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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Camping Trip Final Registration Deadline

Sunday, September 20

General Meeting/Class Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

NO SCHOOL

Friday, September 25

VS Camping Trip

Friday, Sept 25 through Sunday, Sept 27

Cost of Participation Payments Due

September 30

Centers Begin

Week of October 5

Family Dinner Night at Aqui in Campbell

Monday, October 5

CUSD Governing Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 8



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Hello from Principal Stephanie

I would like to introduce myself to you. I am excited and honored to be the new principal of Village School.



I was a parent, Board President, and pre-school teacher at Santa Clara Parent Participation Preschool from 1985 - 1998. I have been a teacher and FOSA (Focus on Standard and Assessments) coach in Campbell Union School District for over ten years. This year I am finishing up my Master's degree in Teacher Leadership and an Administrative Credential at San Jose State University.

In my spare time I enjoy working in my yard and my old house, taking walks with friends, exploring new places with my children, and enjoying my family of pets. As a single mother of three wonderful children, Shauna (24), Melissa (18), and Scott (17), I understand the importance of a supportive community for children and families. Village School is such a place.

I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to foster a strong school community in which parents, teachers, and students are completely involved in the education of the whole child.

Affectionately,
Stephanie

Welcome Principal Stephanie

We look forward to getting to know you and experiencing all you have to offer Village School.

SCHOOL NEWS

Centers 2009/2010

Thanks to all the individuals working to create Centers, we have the following fabulous Centers for this year.

Lower Grade Centers

cooking
geometry/measurement
technology
post office
Lego robotics
garden
outdoor games
medieval times
Spanish
mapping

Upper Grade Centers

journalism
technology
Lego robotics
ceramics
sewing/crochet
ancient civilizations
wood working
outdoor cooking
origami/calligraphy

Organization of Centers

If it is your understanding that you are teaching a center this year, please stop into Room 1, (Elizabeth Shepherd's room) to make sure and double check that your FIRST and LAST names are signed in the correct center and day. Several first names are signed, but center coordinators are unsure who the person is because the last names are missing.

Also, please sure to get in touch with your center committee or teacher so you can use this time before centers begin to plan. There are still a few centers without a complete committee.

Please see Elizabeth or Andy if you are willing and interested in teaching a center.

Centers Begin Oct 5

Centers begin October 5. Until then afternoon parents plan to come and work your shift, prioritizing the following: 1. Prep your lessons for centers, 2 Do yard duty, 3. Check in with teachers to see if they need help in the classroom.

Center Material Needs

The Medieval Times Center is seeking medieval themed costumes for the kids to dress up in. King, Queen, Princess, Peasant, Court Jester, Knight or anything else that fits the theme is welcome. If you have any to lend or donate, please contact Miko Ohno.

Center Supplies Sale a Success

The sale of leftover supplies from the Native American Center from previous years in order to clear shelf space and raise funds for the new Ancient Civilizations Center was a success!! The sale of supplies (and banana bread) raised \$137. Thank you Kerry Lewis and KC Yatsko for spearheading this.



Library Open for Use

Our library committee has been working hard to get the library up and running for the new school year. It is now open for class visits. Every class visits the library once a week and each child may check out one book, for one week. Please make sure your child brings their book back to school on their library day, otherwise they will not be able to check out another book. Ask your child what day they visit the library, check with their teacher, or check the schedule posted in the library. Also, please be sure that your child is treating their library book with special care.

Birthday Book Club

We have a tradition at Village called the Birthday Book Club. On or before your child's birthday you may purchase a new book from the bookstore. Often families choose to purchase their child's favorite book, but it can be any book that is appropriate for our library. You can bring it to the front office and fill out the Birthday Book form, (in the black paper file on the wall by the door). Your child's teacher will read the book to the class, Becky will take a picture of your child and their teacher with the book, and then the book will be placed in the library on our special birthday bookshelf. The kids really love to check these books out! And it is a great way to support our school library.

If you have any questions about the library or the birthday book club contact Heather Bradley or members of the Library Committee.

