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From the desk of Principal Montgomery

.All of us must be willing to do what it takes to keep Matsuyama extraordinary!

The foundation of Matsuyama Elementary School is parent involvement. Over 47% of our student population is here by choice, either through open enrollment, permits, or Program Improvement transfer. Parents choose to send their students here for the academic program as well as the level of parent involvement. Based on my own experience as a parent, teacher, and administrator I can tell you the single component of a school that tips it from good to great to exceptional is parent involvement! If we wish to keep Matsuyama a distinguished school we all need to do our fair share. It seems as if the same people are carrying all the weight at our PTA events and I can see it is beginning to wear on them.

Matsuyama receives \$112 per pupil in categorical funds; because of that we have to count on PTA to provide funds for field trip scholarships, after-school activities, crossing guard, books for our library, technology, assemblies, physical education equipment, and classroom enrichment. These are the very things that make every child's school experience memorable. Just imagine what Matsuyama would look like without the programs and resources provided by the PTA. We would just be ordinary! Let's all strive to be extraordinary so we can keep our school extraordinary. Answer the call for volunteers when PTA asks. Do your part, nothing is too little, every bit helps and is greatly appreciated. There is work that can be done at home, we always need help with clean-up and set-up, and donations help increase our profit. Many of our PTA board members have children that will soon be leaving Matsuyama, so we need people to step into leadership roles while those seasoned parents are here to train and educate families just starting out on their school journey. I am challenging all Matsuyama parents to find one event they will commit some time to. Imagine how great we could be if we all just lent a hand to help lighten the load a bit? All of us must be willing to do what it takes to keep Matsuyama extraordinary!

The second round of parent/teacher conferences will be held from March 2nd through March 6th. While conferences are not required for all students, parents may request one. The trimester ends on Friday, February 27th. Students in grades 1-6 will be on a minimum day schedule from February 27th through March 6th. Please mark your calendars and make arrangements for a 12:30 dismissal.



From your PTA, Karen Landeck

It takes many thanks to put on a dance! I was very proud that we were able to put on such a fun event for the kids. Those kids looked like they had a blast and we couldn't have done it without all of our tireless volunteers.

Thank you DJ, Rege Farina, he makes it so fun and it takes so much the time and trouble to bring in your equipment and lights! You know what it means to go the extra mile. Thank you John Yee and Tiffanie Yee for capturing the night with the photo booth. You were fast, professional and those pictures look fantastic! Thank you Cherissa Chew and Lisa Leong, for working all night at the loudest place in the room next to the speakers. I am so grateful to Sheryl Fong, Jen Lightstone and Amanda Kossow for helping get raffle sponsors and donations. Thank you Kristen Crawford and Tiffanie Yee for decorating, your finesse and patience were greatly appreciated. Thanks to our ticket sales crew bearing the cold weather; Lorena Castro, Maria and Pia Lomboy, Mike Landeck, Valerie St. James, Raquel Beloney, Irene Nakaoka, Hitomi Sunada and Samantha Salazar. Thank you Hiroko Kurosaki, Jen Lightstone, Lucinda Mok, Christine Lee, Mary Kwong & Gina Lindsey for help with tickets. Thank you to Mr. Mullen and Ms. Montgomery for making sure the kids stayed safe and for always being such a supportive, authority figures. Thank you to the many people who donated a bake sale item. And most of all thank you to all of the families that came out that night to boogie and support our fundraisers.

