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From the Desk of Principal Montgomery

WELCOME TO THE MATSUYAMA 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

On behalf of the Matsuyama Staff I would like to welcome you to the 2013-2014 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! Unfortunately the budget crisis in California will continue to affect our school, particularly in the area of custodial coverage. However, the spirit, dedication, and commitment of the Matsuyama staff remains fully funded! I would like to cover a few important changes and areas of focus at Matsuyama this year:

CAFETERIA: The cost of lunch has increased this year. Lunch is now \$2 and breakfast remains \$1. New this year; students qualifying for reduced meals will not be required to pay at all! Please be sure to complete the free and reduced lunch application in the first day packet. Students are required to pay for meals until the application is approved. These applications must be renewed each year. If your income should change at any time throughout the year you may submit an application. Applications may be found online at: <https://www.scusd.edu/pod/meal-application-online-free-or-reduced-meals> Please note that negative balances carry over from year to year and school to school. Students with negative balances can be denied access to end-of-year fun events and withholding of grades, diplomas, and transcripts until restitution is made. You may prepay for meals and pay any outstanding balances in the front office or online at My School Bucks: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

COMMUNICATIONS: At Matsuyama we strive to communicate in a variety of ways, including the use of social media. Every Friday you will receive a ConnectEd phone call with important reminders and updates. This call can only go to one phone number per student, which is problematic for split families. However, there is an email option on this service. I strongly encourage families to include an email address so both parents can access the weekly updates. The PTA publishes this great newsletter which will also be posted on the school website, 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> For all questions concerning PTA activities you should leave an email at: matsuyamapta@gmail.com

GATE CLUSTER: Matsuyama is officially a district GATE cluster school. GATE identified students in grades 2-6 have the option of being placed in a GATE cluster class where they will receive the William and Mary curriculum along with the district adopted curriculum. All of our teachers have completed the GATE certification and are eligible to teach the GATE cluster classes. SCUSD is moving towards the cluster model in that it allows for heterogeneous classes while still providing above and beyond opportunities for the Gifted and Talented Learner.

MOVE IT, MOVE IT MONDAY: In order to make sure all of our students receive the required physical education minutes, and to start the week out as a united community, we will begin each Monday with 15 minutes of Zumba and say the Pledge of Allegiance together. You are invited to come and move it, move it with us! (Continued on next page)

Continued...From the Desk of Principal Montgomery

IMPROVING SAFETY: Traffic during drop-off and pick-up is always a challenge at every school. Based on my observations last year we will be implementing some changes this year.

- The circular area in front of the school will be used for passenger loading and unloading only. Cars are never to be left unattended or parked in that area for any reason.
- When picking up and dropping off students drivers are asked to continue to pull forward, just like at the airport!
- The no parking zone on the street in front of the school will be opened for parking once again.
- The bus loading and unloading zone will now be on the curb in front of the kindergarten building. That area will now become a red no parking zone.
- The kindergarten drop off area is for kindergarten families only. Again, cars may never be left unattended for any reason in the loading and unloading zones in that area.
- Students will no longer be allowed on the grassy area between the circular driveway and Windbridge Drive. Students will be kept in front of the school until their ride arrives in the drive through.
- Parents that choose to park and pick up their child will be required to walk to the front of the school to get their child.
- Students will not be allowed to cross through the driveway during peak traffic periods. Please use the cross walk at all times.
- When exiting both drop-off and pick-up areas keep in mind that you may only turn right on to Windbridge during the times marked on the signs.
- Remember that the east parking lot is for staff only. Students are never to be dropped off or picked up in that area for any reason!

Please be patient as nothing could possibly be more important than the safety of each and every child at Matsuyama.

