



# Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

February 7, 2011  
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## Calendar

### February

#### 9 Wed

- Walker Creek outdoor education information night (5th grade parents).

#### 10 Thu 8:40-11:30 am

- Oral Language Fair competition, in the MPR.

#### 14 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room.

#### 15 Tue 7:00 pm

- Oral Language Fair evening performance, in the MPR.

#### 16 Wed 7:00-8:30 pm

- KPTO meeting, in the library; all welcome.

#### 21-25 Mon-Fri

- President's Day and Workday reduction — NO SCHOOL

### March

#### 1 Tue, 5:00-9:00 pm

- KPTO fundraiser at Dos Coyotes, South Davis, Oakshade Town Center 2191 Cowell Blvd.

### 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: March 7

## From the Principal

It's incredible that we are already at the middle of our school year. Students and staff have worked hard these first five months; let's continue the momentum.

Fred T. Korematsu Social Justice Day was a great success. Thank you staff, KPTO leaders and event sponsors for making this a special day at our school!

February is 'back to basics' month. To maintain a positive, safe school, we encourage you to re-read your Parent Handbook. (Available online at [www.korematsupto.org/important-documents](http://www.korematsupto.org/important-documents)). Staff will be reviewing basic school rules for students and grades K-2 will be participating in the Kelso's Choice Conflict Management for Children program every Friday until spring break. Thank you for all your support.

- Mary Ponce

## Oral Language Fair Set for Feb 10 and 15

Parents are welcome to attend the Oral Language Fair competition on Feb 10, and the evening performance on Feb 15 (7:00 pm in the MPR). For Feb 10: please arrive ten minutes early. Wait to enter outside the door if a presentation is in progress.

- 8:40 Arvin (2 entries)
- 8:45 Murphy (2 entries)
- 8:50 Olmstead (9 entries)
- 9:15 Sandoval (9 entries)
- 9:40 Smith (2 entries)
- 9:50 Tricoli (1 entry)
- 10:00 Judges break
- 10:15 Lieth (1 entry)
- 10:20 Third Grade (large group)
- 10:25 Sitts/Garcia (3 entries)
- 10:35 McClain (5 entries)
- 10:50 Chan (1 entry)
- 10:55 Krueger, Creely, Kelleher, Miille (14 entries)
- 11:30 Presentations complete

## Box Tops for Cupcakes!



During February we will be collecting Box Tops in each classroom. At the end of the month, the class which has collected the most will have a cupcake party! Start saving Box Tops, and send them on to school with your student!

## Nugget Scrip Reminder

Please remember to register your new Nugget Scrip cards online. Korematsu will not receive credit for purchases unless the cards are registered. If there is more than one person in your household/family who shop at Nugget, you can register them under the same account. This will increase the percentage of sales credited to Korematsu, as Nugget's donation is calculated on a sliding scale based on amount of purchases. Nugget Scrip cards are available on the counter in the KPTO room in the school office.

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## From the School Nurse...

**Health insurance for children:** If your family has lost health insurance due to loss of employment or income or increasing premiums, call the Yolo Children's Health Initiative to see if you qualify for one of the insurance plans offered for children and teens. Several programs are offered to families with income up to 300% of the Federal poverty level. Phone 866-607-4030.

**Medication during school hours:** If your child needs to take medication at school please bring it to the school office and complete a Medication Authorization form. Students may come to the school office to take the medication whenever needed. No medication (including over-the-counter types like Tylenol) may be kept in a backpack or on a student at school. Three specific medications are allowed to be carried by students – Albuterol for asthma, Insulin for diabetes and EpiPens for severe allergies. Even in these cases the appropriate authorization must be completed each year. Contact the school nurse if you have any questions.

**Cold and flu health tips:** The cold and flu season is at its peak at school. To keep your family healthy and minimize the spread of illness: If your child has a fever or vomits, keep them home until they are free of fever for at least 24 hours; remind your children to use hand sanitizer liberally and to cover their coughs with their elbows. Remind your children to wash their hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds, and get a good night's sleep so they and their immune systems are well rested.

If you do not have a doctor or medical insurance, don't hesitate to call the school office and ask for the nurse or email: [asutton@djuds.net](mailto:asutton@djuds.net)

- Anna Sutton, RN

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## From the KPTO...

- **Recycling coordinator needed** (the position is paid a stipend by the school district): The school's RISE recycling program needs someone with enthusiasm to coordinate the program and teach students the benefits of recycling. There are opportunities to expand the program. Please contact: [sharindavis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharindavis@sbcglobal.net)
- **Innisbrook sales** last fall netted \$3,762. Thanks to all who purchased! The **Habit Burger** fundraiser in December netted \$123. The **Roundtable** fundraisers netted \$295. Thanks to all who participated!
- KPTO funding for "**Student-Direct Educational Expenditures**" include: Classroom grants at \$15 per child; physical education and playground equipment; Explorit Science Center visits; science classroom supplies; Walker Creek outdoor education for 6<sup>th</sup> grade; library books; school clubs; Oral Language Fair. For more information, please visit the KPTO website: [www.korematsupto.org](http://www.korematsupto.org)

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Korematsu's RISE recycling program reminds families that the city's recycling program (which includes the school's) now accepts 'rigid plastic' items marked with recycling symbols:



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## Important Reminders:

### **Front of school**

For your safety and that of your children, please be patient and follow signs, pavement markings, and instructions from staff for morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Do not park in loading zones or block traffic.

### **Visitor check-in**

For safety, all visitors, including parent volunteers, are required to sign-in at the front office while classes are in session.

### **Walk bikes on campus**

For safety, students and families are to walk bikes and scooters on campus, including through the playground gates and around the play structures.

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## Korematsu Day Thank You!

A very special thank you to the Change of Pace Foundation for producing the Korematsu Day T-shirts, and to community leaders who helped sponsor the Feb 2nd event: Assemblymember Mariko Yamada; Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza; school district trustees Sheila Allen, Richard Harris and Susan Lovenburg; and Jerry and Teresa Kaneko.

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## TALK Spring Classes Underway

A new semester of TALK (Teach Another Language to Kids) is underway. Games, role-playing, music, cultural and other activities are used to teach conversational Spanish and French. Register through the Davis Art Center. Please email: [TALKprogram@hotmail.com](mailto:TALKprogram@hotmail.com), call 530-756-4100, or visit [www.davisartcenter.org/classes.html](http://www.davisartcenter.org/classes.html)