We greatly appreciate the donations to make our raffle so successful. Thank you to the Disneyland Corporation, Brunson Family, Scott's Seafood-\$75 Gift, zpizza, Rocknasium Climbing Gym in Davis CA, Fairytale Town, Massage Envy, Crocker Art Museum, Simone Hair and Spa, Hollywood Nails, Dickey's Barbecue Pit, Starbucks-1461 Meadowview Road, Vic's Ice Cream, Andy's Candy Downtown Sacramento, Bente Family, Joint Chiropractic-5 sessions, Sai Varee Thai Cuisine-Promenade shopping center. And thank you to our sponsors Nugget Market, Bel Air, Costco & zpizza

Student Staff Spotlight

Meet Ms. Lomboy by Christy Chan and Meleina Leal



Ms. Lomboy is a teacher at Matsuyama. Her original plan was a career of music. She went through college and decided to teach. When she teaches, she likes teaching writing the most. She chose Matsuyama to teach at because it is a good community, clean school, safe place for her daughters, there are good teachers and wonderful PTA. She has been teaching for 20 years. Every summer, she teaches at a new school. Ms. Lomboy likes working with children. She plans to never retire because she wants to keep active. Her childhood was really happy and her family is close. When she isn't teaching at school she is with her daughters, doing house chores, shopping, and reads books. She was in a band before she was a teacher. If you see Ms. Lomboy, make sure to say hi because being a teacher is a hard job.

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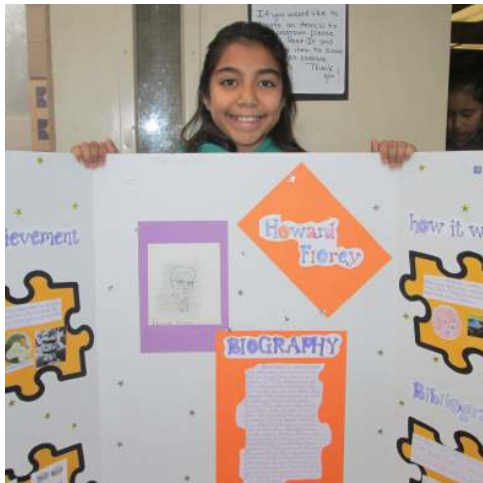
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1 & 2 MESA Math competition: 1. Allie placed 1st in the 4th grade competition 2. 6th grade team, Godebo, Amanda & Bobby in 2nd placed. Not pictured from Mesa competition-2nd place in their division Togo, Allie & Ella & Bobby placed 3rd for the individual 6th grade competition. Thank you to Mr. Mullen for his leadership and hard work with our MESA team!! 3. Disneyland winners for the family dance raffle. 4. Family Dance 5. Donations to the ReUseIt clothing drive. 6. Ms. Chertorsky, Angelina & Jansen at the California Music Educator's Association 2015 Capitol Section Sixth Grade Honor Band!



Classroom Spotlight

4th Grade Science Projects. Students researched great scientist that influenced modern medicine.



Julianna: "I researched Howard Florey because he was interesting. He made penicillin into a medicine."



Emma: "I picked Jonas Salk because he cured Polio and helped a lot of children."



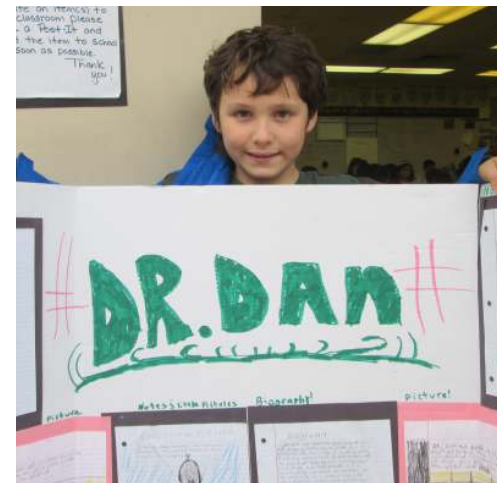
Jaden: "I picked Ben Carson because he was a good person and separated conjoined twins."



Kara: "I chose James Lind because he discovered a cure for Scurvy and he sounded interesting."



Ryann: I picked Elizabeth Blackwell because she was very important and was the 1st woman doctor."



Conner: "I picked Dr. Dan because he was a successful cardiac surgeon who made a difference in today's cardiac surgeries."

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