

CLEM MILLER

In Spring 2010, Sutro 3rd Graders from Ms. Lau and Mr. Illig's classes went on a 3-day, 2-night camping trip to Clem Miller, in Point Reyes.

Highlights of the trip (as told by Ed Low, Sam's father): The expressions on some of the kids' faces as we rode across the Golden Gate Bridge (some for the first time, it seemed) and took in the beautiful view of San Francisco Bay and the receding cityscape; doing yoga exercises with all of the kids and adults; watching the kids' faces and listening to their comments as we made s'mores in the rain. There's so much more, but the biggest highlight has to be spending time with my son and his friends, and seeing how positively he reacted to being "unplugged" for three days!

All too soon, it was time to pack up and go back to the real world. I brought back with me pleasant memories of my time at Clem Miller, and the satisfaction of making new friends with the other parents and getting to know them better. I will always cherish the time I spent with my son, and the trip took me back to my own youth—no video games, TV, or any other distractions; just making fun out of whatever might be found lying about. Oh, and we made it back to Sutro just in time for the 2:40 bell, no sudden storms or uncharted islands came up...

Check www.sutropta.org for the full article.

THANK YOU to all the volunteers who make this annual trip possible!

BUDGET CUTS & DIRECT EFFECTS ON SUTRO

District Budget Cuts and Updates

The District and Teacher's Union are still in negotiations to find solutions in closing our \$113 billion deficit. Here is reality check on how it is affecting the staff at Sutro:

CONSOLIDATIONS

Ms. Kristina Kim, *Teacher*
Mr. Ben Wong, *Student Advisor*

CONTRACT EXPIRES

Ms. Lacie Shimizu, *Teacher*
Ms. Christa Korp, *Teacher*
Ms. Mary Schaezlein, *PE Teacher*

LAYOFF NOTICE

Ms. Susan Jaeger, *School Counselor*
Ms. Flora Chan, *General Music Teacher*
Mrs. Anna Ng, *Paraprofessional*
Mrs. Lea Wong, *Paraprofessional (partial layoff)*

We will not know about the outcomes of our staff members until the final budget in September. We strongly hope that some of them will be able to return to Sutro in the Fall.

BUDGET CUT UPDATE

Due to the strong support that the parents, teachers and students show in opposing larger class sizes, Unified School District is proposing more furlough days for the next 2 years. They have also increased the Weighted Student Formula (this is the money allocated for each registered student). That means there would be a little bit more money to balance out each school's deficit. If you attended the

community meeting in April, to balance out the budget deficit, one of the scenarios was that the classes are going to be combined because we would be losing two of our teachers, but with this new development, things might change for the better. We will keep you posted with new developments in this matter. We are all concerned about this matter because it directly affects our children. Let's continue to support our school and our teachers.

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