ATTENDANCE: It is important that all students be at school on time, all day, every day! We ask that every attempt be made to schedule medical and dental appointments after school as much as possible. Families that opt to vacation during school days are subject to the district attendance policy and will receive truancy letters from the district. The district offers a short term independent study program (STIS) through Capital City Independent Study School. The length of STIS may be from 2-6 weeks (not less than 2 weeks, or more than 6 weeks). The application takes 3-4 weeks to process! If the STIS is approved by the principal and Capital City School the student would be disenrolled from Matsuyama, their place held, and they would be enrolled at Capital City during the duration of the trip. Upon successful completion of the work assignments the student would be reenrolled at Matsuyama. If you have an extended trip scheduled please be sure to allow plenty of time to process the application!

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!

Matsuyama Mighty Pines

Save the Dates:

Back to School Night

Wednesday, 9/11

PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, 9/24

International Walk to School Day

Wednesday, 10/9

Harvest Festival

Friday, 10/18

If you are in the 5th or 6th grade and interested in being a student reporter for our Staff Spotlight of the month, please email us at matsuyamapta@gmail.com. Read our first interview with Ms. Montgomery.

The last teaching Friday of each month will be a free dress day!

Check out our 3 new PTA Bulletin Boards located outside the office and the kindergarten rooms. Thank you to the Matsuyama Class of 2013 for this wonderful gift.

Use your PayPal account to purchase Matsuyama spirit merchandise and PTA membership fees.

Every BOX TOP is worth 10 cents. That might not sound like much but last year we collected approximately \$1800!!! All this money went back into our classrooms. Please clip & save them onto collection sheets or bundled in baggies. Also, collect LABELS FOR EDUCATION from Campbell Soup products. Collection boxes are located in the front office. Thank you to Deb Owyang and Yumiko Osaki who kindly volunteered again to coordinate this project.

Looking for a way to support our school and save time? For your gift needs, our popular Innisbrook fundraiser is returning once again! The fundraiser will run from September 30 to October 14, 2013. This year's catalog includes designer wrap, gift items, Helen Grace Chocolates and now designer reusable totes.

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MatsuyamaElementarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/MatsuyamaElementarySchool)

For more info on Box Tops and Labels for Education visit: www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com

Need to contact the PTA email us at matsuyamapta@gmail.com

Ways to Earn Money for Matsuyama

Activate the Extra Credit program on your Raley's/Bel Air "Something Extra" CARD

Thank you to all of the families that participated in the Raley's/Bel Air program. The Friends of Matsuyama fund received approximately \$2000 last year. How to earn money for Matsuyama:

Step 1: Enroll in Something Extra Rewards Program. Sign up online or in the store.

Step 2: Sign up for Extra Credit. Please note, even if you participated last year you must re-designate our school.

Go to the Something Extra menu on the top bar and choose Extra Credit, then click on the green get started button, then click the select your organization button.

Step 3: Select Your Organization in Extra Credit. In the Extra Credit section pick the organizations that you want to allocate to. Search for MATSUYAMA or find it in the list. Don't forget to choose a percentage once you make your selection or no credit will be given! Click the save your selection button.

Z Best Dining & Entertainment

Sell 5 books and get one for free



The PTA will be hosting a Z Best Dining & Entertainment coupon book fundraiser! The new 2014 book features over 275 local merchants and retails for only \$20.00. Students will receive one free book for every five books sold and by selling 5 books the students get 10 seconds in the prize machine. The Z Best sale runs from September 5th to September 19th.

Ways to get involved....

Many Hands Make Light Work

Sign up on our "Go to List". We will refer to this valuable email database when there is a need for help with various fundraisers and projects. Email us at Matsuyamapta@gmail.com and write "I want to help" in the subject line. You will be made aware of volunteer opportunities and will be under no obligations to participate.

Calling All Creative Students: "Believe, Dream, Inspire"

The PTA Reflections Program gives students a chance to experience the joy and fun of making art in 6 different categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. To get involved, students submit an original piece, inspired by the annual theme. The PTA Reflections Theme for the 2013-2014 school year is "Believe, Dream, Inspire." All children who enter the contest will be recognized and rewarded, and winning entries have the opportunity to travel to council, district, state and even the National PTA Reflections. We still need additional volunteers to help run the Reflections program. If you are interested, or need more information on the Reflections program, please contact Holly Reynolds at matsuyamapta@gmail.com Entry forms, rules and details can be found on the school website.

