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# Sutro Cubs Newsletter

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## SAVE THE DATES:

- ◆ **FRI 2/5/10**  
Jump rope for Heart
- ◆ **MON 2/15/10**  
President's Day  
**(NO SCHOOL)**
- ◆ **FRI 2/19/10**  
Lunar Teahouse
- ◆ **WED 2/24 thru FRI 2/26/10**  
Third Grade  
Camping Trip to Clem Miller
- ◆ **MON 3/29 thru FRI 4/2/10**  
Spring Break  
**(NO SCHOOL)**
- ◆ **MON 3/29/10**  
Cesar Chavez Day Observance  
**(NO SCHOOL)**
- ◆ **SUN 4/11/10**  
Sutro Family Fun Day
- ◆ **SUN 5/15/10**  
Sutro Family Fun Day/ Young at Art

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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Secretary

Have a SUTRO story to share? Or a SUTRO superstar to acknowledge?

Contact the Newsletter Committee at [sutropta@gmail.com](mailto:sutropta@gmail.com)

## Welcome Year of the Tiger!

### SUTRO MOVIE NIGHT

The Sutro Family Movie Night was a success! More than 50 of us gathered in the Sutro cafeteria to watch Disney/Pixar's Up on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We made over \$200 in spaghetti dinner and popcorn sales for our school. Thanks to Caitriona McAuliffe, Jamae Tasker, Leslie Wong and Teena Low for cooking and serving the delicious meal, to Ivy Creed and Tajel Shah for popping the popcorn, and Gregory Urquiaga and Li Zhou Chuan for setting up the ticket counter and chairs. Thanks to Mr. Kuo for being our AV technician for the evening. Thanks also to Mr. Poon and Mr. Illig for their support. The biggest reward was hearing laughter fill the room. Thanks to everyone who came.



### LUNAR TEAHOUSE

Our Sutro cubs will be welcoming the Year of the Tiger together on FRI 2/19/10. Volunteers needed! If you are able to help with this annual feast, please contact the Sutro PTA at [sutropta@gmail.com](mailto:sutropta@gmail.com)



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### TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

#### Message from Mr. Richard ILLIG:

*One of my goals when I was a brand new teacher was to teach third grade. I have taught in the S.F.U.S.D. since 1980 but it wasn't until coming to Sutro School that I had the opportunity. This is my 12th year at Sutro and my 7th year working with 3rd graders. Each year, I appreciate the enthusiasm and determination of the students as they face the challenge of applying the skills and knowledge that their Sutro primary teachers and families have so ably nurtured.*

*The 3rd graders are fortunate to have two teachers. Ms. Lau and I work cooperatively to coordinate and teach science, social studies, art and health related lessons. We collaborate and combine our students to provide meaningful field trip experiences and Outdoor School at Clem Miller at Point Reyes National Seashore. We believe in the importance of community service and support the students as they promote composting in the cafeteria.*

*I appreciate the support, hard work, and creativity of my colleagues and of Sutro parents and guardians. Over the past several years, the Sutro community has demonstrated its strength, flexibility, and resilience. The renovation of the Sutro campus has been an arduous process but as it tested us, we and especially the students persevered through it all.*

### FREE ACTIVITIES

Kids Workshops are free "How-To Clinics" designed for children ages 5-12. The workshops are offered on the first Saturday of each month between 9:00 a.m. and noon at all The Home Depot stores. Visit [www.homedepot.com](http://www.homedepot.com) for details.

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#### Message from Ms Laurette LAU:

*Third grade is my favorite grade of all. I've had the honor of being the third grade teacher at Sutro for countless years. I am a dinosaur with close to 30 years of service in the school district. But it has been a labor of love and I truly do enjoy coming to work each and everyday. Sutro Students are lucky to have outstanding teachers-who lay a very solid foundation of skills in K, 1st and 2nd grades. Third graders therefore are ready to spring forth into higher critical thinking skills, problem solving in creative ways, and reading and understanding stories beyond the text. Other big hurdles include the multiplication table, cursive writing and reading to learn versus learning to read.*

*It is an exciting year with Mr. Illig and me. One of the highlights of third grade is our annual 3 day, 2 night trip we take to Clem Miller Environmental Center in Pt. Reyes. The opportunity for us to live and learn together as a family really fosters a closeness between students, parents and teachers. This is an outdoor school where we are able to integrate multiple subjects into a meaningful and unforgettable experience. Social responsibility, community work and project learning are some of the basic tenets we deem important and encourage our students to embrace. Expectations are high, challenges are many, but third grade at Sutro is always fun!*

### NEXT SPOTLIGHT!

Mr. Jerome Kuo (4th grade), Ms. Josephine Tang (4th/ 5th Combo) and Ms. Lacy Shimizu