



---

# Korematsu Kids School Newsletter

March 7, 2011  
Volume 5, Issue 9

---

## Calendar

### March

#### 13 Sun

- Daylight Saving Time begins; move clocks forward.

#### 14-18 Mon-Fri

- Parent conference week; 1:30 pm dismissal grades 1-6.
- Scholastic book fair.

#### 15 Tue

- Yearbook order deadline.

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

- KPTO meeting, in the music room; all welcome.

#### 18 Fri

- Vision screening; grades K, 3.

#### 21 Mon 3:30 pm

- School Site Council meeting, office conference room.

#### 23 Wed 6:30 pm

- ELAC meeting, Room C-14.

#### 24 Thu

- Battle of the Books.

#### 25 Fri

- Intent to Return forms due.

#### 29 Tue 7:00-8:30 pm

- Harper Jr. High Open House.

#### 30 Wed 6:30-7:30 pm

- Korematsu Open House.

### April

#### 1 Fri

- Spirit Day / Sports Day.

#### 4-8 Mon-Fri

- Spring Break — NO SCHOOL.

Next Korematsu Kids: April 11

## From the Principal

Davis public schools continue to face financial shortfalls from the state. This affects many programs including but not limited to class size reduction, secretarial and custodial staff and lunch yard supervision. KPTO voted to endorse Measure A, a local emergency parcel tax measure. (See information elsewhere in this issue).

In addition, school sites' categorical funds also may be reduced again. We lost funding for basic services and materials last year, such as a counselor and instructional materials for staff and students. Every year, we make program decisions based on our review of the state mandated 'Site Plan for Student Achievement' (SPSA). In the next few months our leadership committees and School Site Council will review the SPSA and make recommendations for the 2011-12 school year. We continue to focus on student achievement and how best to maximize our increasingly limited resources.

KPTO's May auction and other fundraising is increasingly important and your support is highly encouraged. Many of the proceeds will cover shortfalls our school continues to encounter. We need your support! Please join us at our monthly KPTO meetings; support and help organize the auction. Any help is greatly appreciated as we continue through these economic hardships.

- Mary Ponce

## Book Fair 'Carnival' is 'Your Ticket to Read'

Scholastic Book Fair with a carnival theme is just around the corner on March 14-18. Open Mon-Thu 11:30-4:00; Fri 11:30-3:00. Family Night, Monday March 14, 6:00-8:00 pm is a great chance for everyone to see a great selection of books. "Daisy the Davis Clown" will attend Family Night to make balloon animals for the kids. Proceeds support the Korematsu library so everyone benefits. Please support this important event. We can't do this event without our special volunteers. If you haven't signed up, please email Laney Mangney: mangney@pacbell.net

## Parent-Teacher Conferences March 14-18

Parent conferences are next week. Students in grades 1-6 will be dismissed at 1:30. Kindergarten schedule is unaffected.

Spring conferences are shorter in time and more compact. It will not be necessary to meet with all parents. If your teacher's child would like a conference with you it will be noted in the conference letter. However, all parents are very welcome to ask for a conference. Please return the conference letter to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

---

**Measure A — Information: [www.yesforourstudents.org](http://www.yesforourstudents.org)**  
All-Mail Ballot, Davis Joint Unified School District Special Tax Election  
**Voting Week of April 4 through Tue May 3**

## Order Korematsu Yearbooks By March 15!

The deadline to order yearbooks is Tue March 15. This year, the books are in color. Yearbooks become life-long treasures. Available only by advance order at \$18 per book. Order forms are in the office or on the KPTO website.

## May Silent Auction Volunteers Needed

The auction committee is looking for people to solicit and collect donations from businesses and the community. Many volunteers are needed for this important KPTO fundraiser. Look for a flier about the auction in mid-March. The KPTO Silent Auction will be Friday, May 20 in the Korematsu MPR. Please contact: [auction@korematupto.org](mailto:auction@korematupto.org)

## Teacher Staff Appreciation Lunch Donations Needed Next Week

Parent conference week is March 14-18. KPTO's hospitality committee is organizing buffet style lunches for teachers and staff. We ask for your help with food donations. Please call Denise Costa at 757-6391 or email: [hospitality@korematupto.org](mailto:hospitality@korematupto.org)

## Intent to Return Forms Due March 25

Watch for Intent to Return Forms that will be sent home with students. Please complete and return the form before March 25. The completed forms are very important for projecting enrollment and planning staffing for 2011-12 school year.

### Registration for Kindergarten

- Kinder Information Night (parents/guardians only) Mon Mar 21, 6:30 pm, Rooms H-52-53
- Kinder Registration (parents and children) Thu Mar 31 8:30 am-3:00 pm in the Music Room
- Children must be age 5 on or before Dec 2, 2011. Required documents: Birth certificate or passport; immunization record; proof of residence (Current PG&E, homeowner's insurance, rental agreement, escrow papers)

### Registration for Grades 1-6 (Students new to Korematsu)

- Begins Fri April 1. Required documents are same as Kindergarten above.

## Korematsu PTO Endorses Measure A

KPTO voted to support Measure A, a \$200 per year parcel tax for the next two years. It is an emergency, short-term local response to the latest round of state funding cuts. Measure A will provide local funds to protect critical core and elective programs; maintain or reduce class sizes in elementary schools so students benefit from extra teacher attention; fund classroom education; ensure school site safety and counselors; and protect up to 50 Davis teachers from losing their jobs. There is an exemption from the tax for seniors, with strict independent citizen oversight of Measure A spending. This is a mail-only ballot – mailed April 4 and due by 8:00 pm on May 3. Two-thirds of ballots returned must be marked yes for approval.

### PHONE BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MAR 31 and APR 26

Volunteers are needed to staff phone banks to inform voters of the measure and to remind them to vote. Korematsu parents and teachers will lead two nights of calling from 6:30-8:30 pm from a downtown business. Twenty-five volunteers are needed for two hour shifts (6:30-8:30 pm) on Thursday March 31 and Tuesday April 26. Thank you for your support of our students! To volunteer, please email: [korematu-pto-board@korematupto.org](mailto:korematu-pto-board@korematupto.org)

## Open House March 30

Enjoy an evening with your teachers at Korematsu's open house on Wednesday March 30, 6:30-7:30 pm. It's a great time for a positive visit to your child's classroom. Included will be displays of your child's work. Friendly reminder: this is not a time to 'shop' for next year's teacher. You are welcome to visit all classrooms but please refrain from 'interviewing' teachers as their focus is their current students and parents.

## Battle of the Books

Our annual Battle of the Books will be March 24 in the MPR after intermediate grade lunch. Open to students in grades 4-6. Students form teams of 4 and read at least 2 of the 8 titles. Each team will attempt to answer correctly as many questions as possible. The winning team will enjoy pizza and a new paperback book. We ask for help from parents to act as judges. No experience necessary. The eight titles:

- Free Baseball by Sue Corbett
- Amelia Earhart by Tanya Lee Stone
- Time for Andrew by Mary Downing Hahn
- Jennifer Murdley's Toad by Bruce Coville
- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Freddy to the Rescue by Dietlof Reiche
- Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson
- A Friendship for Today by Patricia McKissack

- Sandy Pattison  
Library Teacher x112