Matsuyama Events New & Old

During the 3rd week of every month we will have a "Lunch With a Scholar" day. The day of the week will be rotated to accommodate parental work schedules. Parents, guardians, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are encouraged to come and share lunch with their favorite scholars. Just sign in at the front office, grab a visitor badge, meet your scholar near the cafeteria, (please do not go to the classroom).

This year the Matsuyama Harvest Festival will be held on Friday October 18, 2013 from 4 - 7 pm. There are arts and crafts, square dancing exhibition, cake walk, pumpkin patch, and a cornucopia of delicious food and beverages to enjoy from the famous Firefighters Bar-B-Que Grill. All proceeds from the Harvest Festival benefit Matsuyama teachers by providing funding for classroom supplies. Please join us for this seasonal celebration of our Matsuyama community!

Join The Matsuyama PTA

\$5 annual membership fee to join

Join PTA because ...

- PTA leverages volunteer power. PTA volunteers implement school improvement programs.
- PTA provides great resources. PTA programs are designed for parents & students.
- PTA provides you the opportunity to put skills and hobbies to use for a good cause by helping your children and the community's children!
- PTA results in school improvement. PTAs provide projects vital to school's success.
- PTA makes you a good role model. By joining the PTA, you demonstrate to your child the importance your family puts on education.

Parents, grandparents, neighbors, friends...they can all be members. Member or not...everyone is invited to participate and volunteer at PTA sponsored events. Membership does NOT require you to volunteer. Every membership matters. Questions? Please contact Maria Rodriguez at mmrodrig@aol.com or 421.6967.

Fun Run

Thank you for supporting the class of 2014



18th Annual Fourth of July Fun Run

On July 4, 2013, we held our 18th Annual Fourth of July 5K/8K Fun Run. This fundraiser provided our incoming 6th graders with opportunities to raise funds for their one-week trip to Sly Park Environmental Science Camp in Spring 2014.

The event was a huge success this year! The warm summer weather did not deter racers and walkers from showing up early in the morning of July 4th. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who ran, walked, volunteered, sponsored and cheered in our event! And a special thank you to our chairman Edna Toy!

From your PTA...

Karen Landeck, PTA President

It is a great honor to serve as the PTA president for this coming school year. The purpose of our PTA is to support the Matsuyama faculty, staff, parents and students. In order for the PTA to be effective, we need the support and involvement of the parents of our students. What I love the most about Matsuyama is it is a community where our parents show an interest in the education and a willingness to help.

I feel fortunate that we have a passionate and dedicated PTA board, enthusiastic and diligent committee chairmen and committee members and helpful volunteers. Whatever level of participation you choose, your time and involvement will be greatly appreciated and your ideas and your talents are truly needed. There are endless possibilities in ways you can help. Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Please consider volunteering, it really does make a difference in the lives of all our children.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Hope you have a wonderful school year.

The Student Staff Spotlight

An interview by Julianne Perrin

Our Principal Ms. Montgomery

As our principal, Ms. Montgomery does a lot of things, such as picking up garbage, cleaning bathrooms, and filling out forms. Also, she manages students, teachers, adults, and parents. Did you know that Ms. Montgomery never really wanted to be teacher or a principal? Someone actually dared her, but now she loves her job. Ms. Montgomery's least favorite part of her job is all the paperwork. Her favorite part of her job is coming to school and seeing all the kids. She also enjoys being in the classroom and listening to what kids have accomplished. She says, "It's like being a rock star!" This is our principal.



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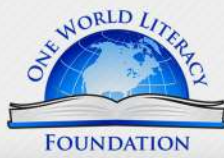
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