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Sutro Cubs Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATES:

- ◆ **THR 3/11**
6 to 7:30PM
SUTRO Community Meeting
- ◆ **WED 3/17**
6 to 8PM
PTA Association Meeting | Summer Activities with Laura Urquiaga
- ◆ **MON 3/22 thru FRI 3/26**
Parent Conference Week | **Early Dismissal at 1:40PM** | Scholastic Book Fair
- ◆ **MON 3/29 thru FRI 4/2/10**
Spring Break **(NO SCHOOL)**
- ◆ **FRI 4/9**
Spell-a-thon
- ◆ **SUN 4/11/10**
Sutro Family Fun Day at Crissy Field
- ◆ **FRI 4/16**
8:30 to 10AM
Coffee Chat w/ Leslie and Mariah in the morning & Spring Movie Night
- ◆ **MON 4/19**
Testing
- ◆ **WED 4/21**
Art and Health Night

IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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ANDREW POON
Principal

MARCY ENGLANDER
Secretary

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

Contact the Newsletter Committee at sutropta@gmail.com

SPRING RAFFLE

Many kudos and thanks to Laura Urquiaga who has done a great job getting some GREAT prizes together for our Picnic Prize Drawing! This drawing will take a lot of help to put together and we are looking for someone to oversee/Chair the drawing. This would involve coordinating the design, printing, collating, distribution, collection and tracking of tickets. If you are available to Chair this event or can help with any of the other tasks, we could use YOUR help! Let us know by contacting Leslie Wong at sassenmass@yahoo.com or 415-819-9196.

SUTRO COMMUNITY MEETING

Get the latest news on SUTRO'S budget for 2010-11 school year! Sutro's preliminary allocations for the 2010-11 school year is \$125K less! This means that there will be possible layoffs, consolidations, "bumping" of positions and elimination of programs. Join us for the Community Meeting on March 11th from 6 to 7:30PM. Principal Poon will explain to our staff and parents about our situation and possible scenarios to balance the school's budget.

SAMPLE WORK FROM POETRY INSIDE OUT

Matsuo Basho
(Japan, 1644-1694)

芭蕉

古池や

蛙飛び込む

水の音

Furu ike ya
kawazu tobikomu
mizu no oto

Student Translations

Ancient pond alert
frog catapulting in pond,
sound of the water
—Willie Qiu, 4th grade

Wow ancient lagoon
toad hops playfully into
water making sound
—Andrea Chen, 5th grade

NEXT SPOTLIGHT!

Our principal, Mr. Andrew Poon and Ms. Josephine Tang— 4th/5th Combo Teacher

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www.sutropta.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. ILLIG!

Third graders have wonderful news! Thanks to the nomination letters of our third grade parents and the third graders...Mr. Richard Illig has been honored as the TEACHER OF THE MONTH at 826 Valencia. You can read all about him on their newsletter on the internet.

He is honored for his work not only in the classroom, but for all the other community work he has done for Sutro School. There's Coastal Clean up Day, Family play days, bike to school day, nutrition/physical education teacher leader and of course our Sutro garden and composting program.

Congratulations to you and thank you Mr. Illig for all your hard work. You really deserve this award.

INNER RICHMOND TRI-SCHOOL COALITION

Sound intriguing? In an effort to creatively tackle the impending budget deficit, McCoppin, Peabody and Sutro school parents are thinking of ways to work together to merge parent efforts and resources toward seeking out grants that could benefit all three schools. Parents interested in participating in these efforts or learning more, please feel free to contact Leslie Wong.

GETTING POLITICAL!

The District (and State) PTA are stepping up the "Advocacy"-one of the major purposes of PTA-in an attempt to ban parents together to take action for our kids. Our District PTA Advocacy Chair, Michelle Parker has been working hard to get information out to the various PTA unit to unify and empower parents to take action. For more info, visit: www.capta.org/sections/advocacy/legislative-alerts.cfm

TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

Message from Mr. JEROME KUO:

My name is Jerome Kuo and I am one of the 4th grade teachers at Sutro. This will be my 10th year at Sutro and 21st with the SFUSD. During my time with the district, I have taught in many different grades from 2nd to 5th. I find that 4th grade is my most favorite of all. Fourth graders are much more independent and come with more knowledge and experiences. Sutro is a wonderful place to teach. Not only the faculty and staff are great and supportive, but the students are willing to learn and work hard. Three cheers for SUTRO!

Message from Ms. LACY SHIMIZU:

My goal this year was to help students develop a sense of personal accountability. "You are the person most responsible for your future" is a quote Room 11 believes in. Fifth grade students will soon be transferring to a larger school, where they will have more self-regulation; therefore, students must learn to be active in their own education, learn about personal responsibility, and most importantly, learn how to help themselves.

The students of Room 11 are also learning the importance of being part of a larger community and learning how to work together; they participate in creative and engaging activities that center around hands-on projects and group work, which gives students the opportunity to enhance their critical and higher-order thinking skills. The students of Room 11 are proving to conquer the high expectations of the fifth grade and are transitioning beautifully into young adults.

Teaching fifth grade has truly been a remarkable experience and I am fortunate to have been given the opportunity to start my career at Sutro School. The past four years have been filled with heartwarming memories and I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to the Sutro community; never have I been affiliated with such loving and selfless people. Thank you to my colleagues who have provided me with unconditional support and continue to inspire my paradigm on teaching.



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