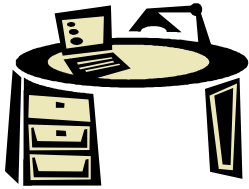




Matsuyama Log

Newsletter of the Mighty Pines 

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From the Principal's Desk...

Although it's hard to believe, 2nd trimester conferences will be here before you know it. Check the "Important Dates" section in this log for the early day schedule. Conference request forms will be sent home around February 7th. Your participation in Parent Teacher conferences is highly encouraged. This is your time to learn about your child's academic progress, state standards, upcoming projects, behavior and strategies that will support learning at home.

The office staff and I have noticed excessive tardies this last month. Lately, we've had too many students lined up in the office for tardy slips for "little tardies" of less than 30 minutes. We are going to send home tardy letters for students who have had more than 15 "z" tardies. Please get your child to school on time. We don't want your child to miss those first, very important, minutes of instruction and review.

We have two parent representatives from Matsuyama School who will be attending the new Superintendent's Forum. They are our PTA President Mary Kwong and School Site Council Chairman Mike Landeck. If you have a district issue or concern, please let either of the two know. Holly Reynolds will represent Matsuyama School and our parent club regarding any Gifted And Talented Education (GATE) issues or concerns on the GATE District Committee.

Special thanks to all the parents and staff who assisted in donating supplies and materials for the dissecting class—Mrs. Magee (live snails), Mr. Lukenbill and Mrs. Brunson (owl pellets), Frank Kwong (science supplies), Louie's Restaurant (fried calamari), Mary Kwong (cardboard dissection boxes), Mrs.

Seales-Perkins and Mr. Perkins (dissection sharks) and our parent volunteers: Mary Kwong, Naomi Medina, Staci Toyama, Irene Nakaoka, Kristen and Jeff Crawford, and Janice Toyama.

Mrs. Holly Reynolds, with support of Mary Kwong, brought the Camellia Symphony Orchestra to Matsuyama on January 25th. What an incredible opportunity for our students. We had a school wide performance followed by a hands-on instrumental experience (instrument petting zoo) where each student had a chance to try out their favorite musical instruments. This was one of the best assemblies ever! Thanks you Mrs. Reynolds for your leadership and creativity in making this happen.

The day gets even better when the sun goes down and the Matsuyama cafeteria gets transformed into a magical dance hall. Leading the way is our innovative Fundraiser chair, Karen Landeck. She assembled a great committee. This "Red Carpet Event" helped raise funds for our children's computer lab to upgrade our old computers. Students came in beautiful attire, Mr. Tanaka sang his heart out, and the cafeteria reached full capacity. Food, drinks, photography, face painting, and wonderful raffles made the event exciting and memorable. Thank you Mrs. Landeck. You rock!

Mr. Kamerin has donated \$1,000 to Matsuyama School. All of his donation will go towards purchasing a SMART board for the computer lab. All of our teachers will be able to use this smart device to assist students in their learning. Thank you, Mr. Kamerin for your kind contribution and donation.

Norm Tanaka
Principal

Important Dates!



FEBRUARY

- 2/6-2/21 Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- 2/8 ELAC Meeting (Library @ 6pm)
- 2/10 Progress Notices sent home
- 2/13 Lincoln Holiday (school closed)
- 2/20 Washington Holiday (school closed)
- 2/21 5th Grade Parent Meeting (Library @ 6pm)
- 2/24 Talent Show
- 2/28 General PTA Meeting (Multipurpose Room @ 6:30pm)

MARCH

- 3/2-3/8 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Kindergarten: Regular schedule
1st-6th grades: Dismissal @ 12:30pm
- 3/9 Teacher Records Day
All kinders come early: 8am to 11:20am
1st - 6th grades: Dismissal @ 12:30pm
- 3/9 Cherry Blossom Festival 4pm-6pm
- 3/15-3/16 School Quality Review Visits

Questions about the PTA?

Ask the office staff or email us at matsuyamapta@gmail.com



Lunchroom News

The price to purchase lunch at school has increased to \$1.50. You can submit forms for free or reduced lunch at any time during the school year. Please submit one form per family. Forms are available in the front office.

Families can now pay for student meals online, which will streamline lunchtime cafeteria service, reduce long lines and eliminate risks associated with the handling of cash. Through the mySchoolBucks.com online payment system, parents can electronically deposit lunch money directly into SCUSD's cafeteria fund bank account. The service uses a "super-secure" data center with a 128-bit encryption for confidentiality. Families will be able to prepay for as many meals as they wish using a credit or debit card. A \$2 fee will apply. A link to this program is available at www.scusd.edu.

Congrats!!

Congratulations to Mr. Mullen's Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) team. Keep up the high expectations Mr. Mullen! Here are the winners from Friday:

Rafaella L. – 1st Place – 5th grade, Mrs. Gravitz
Mia R. – 3rd Place – Pre-Algebra, Mr. Mullen
Samuel T. – 1st Place – Pre-Algebra, Mr. Mullen

Congratulations to our intermediate grade level writers for entering the Anthology of Poetry contest. The students will have their poems published in the [Anthology of Poetry](#) by Young Americans. Congrats to the following students:

Kimberly L.
Sidney F.
Natalie F.
Kamerin M.
Mallory H.

Jake M.
Desiree L.
Anna F.
Janice N.

Thank you to all those who participated in this year's Reflections program. Congratulations to the following students who moved on in the competition:

Visual Arts:
Jonah R.
Gia M.

Literature:
Anna F.
Erica N.

Photography:
Cole R.

Jonah R. went on to receive an award on February 3rd from the Sacramento Council of PTAs. Great job!!

