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## CALENDAR

March	11	5:30pm 7:00pm	SSC Meeting in the Staff Room ( <b>note: date change</b> ) PTA Meeting in the GLC ( <b>note: date change</b> )
	12		Last day to purchase yearbooks for \$20
	14		Daylight Savings Begins – Set Clocks Ahead One Hour
	<b>15</b>		<b>STAFF LEARNING DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>
	19		Report Cards Go Home
		6:45pm	PTA Family Movie Night
	30		Author Day with Teri Sloat
April	1	6:00-7:00pm	Family Math Night
	8	5:30pm 7:00pm	SSC Meeting in the Staff Room PTA Meeting in the GLC
	9		Session 3 Enrichment Classes End
	<b>12-16</b>		<b>SPRING RECESS – NO SCHOOL</b>



### PTA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Come to the GLC on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for a family movie night. The PTA will be showing the movie "Princess And The Frog" rated G. Admission is free and children must be accompanied by an adult. You will be able to purchase candy, popcorn or drinks at the concession stand. Doors open at 6:45pm – see you there!

### PILLAR MURAL PROJECT



Do you enjoy and admire the two murals that adorn our GLC walls? Would you like to be a part of another Nimitz beautification project? A new mural is in the works for the pillars in front of Nimitz. If you are creative and/or artistic or would just like to be a part of this project, please contact Tracy Burriss at [tcburriss@yahoo.com](mailto:tcburriss@yahoo.com). This new project will involve painting a base coat on the pillars and then working with students to paint/decorate the pillars. This project is still in the planning stages and will be implemented in April or May.

### GREEN WEEK AT NIMITZ

Student council is sponsoring "green week" at Nimitz for recycling and St. Patrick's Day. Please have your student bring in clean plastic bottles and cans next week. Thank you in advance for your help in this effort.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME  
 BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>,  
 SET YOUR CLOCK 1 HOUR AHEAD**

**NO SCHOOL THIS MONDAY,  
 MARCH 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 STAFF LEARNING DAY**

**STAR TESTING April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 7<sup>th</sup>  
 (Makeup Testing: May 10<sup>th</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup>)**

The STAR Testing dates are being published so that parents can plan ahead. STAR Testing will be held from **April 26, 2010 through May 7, 2010 for grades 2-5**. Your child will need to take the entire test in order to receive complete STAR scores. **Please do not schedule family trips or make appointments during this time.** It is very important that our students be at school during the testing window. The fourth grade state writing test has been eliminated and will not be given this year.

### BEFORE YOU MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

**At the end of the school year, a student must be in attendance on the last day of school to retain his/her place on the roster for the following year.** For this school year, students must be in school on June 10, 2010, to retain their space for the 2010/11 school year. At the beginning of the school year, **a student must be in attendance on the first day of school or they will not retain their place on the roster.** When you are making travel plans, please consider the possible ramifications. If you have any questions, please contact Student Assignment at (408) 252-3000, ext 110.



## NIMITZ YEARBOOK SALES

The Nimitz 2009-2010 Yearbooks in full color are now on sale. **Yearbooks are just \$20 if purchased before March 12<sup>th</sup> and \$24 after March 12<sup>th</sup>, so hurry and buy yours now.** Order forms are available in the office. Please attach your check payable to NIMITZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL to the order form.



## DISTRICT NEWS

### MATHEMATICS SPEAKER SERIES

“Beyond the Book: Learning More Mathematics”

Thursday, March 18, 2010

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Collins Elementary School, GLC

10300 N. Blaney Avenue

Cupertino, CA 95014

No RSVP Needed

District students and their parents are invited to participate in the Mathematics Speaker Series. The next speaker, who will address interested middle school students and their parents, will be Joshua Zucker. This presentation is offered free of charge.

Joshua Zucker, whose talk last year was very well-received, is a talented and knowledgeable teacher whose accomplishments in the field of mathematics have been recognized both in his tenure as a writer for the national MATHCOUNTS competition and as the Director of the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival. Joshua discovered his love for number theory at Dr. Arnold Ross's summer program at Ohio State University many years ago. As a student, he was invited to the US Math Olympiad Summer Program and was a member of the first US Physics Olympiad team as well as a top-10 scorer on the Putnam. Once again, Joshua will challenge students with insightful, intriguing problems and offer parents words of wisdom about math education that will help them work with their sons and daughters in productive ways.

The Speaker Series is part of the district's Math Initiative Plan and is sponsored by the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) and a grant from Microsoft Corporation. All featured speakers will encourage students to think deeply, to challenge themselves in mathematics both beyond and within the traditional curriculum, and not to rush through courses.

### DE ANZA COLLEGE SUMMER EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM 2010

De Anza College in partnership with the Cupertino Union School District will offer the Extended Year Program this summer, mornings only, from June 21 to July 16, 2010.

#### Students entering grades 6 through 10

Classes will be held at Kennedy and Miller Middle Schools, and will include: Java Programming, Geometry, Intro to Algebra, LEGO Robotics, Speech and Debate, Fashion Design and many others.

#### Students entering grades 1 through 5

Classes will be held at Eaton Elementary School, and will include: Pre-Algebra Prep, Writing: Paragraphs to Essays, Reading Intensive, Mandarin Chinese, Math & Art, Mandarin, Journalism/Writing, and more!

Program brochures will be sent home in early March and will also be available at your school office. More information is available at [www.extendedyear.deanza.edu](http://www.extendedyear.deanza.edu).

Early registration is by mail only and will begin on March 8, 2010 and ends on May 21, 2010. There will also be walk-in registration available from June 1 to June 8, 2010.

### MAKE READING MORE APPEALING TO YOUR CHILD

Some children resist, complain or even refuse to sit down with a book and read. What should you do?

Make sure your child's skills are developing well, since reading struggles can affect motivation. Talk with your child's teacher about any concerns. Also ask which reading materials she recommends.

Meanwhile, to make reading more appealing:

- **Set a good example.** Show that you enjoy reading. Mention things you learn, stories that make you laugh and words that inspire you.
- **Be positive.** Help your child see himself as a "reader." Choose a special spot in his room, such as a cozy corner, for books and reading. Let him read familiar books to a younger sibling.
- **Build interest.** Read irresistible books aloud--with enthusiasm. This may encourage your child to choose other books by the same author.
- **Visit the library.** Take time to browse and ask the librarian for advice. Only take home books (or magazines, newspaper articles, comics, etc.) that are likely to capture your child's attention.
- **Get creative.** There are so many things to read, including maps, video game instructions, jokes and menus. Read in different places, too, such as at the park or at the breakfast table.

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### ARE YOU TEACHING YOUR CHILD HOW TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE?

Today, one-third of all children are obese or at risk of becoming obese. Parents play an important role in fighting this health crisis. Are you doing all you can to help your child be healthy and happy? Answer *yes* or *no* to each of these statements below to find out:

1. I encourage my child to drink lots of water.
2. I build exercise into our daily routine. Whether we are just running around in the yard or going on a bike ride, our family tries to exercise together.
3. I involve my child in chores that help keep him active. Washing the car and walking the dog burn lots of calories.
4. I limit my child's "screen time." Kids burn about 60 calories in an hour of staring at the TV or computer, compared with 200 calories in an hour of playing outside.
5. We try to eat meals together regularly. Kids who eat family meals at home get more fruits and vegetables – and fewer sweets and soft drinks – than those who don't.

Each yes answer is a step toward a healthier life for your child.

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