

MATSUYAMA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Kindergarten Holiday Performance

FROM THE DESK OF PRINCIPAL MONTGOMERY: Welcome to the 2015 side of the school year! While it is only January it is time to start planning for the 2015-2016 school year. The district offers parents a short window of opportunity to apply for a spot in schools outside of their neighborhood. Spaces are often limited and not all schools are able to make the opportunity available to families. Over half of the students at Matsuyama are here through choice, either Open Enrollment, PI transfer or permit. Most of the spaces available at Matsuyama are in kindergarten, so if you know any families interested in attending Matsuyama that have children eligible for kindergarten in the fall, please let them know about the open enrollment window. We will be holding an open enrollment visitation day on Tuesday, January 20th from 9:00-10:30. Please spread the word! For parents of our 6th grade students, I strongly suggest you take advantage of the visitation opportunities offered by the middle and K-8 schools in the district.

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1. -3. Fabulous Kindergartners sing at the holiday performance, 4 Ms. Z's Polar Express Train Experience, 5. Mr. Hank's class reciting poems, 6. Mr. Mullen's class brings holiday cheer at Primrose Alzheimer's Center.



What do you like best about being in band?

Fifth grade teacher, Ms. Chertorisky, has been the after school band director for grades 4-6 for the last 18 years. She plays the flute with Sacramento area orchestras. The Matsuyama PTA supports the band program by purchasing materials and equipment throughout the year so that more students have opportunities to experience the joy of music!



Savannah-"I like learning all the new songs."
Chase-"Playing the trumpet is fun."



Rykeiz-"I like that everyone in band is confident."
Yasuto-"I like playing the saxophone with the band."



Sammie-"I like learning new things and playing with my friends."
Ashlyn-"I like playing my favorite instrument the flute."



Nikole-"It is fun to learn new notes and learn harder songs."
Alanna-"I like to learn new songs and play the notes."



Angelina-"I love playing with the band and learning new things about music."



Wil-"I love playing notes and following my teacher."
Andrew-"I like the clarinet, it is eay and hard so it is a good challenge."

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From your PTA--Karen Landeck We Need Volunteers

Ask any longtime Matsuyama parent or for that matter any parent of a Greenhaven/Pocket area school and they will all make the same observation- the number of event volunteers is dwindling at local schools. At Matsuyama, in spite of this phenomenon we've actually increased school activities rather than decreased them and volunteerism for the Harvest Festival set a new record! However, the Matsuyama PTA is at a crossroads. In spite of Matsuyama parents turning out to volunteer at the family events we are critically low on PTA Board members. As it stands, eight out of ten of the key Board positions will be vacant. This is putting activities for the 2015/16 school year at risk. If Matsuyama PTA activities are important to you please consider volunteering on the board a few hours a month. We do great things at Matsuyama but need your help to maintain it.

Thank you to our nominating committee Mary Kwong, Deb Owyang, Principal Montgomery and Holly Reynolds who graciously volunteer to serve on this committee to help find our candidates. For more information about board or committee positions please email them at matsuyamapta@gmail.com.

Thank you to Lara Roach, Rege Farina, Carol Fukahara, Hiroku Kurosaki and John Yee who all volunteered to help with our movie night fundraiser. We raised approximately \$650. Thank you to the gift card committee, Noel Seaver, Carrie Buckman and Maria Katsandres. Their time, help and energy were greatly appreciated. And thank you to all of the families that supported these fundraisers. Earn our school money by cleaning out your closets--the USED CLOTHING DRIVE is 1/20-2/1. We get paid per pound, so lets recruit your contacts to help make this drive more successful. All day on Wed., 2/11 ZPIZZA restaurant will donate up to 25% of dine-in, take out and delivery orders to our school. Calendar: 1/15 Lunch w/Scholar; 1/19 No school MLK.; 1/20 to 2/1 Used Clothing Mobile drop box; 1/23 Family Dance; 2/1-2/28 Yearbook Presale dates; 2/9 No School; 2/11 Zpizza restaurant fundraiser; 2/16 No School; 2/20 Lunch w/ Scholar; 2/27 Last day 2nd trimester

Student Staff Spotlight

Ms. Davids--by Allayah Phan and Trinity Genera



Meet Ms. Davids. Ms. Davids is a 3rd grade teacher at Matsuyama Elementary School. She is an awesome teacher! We learned many facts about her. Read the interview to learn more about her.

Q. What were you like as a child? A. A very good student. Q. What is your greatest weakness? A. I love Buttercream frosting on a cake. Q. How would you describe yourself? A. Friendly, positive, smart, athletic. Q. Do you consider yourself successful? Why? A. Yes, because I work hard all the time. Q. What is your greatest strength? A. Being positive. Q. Where would you like to be 5 years from now? A. Helping kids learn. Q. Why were you interested in being a teacher? A. I always loved reading. Q. What was your dream job when you were younger? A. To be the first woman major league baseball player. Q. Do you like working with others? Why? Why not? A. Yes, because I like to share ideas. Q. What do you do in your free time? A. Exercise, watch baseball, and read. Q. Why did you choose Matsuyama Elementary? A. Because it was a year round school. Q. What is the most challenging thing about being a teacher? A. Helping every student.

1. & 2. Rainy Day Lunch with a Scholar, 3. & 4. Pancake Breakfast Ms. Chertorisky's room, 5. Holiday pizza party in Ms. Jones's room, 6. Holiday Pancake Breakfast with Ms. Graviz's room, 7. Ms. Mullen's Orchestra plays during lunch, 8. Matsuyama's 5th grader, Nikole Farina stars as Clara at the Sacramento Ballet



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