



Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

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Calendar

December

8 Wed 4:00-9:00 pm

- KPTO fundraiser at Habit Burger Grill, 500 1st St.

11 Sat 11:00-5:00 pm

- KPTO craft fair fundraiser, in the MPR.

13 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room.

15 Wed

- Oral Language Fair entry forms due.

15 Wed 6:00 pm

- ELAC meeting, in the library (and classroom visit).

15 Wed 7:00 – 8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome.

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- Winter break — NO SCHOOL

January

17 Mon

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — NO SCHOOL

Weekly

Tue and Thu 2:35 – 3:00 pm

- Running Club; on the grass field west of playground.

Thu 8:00-8:30 am

- Student banking, in the MPR.

Next Korematsu Kids: January 10

From the Principal

We have many things to be thankful for at Korematsu Elementary:

- Thank you to staff and parents for your support during parent conference week. I encourage you to continue to keep open communication with your child's teacher. This circle of teacher, student and parent communication contributes to the success and growth of each student.
- A BIG thank you to KPTO hospitality crew for a wonderful luncheon provided to staff during parent conference week. Your hard work and donations were very much appreciated.
- Another thank you to parents that worked so hard to make the fall Scholastic Book Fair an outstanding event. It's wonderful to have this opportunity to emphasize the importance of reading.

As we move into the winter months let's continue to be thankful and rejoice in our school. Give thanks and appreciation to our staff, students and community working together as a team to ensure that our students are successful!

- Mary Ponce

Habit Burger Grill Fundraiser December 8

Join us at Habit Burger on Dec 8, between 4:00-9:00 pm. 20% of the proceeds will go to the KPTO. Flyers to turn in with your dinner order will be sent home with students a few days before the event. 500 1st St, 530-757-7485.

KPTO Budget Approved

KPTO approved its annual budget. The largest allocation – \$16,025 – is for "student direct education", including classroom grants of \$15 per student or \$7,700; \$2,000 for playground and physical education equipment; \$1,000 for the library; \$250 for the science room; and \$1,000 to supplement Sixth Grade Walker Creek outdoor education. For more information on the KPTO budget: www.korematsupto.org.

Lost and Found Bin is Overflowing

The lost and found bin in the MPR is overflowing. Please stop by and see if anything might belong to your student. Contents will be donated to charity on December 17. Please remember to mark belongings with your child's name so found items can be returned.

STEAC Coat and Book Drive Through Dec 13

Korematsu is participating in a drive to benefit STEAC (Short Term Emergency Aid Committee). Please have your child bring to school any gently used winter coats (for all ages) and gently used books (appropriate from babyhood to young adulthood). Your donations will truly make a difference for Davis families in need this holiday season. Bring donations to the school office no later than December 13. Thank you very much!

Oral Language Fair Entry Forms Due December 15

It's time to begin preparing for the Oral Language Fair. This year's theme is "Voices of Justice." Although these words are not directly from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, he was certainly a voice of justice. We're also observing the first 'Fred T. Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties and the Constitution'.

Children may choose to talk about various leaders who spoke up for justice, or they may convey messages encouraging others to speak up for justice. They may also include their own experiences with having to advocate for justice.

Students received entry forms from their teachers. Those who are participating are to complete and return the forms to their teacher by Wednesday December 15.

Reminder to Kindergarten Parents:

- Oral Health Assessment forms are due by the end of December. If your child has seen the dentist in the last 12 months you may have the form filled out by your child's dentist.
- Turn in your child's physical examination form. The exam may not be more than 6 months before your child started Kindergarten in August.

Both forms were part of the registration packet given to all parents. If you need another form please obtain one from the school office or the DJUSD website.

Happy holidays and winter break!

*From Korematsu staff
and parent leaders*

RISE Recycling Update and Call for Volunteers

Recycling firm TerraCycle pays the school's recycling program two cents each for the following items. (Used ink or toner cartridges will result in credit at Office Max). TerraCycle converts recycled packaging into things such as purses, backpacks and tote bags sold at national chain stores. You can send items from home with your children's lunch as there will be a special receptacle put out at lunch time or use the receptacle in the school office (for ink and toner cartridges or other items). We ask your help in collecting, cleaning and depositing:

- Aveeno brand tubes
- Bear Naked brand cereal bag or wrapper
- Candy and cookie wrappers (any brand)
- Cell phones
- Chip bags: Frito-Lay and Ritz Toasted brands
- Elmer's glue sticks and bottles
- Energy bar wrappers: Clif, Balance, Luna, Nature Valley, Power brands
- Juice pouches
- Kashi brand containers
- Lunchable kit containers
- Malt-O-Meal cereal bags
- Pens, pencils and markers: Expo, Paper Mate, Sharpie brands
- Plastic Huggies diaper packaging
- Scott brand bath tissue, flushable wipes, napkin, towel wrappers
- Sprout pouches
- Stonyfield Farm Yogurt containers (6 and 32 oz. size)
- Wheat Thins Toasted Chips bags
- Wine corks

We need volunteers to help prepare items for recycling. I am unable to process all the volume, and additional help will lead to more funds for the school. We also need supervisors during school lunch to help the kids divert their recyclable trash.

- Shari Dailey, Recycling Coordinator
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Thank You from UNICEF

Almost 70 Korematsu students and staff participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). Students from all grade levels participated and raised \$915! That's over \$13 a student to buy a water filter, book bag, blanket, basketball, glue, scissors, colored pencils, crayons and 10 polio vaccines. Thank you to Mrs. Janet Sitts and student 'UNICEF ambassadors' who enthusiastically donated their time to publicize this important international program that helps children around the world.

Volunteers Wanted for Korematsu Craft Fair December 11

We need help with KPTO's fundraising craft fair on Sat. Dec. 11. We'll start set-up around 9:30 and take-down will be finished by 6:30. To help please contact Rebecca Detrick by email: fundraising@korematsupto.org or phone: 530-758-8954.