

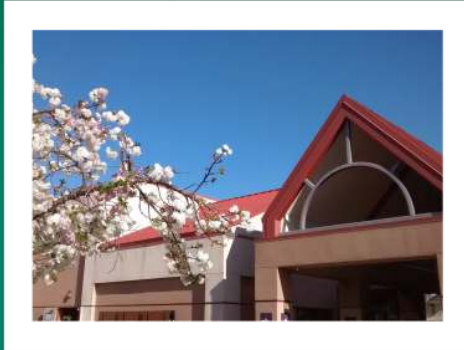
MATSUYAMA ELEMENTARY

A Message from your PTA

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome back our returning Matsuyama students and families and extend a heartfelt welcome to our new Matsuyama families. I look forward to making 2015-2016 a fun and productive year.

I would also like to say thank you to the PTA board members and volunteers. I look forward to working with all of you this school year. I know we will have a great year because of the dedicated and amazing volunteers we have on the PTA.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the PTA, please feel free to contact any member of the PTA. We will be happy to answer any questions you have. There are numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Or if you know a business who would like to sponsor the Matsuyama PTA, let us know!



We have many things planned for the coming month: International Walk to School Day (10/7), Starbucks Gallery Night (10/9), Harvest Festival (10/16) and the PTA Reflections contest. Other exciting assemblies and fundraisers coming soon!

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share, please contact me at matsuyamapta@gmail.com.
- Cherissa Tom, PTA President



From the Desk of Principal Montgomery

WELCOME TO THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR!

On behalf of the Matsuyama Staff I would like to welcome you to the 2015-2016 school year. To our kindergarten and new families, hang on...you are in for a great adventure, filled with plenty of community events, celebrations, activities, and lots of learning! In order to fully appreciate the full Matsuyama experience I strongly encourage each of you to become involved in our PTA! Matsuyama is a successful school due to the dedication and hard work of our staff, the commitment and support of our parents, and enthusiastic, creative, and self-motivated students that love to learn!

COMMUNICATIONS: At Matsuyama we strive to communicate in a variety of ways, including the use of social media. We are trying to eliminate the use of paper as much as possible. Every Friday you will receive an Infinite Campus phone call with important reminders and updates. You will need to go into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal to set your preferences for this feature. If you do not have an account yet, you will need to see Mrs. Kossow for your access code. Our school website is located at: <http://matsuyama.scusd.edu/> Our Facebook page can be found by searching for "Matsuyama Elementary School Mighty Pines" or at: <https://www.facebook.com/MatsuyamaElementarySchool>. This year I am introducing Remind, a text based communication tool that is completely secure. To access the school wide text list all you need to do is send a text to: 81010 In the message portion of the text write: @a30c5 and then send the text. You will receive a confirmation asking for your complete name. Reminders about upcoming events will come through this app.

I am looking forward to another exceptional year at Matsuyama. The dedication and commitment to a quality education for all children on the part of staff, parents, and the surrounding community is second to none! I am honored to have the opportunity to work with such an incredible team!

Thanks for your support,

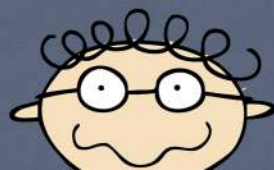
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Contest Rules & Forms
Available on School Website
& in Front Office.



Be Part of PTA's Reflections® Program

2015-2016 Theme:
Let Your Imagination Fly

Entries from all grades and all abilities welcome.

Create something in any category based
on the theme: "Let Your Imagination Fly."
Complete the entry forms and waiver.
Return to main office by **November 16**,
and participate in this nation-wide art contest!

Dance Choreography • Film Production • Literature
Music Composition • Photography • Visual Arts

*Three entries in each category,
in each age division will
advance from Matsuyama
to the District level.*

**Entries Due
November 16, 2015**

Upcoming Events

Harvest Festival, Starbucks Gallery Night & Walk to School Day

***HARVEST FESTIVAL --FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, from 4-7PM. *** Who else loves Fall? As the temperatures cool and leaves turn colors, Matsuyama gathers for a wonderful community event! Families & friends can participate in arts & crafts activities while enjoying BBQ for a complete evening out! Come watch the 3rd graders "do-si-do", and take your chances on our cake walk! Don't forget to buy Mochi and bake sale items to satisfy that sweet tooth. Watch for a flyer for pre-sale tickets (better bargain!) and volunteer opportunities. Return these flyers by 10/7 or sign up online at: <http://vols.pt/Fp8yQP> . All proceeds go to the teachers to make their classrooms a wonderful learning experience so we hope you will join us!

*** Starbucks Gallery Night—Promoting the Harvest Festival—Friday 10/9, 6-8pm ***Starbucks has once again graciously invited us to display our students' artwork the week prior to our Harvest Festival. Join us on 10/9 at an open house at Starbucks to check out their masterpieces. Free hot chocolate or Apple cider for Matsuyama students! Poster paper can be picked up in the office. Any questions about Harvest Festival or Gallery night? Email Jen Lightstone at jlighst@comcast.net

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY -- OCTOBER 7 Get healthier! Save the planet! Research shows that exercise before school can improve student behavior, focus, and academic achievement. Be on the look out for details on "walking school bus" locations. So many reasons to be involved— a free before school snack, a safer and more accessible school, healthier habits, and cleaner air to name just a few. Join us!

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