English Language Learner Committee (ELAC)

Is your family bi-lingual?
Does your child speak another language?
Join in and be a part of the
English Language Learner Committee!

The next meeting is on
Wednesday, February 8th at 6:00 pm, in the Library.

ELAC members participate in the education assessment and provide advice for English Learner needs among students, parents and teachers.

雙語教學委員會 (ELAC)

各位家長

你及你的家人都懂兩種語言嗎?

你的孩子都能懂兩種語言嗎?

如果是的

雙語教學委員會

誠意邀請你來參與我們的聚會

請注意以下的時間和地點

日期: 二月八日 (星期三)

時間: 下午六時正

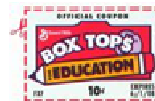
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雙語教學委員會的成員們能參與教育評審

提供有力的意見

共同幫助學生, 家長, 和老師。

Box Tops and Labels



Wow! Take a look at what you've done...
You've submitted over 10,000 Box Tops for Education!
The class competitions are so close to compare.
Who's in the lead? Who'll be the winners? Do you dare...
to help make a difference for your school?
Programs and supplies are a few main tools that the Box Top money will fund for the students.
Here's a reminder, don't forget ladies & gents, to label your name & room number on the sheets/bags you submit.
Prizes will be awarded to the grades, so keep it up and commit
To turn them in by February 28th, oh yes, that's the deadline.
Matsuyama families unite! Go Mighty Pines!
Also, don't forget to clip Labels for Education, too.
You've collected over 21,000 points, who knew?
that if all together, our families do a part,
we help provide class equipment for recess, PE and art!

Matsuyama Family Dance

Thank you to everyone that helped make our Family Dance a fun and magical night. We didn't anticipate such a big turnout, how fortunate we are to be a part of a spirited school. Together, with such strong support from so many families, we were able to raise over \$4000 to go towards 8 new computers for our student lab.

There are so many special people to thank, Rege Farina our smooth DJ and who transformed the dance floor with the beautiful lights, John Yee our talented and patient photographer, Shar Lee our creative designer who made it feel like a red carpet spectacular event, Sheryl Fong who helped find so many sponsors, Jewel Smith our dance instructor and Fawn Cobb baking 100 cake pops. Thank you to Maria Rodriguez, Mary Kwong, Nancy Sumampauw and Poh Ling Chan who helped to coordinate many details and who do so many things daily to make our school a better place. Thanks to the teachers who helped chaperone and especially to Ms. Gravitz and Mr. Mullen who went beyond the call of duty. And thank you for all the bake sale donations. Thank you to the other volunteers that night, the decorators and all those people who wrote the names on the back of the raffle tickets: Mike Landeck, Kristen Crawford, Christine Lee, Karen Arakawa, Carol Fukuhara, Lisa Sumitani, Deb Owyang, Yumiko Osaki, Carol Jones, Staci Toyama, Christina Schlink, Tomi Sunada, Liz Foster, Bruce Wiggins, Heidi Anderl-Wiggins, Christina Amping, Lisa Leong, Tamara Vasquez, Robert Lee, Tiffanie Yee, Vicky Farina, Deborah Nava, Esther Chapman, Dori Luigi, Julie Fong, Sierra Willimams, Julie Matsura, Ms. Lun, Stephanie Downey, Michelle Robb...and I am sorry because I know there were others, Thank you!

And my final thank you goes to our pop star, Mr. Tanaka, our supportive and fair leader who was willing to be silly by singing a Miley Cyrus song on stage.

It was a pleasure to be the chairman of this Family dance. I feel very fortunate to be a part of our Matsuyama Community. Karen Landeck



Fifth Grade Parent Meeting

2012 Matsuyama 4th of July Fun Run/Walk
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
6-7pm

Matsuyama Library

Want to help? Want to be a part of the action?

Help support the Class of 2013 Sly Park trip!

Contact: Geoff Miyao gmiyao@yahoo.com

Talent Show!

Come see the talent show on February 24th at 6pm! It promises to be great fun and will be run mostly by the students of Matsuyama. The performers are working hard practicing their acts!! We are now accepting donations of bottled water and snacks to sell at the snack bar during the show. Please send an email to matsutalent2012@yahoo.com or leave a note in the gold box marked talent show in the office today if you would like to make a donation or help! See you all at the show!!!

**Thank you for supporting the Matsuyama Family Dance
to help raise funds for our computer lab**

Sponsors

City Councilmember Darrell Fong

Starbuck's Lake Crest Village
Grocery Outlet Rancho Cordova
Costco

Babycakes Cake Pops by Fawn Cobb
Pizza Guys
Jamba Juice

Raffle Prize Donations

Disneyland Corporation: 4 Park Hopper Tickets valued at \$420

Nathan Michaels Salon (3) \$45 Gift Certificates

Ravenous Café (1) \$100 Gift Certificate

Scott's Seafood \$75 Gift Certificate

Sacramento King Tickets (2)

Designs by Crewella (2) Handmade Necklaces

Riverside Clubhouse (2) \$25 Gift Certificates

Rise Yoga Studios Gift Certificate for 3 classes

El Faro (2) \$20 Gift Certificates

Sacramento Zoo (2) Family Passes

Happy Corner Chinese Restaurant \$30 Gift Certificate

Vic's Ice Cream (2) Gift Certificates for an Ice Cream Pie

Pocket Bistro \$25 Gift Certificate

Noodles and Company (4) Gift Certificates for a Sandwich

Giovanni's Pizzeria \$25 Gift Certificate

Thank you for supporting Technology for our School