

# MATSUYAMA ELEMENTARY

## From your PTA, Matsuyama Rocks!

After over two years of fundraising the Rock Wall it is finally built! Matsuyama is the first school in our district to have a climbing wall. Thank you to all of the parents that supported the jog-a-thons, the voters that supported us with the Raley's reach contest, Chris Cowling and her Boks racers, Susie Lauck who established our first jog-a-thon, Ms. Montgomery who fought all of the red tape to get it installed and Mr. Melton our PE teacher with the big dream. Together we Rock!



Matsuyama families submitted over 100,000 box tops which earned the school \$1,000. We also will redeem \$1000 in credits for Labels for Education from Campbell soup products. So please keep clipping-together we make a huge difference. Thank you Stephanie Smith our Box Tops coordinator.

Other ways we can earn money is by using your consumer loyalty cards. Both the Target Red Card as well as the Raley's/Bel Air Something Extra card will donate a portion of your spending to Matsuyama. If you haven't already, register and designate Matsuyama as a recipient. Year around you can donate old electronics to Matsuyama through our E-Waste program, they have free pickup, for more information go to [www.eWaste4good.com](http://www.eWaste4good.com). Please start cleaning out your closets for our January ReUseIt clothing drive. We need used clothing and household items.

Thank you to all of the families that participated in the gift card fundraiser we earn up to 20% on presents that we would spend anyways. Thank you to our coordinators Noel Seaver, Carolyn Buckman and Maria Katsandres.

Lastly, don't forget to have your child fill out the Six Flags Read to Succeed reading log to receive a free ticket to Six Flags. The form is due on February 23 and tickets will be distributed in June. Thank you Ms. Won our librarian who gracious coordinates this program. (FYI this photograph was posed for newsletter purposes only.) Calendar Dates: 12/12: Movie Night-How to Train Your Dragon 2; 12/16: General Meeting - (Kindergarten performance); 12/17: Lunch with a Scholar; 12/20-1/4: No school Winter Break



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## From the Desk Of Principal Montgomery

This year has been extraordinary and next year looks even brighter and full of new adventures

As 2014 winds down many of us will take some time to reflect upon the year and look forward to the fresh opportunities a new year brings. There is so much to be thankful for at Matsuyama. First and foremost are our incredible parent volunteers, especially our yard duty volunteers who work rain or shine, in the noisy cafeteria and on the bustling playground. Our PTA volunteers work tirelessly to provide our teachers and students with many of the “extras” that make school so memorable, assemblies, after school clubs, and enrichment opportunities. My front office staff sets the tone for our school. They are the first people visitors meet and the positive, calm, and caring culture at Matsuyama is established with them. Plus, they have the nearly impossible task of keeping me in line! The support staff, from the custodial team to the kitchen crew, and all our aides provide so much support to all of our students. Finally, our teachers...there are not enough words that even come close to expressing how much I appreciate what they do for our children every day. They are the hardest working group of teachers around.

Nothing can compare to the absolute joy for learning that our children bring to school every day. I was reminded this morning, at a special assembly we had for our pizza acts of kindness winners, about the incredible innocent wisdom so many of our children possess and how much we can learn from them. Many of the students thanked us for the pizza party assembly, innocent to the fact that the party was in thanks to them for their acts of kindness. To them kindness is just the right thing to do and it is done without the expectation of any recognition. I can honestly say that after interacting with our little Mighty Pines I leave work with my basket filled, even if I came to work with an empty basket. I wish everybody could find such satisfaction in their work. How many people actually get the opportunity to have a discussion with a group of 4th grade students about why children misbehave? How many people get to listen to 5th graders read poems they wrote that express their deepest thoughts? We all need to watch students in grades 4-6 work together as a team while competing with middle school students at a robotic competition and coming away with an award for the design of their robot. . On behalf of the staff at Matsuyama we wish each of you a very happy holiday season and an extraordinary 2015!



1. Mr. Mullen and his winning robotics team, 2. Ms. Jones' class pumpkin seed math activity, 3. Free book distribution from our PTA-Mr. Hanks' class, 4.-6. Halloween Party with Mr. Mullen's class and their buddy class Ms. Brunson, 7. Our very cool 40 foot Transverse Rock Climbing Wall, 8. 4th Grade class field trip to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery







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# Student Staff Spotlight

## Hello Ms. Kuroda by Ashlyn Reynolds and Alanna Gillette

Ms. Kuroda is a new teacher at Matsuyama Elementary. She used to teach at Earl Warren Elementary school. She taught 6th grade there too. She has been teaching a total of nine years.

When she was growing up, like any other child, she wanted to be a veterinarian. Ms. Kuroda never dreamed of being a teacher. Instead, she wanted to be a veterinarian. She started thinking about being a teacher when she taught an afterschool program and really liked it, so when she grew older, she became a 6th grade teacher. She loved teaching 6th grade, so she kept on teaching it.

Mrs. Kuroda loves crispy French fries dipped in her vanilla milkshake. She said "If I had a million dollars, I would pay all of my debt, take eight or nine people on a trip, have a party, invite all of my favorite people and I would save all the left over money." If she went on a vacation she said she would go to Hawaii or the bay area (coast).

In her spare time Ms. Kuroda loves to play tennis and she is also quite good at it. Her favorite celebrity is also a tennis player, Rodger Federer. She also enjoys reading in her spare time. Ms. Kuroda is a new teacher at Matsuyama, so be nice and welcome her.



# Mr. Mullen's Robotics Team

## Matsuyama wins 1st place for Robot Design



Matsuyama's Robotics Team competed at Northern California's First Lego League competition. They competed against 31 other teams from around the area and received the first place award for "Robot Design". The team also earned 152 points on the robot game board - the most ever by a Matsuyama Robotics Team! That earned them 3rd place in that category.

They were judged in three areas: teamwork, research, and of course, the robot missions. Throughout the day, the team was judged not only on how well they interacted with each other, but how well they supported and encouraged the other teams. The students are given a problem to research and present at this competition. This year's team learned about how children learn and focused on 1st grade math facts. The team developed a math facts game that can be played anywhere. Lastly, the team built and programmed their Legos robot to perform as many tasks as possible in 2 1/2 minutes.

This group of students includes 4th, 5th, and 6th graders. Jake Crawford, Ryan Robb, Casey Smith, Frankie Huang, Max Ezzell, Hunter Lovitt, Bobby Horst, and Scott Crittendon. They have worked many hard, long hours. Sometimes staying after school until 6:00PM! Congratulations on your success!

# Classroom Spotlight - Ms. Davids Class

## What do you like best about Matsuyama?



Steven-Our Teachers



Josephine-Learning



Ean-Writing



Nico-Math



Angelina-Friends



Contessa-Science



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