2009 – 2010 Village Fundraising Calendar

September

Family Dinner Nights @ Mountain Mikes – 9/3
T-shirts & Totes – Orders Due 9/9
QSP Gift Wrap – 9/14 (forms distributed, due 10/3)
Family Dinner Nights @ Chuck E. Cheese (Cupertino) – 9/17
Original Works – 9/30 (artwork done in the classrooms, sent to OW via Ways & Means)
Scrip Orders

October

Family Dinner Night – Aqui (Campbell) - 10/ 5
Family Dinner Night – Red Robin (El Paseo Shopping Center) - 10/20
Original Works – 10/21 (Magnets received for review, Orders due 10/27)
Halloween Carnival/Haunted Forest/Silent Auction - 10/30

November

Family Dinner Nights @ Mountain Mikes - 11/5
Scrip Orders

December

Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi (Westgate West) - 12/1
Barnes & Noble Night - 12/4 (tentative)

January

Family Dinner Night @ Mountain Mikes – 1/7
Scrip Orders

February

Family Dinner Night – TBD
Jog-a-Thon – 2/4

March

Family Dinner Night @ Mountain Mikes – 3/4
See's Candy – TBD
Scrip Orders

April

Family Dinner Night – TBD
KlutZ – TBD

May

Family Dinner Night @ Mountain Mikes – 5/6
Scrip Orders

DISTRICT NEWS

Search For New District Superintendent

District Superintendent Johanna VanderMolen has announced that she will be retiring at the end of January 2010. The District is seeking community input about the desired characteristics to be used in recruiting and selecting her replacement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Community Input: Superintendent Search

The Campbell Union School District Governing Board will select a new district superintendent and wants community input about the desired characteristics to be used in recruiting and selecting the person. They especially would like to receive input from parents, employees and members of the community who are interested in the district.

The Board members are soliciting input in response to the following prompt: *“What personal and professional qualities for an incoming superintendent will be a match for the Campbell Union School District?”*

How to Participate:

Dr. Walt Buster and Dr. Mike Caston, of Leadership Associates, were selected to advise the Board in this important process, and they have arranged several methods for receiving input from the community.

1. Small and large group meetings will be held on September 24, 2009.

Small group meetings will be held in the district administration office, 155 North Third Street, in Campbell, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please phone Mary Breshears at 408-341-7232.

2. An Open Forum will be held on September 24.

No appointment is necessary to attend and participate in the Open Forum, where ideas will be heard and information about the process will be shared. (Spanish interpreters will be present.) The Open Forum will be held at Campbell Middle School from 6:30 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 24.

3. **Individual input can submitted in several ways.** If you are unable to meet with the Board's search advisors and wish to provide your input, please use one of the following ways to provide your input:

By fax: 949-461-9119

By email:

Dr. Buster (wbuster3036@ [comcast.net](mailto:wbuster3036@comcast.net)) or

Dr. Caston (mwcaston@cox.net)

By telephone: Dr. Buster (559-696-9872) or

Dr. Caston (760-735-2870).

5th Grade Healthy Kids Survey

Thank you fifth grade parents for returning your child's California Healthy Kids Survey permission slip. It is critical that the District hear from parents concerning each child's participation in this survey. If you have not had a chance to return the permission slip, please do so by Wednesday, September 23rd. If you need an additional copy please contact your school's office. Thank you.

Marla Sanchez Olszewski
Communication Specialist/Public Information
Campbell Union School District
Desk phone: 408-341-7254

COMMUNITY NEWS

This Week's PET Tip from Bea S.

Children do things that are quite natural--like hitting and grabbing--that are not nice. There are some behaviors that are nice--like saying "please" and "thank you"--that are not natural.

The task of a parent is to use an I Message—not ordering, yelling or hitting-- to discourage unacceptable behaviors and encourage acceptable behaviors. "I get very sad when you hit your brother because that hurts him!" "I feel so happy when you say 'excuse me' because it lets me know you respect my feelings."

It's 2 for 1--you speak in a convincing manner and demonstrate good communication at the same time.

WORDS OF WISDOM

An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

EDITOR'S INFORMATION

Last Reminder to Request the Village Voice in Hard Copy if Needed



Getting our information-packed school newsletter link sent straight to your e-mail inbox is easy and convenient, not to mention, saves our school money on printing! But if you do not have an Internet connection, you may opt to have a hard copy placed in your parent folder every Friday. Simply fill out the form below, cut it out, and place it in the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder. Your name will be added to a distribution list of families needing hard copies.

We do not have Internet access and need a printed hard copy of the Village Voice every week. Please sign our family up on the distribution list!

Name on Parent Folder:

Please return this form to the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder ASAP.

We are no longer printing hard copies for the entire school. If you need a hard copy please fill out the request form above and return it to the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder.

Submission Guidelines

Newsletter & Calendar

Please submit any entries for the week's newsletter, via e-mail, by 9:00pm Wednesday to: villagevoiceneewsletter@yahoo.com

Or place hardcopy entries into the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder by 1:00pm on Wednesday.

Website

Everything in the hardcopy newsletter is normally available by Friday morning on the Village School Website at:

<http://village.ca.campusgrid.net/home>