday mornings from 8:10-8:30 am, please email Marc: [kptoprez@kaimera.com](mailto:kptoprez@kaimera.com) or stop by the MPR on Thursday mornings.

## ACCESS Hosting Day Camps on Teacher Furlough Days

Davis Kids Klub's ACCESS program is offering day-long camps for a fee on specific teacher furlough days - October 8 and November 5. Choose hours between 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

For more information or to register, visit [www.daviskidsklub.com](http://www.daviskidsklub.com) or phone 530-220-4731.

## Davis Bicycles Sponsors 'Save a Gallon' Contest

Local citizens group Davis Bicycles has launched the second annual 'Save a Gallon' contest, open only to students.

Elementary classes are automatically registered under the name of their classroom teacher. Starting today, students can log alternative transportation miles (walking, bicycling, skateboarding, public transit, carpools) on the Save a Gallon website for a chance to win prizes throughout the school year.

Please visit [www.saveagallon.org](http://www.saveagallon.org) or for more information email Christal Waters: [chrytal2waters@yahoo.com](mailto:chrytal2waters@yahoo.com)

## Korematsu Kids Running Club Starts Oct 12

Running club begins October 12 for grades one, two and three. The club meets after school on Tuesday and Thursday on the grass field west of the playground from 2:35 to 3:00 pm. Complete the permission form that was sent home with students (extra copies available in the school office). Parents are welcome to stay and help mark laps. Come join us to run for fun!

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## From the Korematsu Garden

- Classroom visits

Fall is here and classes are visiting the garden to learn about lifecycles and vegetables, and for math exercises in estimating or counting. Some classes are using the garden for art projects or story time, and others are planting vegetables. The sunflowers have come and gone, but they will live on in the classrooms. Several classes will be using the plants and seeds for studying or as math manipulatives. Some seeds should survive until spring when they will be reused to provide more food for the bees.

- Garden Greenhouse

Reconstruction of the small greenhouse by C wing has been completed. It has a sturdier base and frame and should last for many years. The greenhouse allows us to start seeds early next year and move those plants into the garden later. Many thanks to Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi and Mr. Kelleher for doing the work.

- Garden path brick laying this month

Just in time for California School Garden Week, the garden bricks have arrived and will be installed in late October. Thank you families and friends who purchased bricks!

If you have brick laying experience and would like to help with the installation, please contact Marc at the email below. You can still order a brick for the garden path. Brick order forms are attached to this newsletter. Extra copies in the office. Back-to-school pricing through October.

- California School Garden Week

To recognize the importance of school gardens, Gov. Schwarzenegger proclaimed October 24-30 as School Garden Week – first organized in 2006 by California First Lady Maria Shriver as a “great way to bring students, teachers, families and communities together for a worthwhile cause that beautifies California schools and teaches children about the importance of environmental stewardship. Gardens teach children so many important lessons from academic achievement to healthy lifestyles...”

- Be a garden volunteer!

Even if you don't have a green thumb, there are many things that you can do to help the school garden program. We appreciate any time that you can spare! To help with classroom related garden activities, or in garden work parties, please contact Korematsu's volunteer parent garden coordinator Marc Ishisaka-Nolfi: [kptoprez@kaimera.com](mailto:kptoprez@kaimera.com)