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CALENDAR

March	30		Author Day with Teri Sloat
	31	7:00-8:00pm	5 th Grade Musical Performance + Rm. 17
April	1	6:00-7:30pm	Family Math Night in the GLC
	8	5:30pm	SSC Meeting in the Staff Room
		7:00pm	PTA Meeting in the GLC
	9		Session 3 Enrichment Classes End
	12-16		SPRING RECESS – NO SCHOOL
	22	5:30-6:30pm	Open House
	23		Theatre of All Possibilities Assembly
26-May	7		STAR Testing for Grades 2-5



PARENT SURVEY IS ONLINE!

The parent survey will be available online tomorrow, Friday, March 26th. Please take a few minutes to complete our annual Parent Survey. For your convenience, the survey is available online in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Japanese and Hebrew.

1. Go to <http://www.nimitzpta.org/parentsurvey/>
2. Please complete a separate survey for each child you have at Nimitz. To repeat the survey for another child, press "Start again."
3. **Our school-wide goal this year is to have 60% participation. If we meet this goal, then each class will get to see a movie.**

Your input is valuable in helping the School Site Council and staff evaluate our programs. If you prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, please fill out the green form enclosed in this week's blue folder and return it to your child's teacher. Copies of the survey in all five languages are also available in the office. The deadline to submit your survey is **Friday, April 23rd**. Thank you!

FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Come join the fun with some hands-on math games and activities! This event is **free** of charge and is open to all Nimitz families. It is a great way to learn how to help your student with some family math ideas. Please join us on **Thursday, April 1st from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the GLC**. Look for the flyer in this week's blue folder.



PROJECT
CORNERSTONE

A group of 4th and 5th grade students completed the "Expect Respect" workshop and are now taking part in activities to improve our school. These student leaders have now presented skits about bullying to all the classes. Major points are becoming an "up-stander" instead of a bystander by saying or doing something. The students involved with Project Cornerstone also read books on bullying to classes. If you are interested in reading literature in the classrooms or helping out with Project Cornerstone, please contact Tracy Burriss @ tcburris@yahoo.com.



WANTED – USED CELL PHONES

Help Nimitz go green by donating your used cell phone. The composting team is collecting cell phones to help raise money to build a composting system here at Nimitz.

Their goal is to reduce waste going into our local landfills and the kindergarten garden will benefit from the rich soil created by composting. So bring your used cell phones to the office or Ms. Woods' classroom (room 18) and help Nimitz go green!

LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bins are **overflowing!** Please remember to check the bags located near the restrooms that are full of shirts, jackets and lunchboxes. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the April break.**

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2009-2010

April 12-16, 2010	Spring Recess
May 28, 2010	Staff Learning Day
May 31, 2010	Memorial Day
June 10, 2010	Last Day of School

DISTRICT CALENDAR 2010-2011 (NEXT SCHOOL YEAR)

August 16, 17 and 18, 2010	Teacher Work Days
August 19, 2010	Students Return
September 6, 2010	Labor Day
September 17, 2010	Staff Learning Day
October 25, 2010	Staff Learning Day
November 11, 2010	Veteran's Day
November 12, 2010	CEA Non-Duty Day
November 24, 25,26 2010	Thanksgiving Recess
December 20-31,2010	Winter Recess
January 17, 2011	Martin Luther King Day
February 21-25, 2011	Mid-Year Recess
March 14, 2011	Staff Learning Day
April 18-22, 2011	Spring Recess
May 27, 2011	Staff Learning Day
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day
June 10, 2011	Last Day of School



STAR TESTING April 26th – May 7th (Makeup Testing: May 10th - May 14th)

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.

ATTENDANCE REPORTING

The Education Code in California requires students to attend school daily and be on time. Late arrivals are to report to the office for a late slip. A daily record is kept for each child. A delay is recorded if a child is up to 29 minutes late, and a tardy is recorded for arrivals to school 30 minutes or later. Excessive tardies will result in a letter being sent home.

If your child is not at school, you are required to report the absence to the school. We have a 24-hour line for this purpose. Please report your child's absence each morning that your child is absent before 9:00 am by calling 736-2180, ext. 6. Include the student's name (please spell the last name), room number, the reason for absence and your relation to the child. If you do not call, the absence will be considered unexcused.

MOM WAS RIGHT ABOUT BREAKFAST

What simple activity can help increase student attention, decrease illness and absenteeism and increase test scores? Eating breakfast! Breakfast consumption reduces the physical symptoms of stomach pain, headache, muscle tension and fatigue, all of which interfere with learning. Making sure that students have breakfast goes a long way toward facilitating their success. Research studies indicate that children who eat breakfast:

- Have improved attention in late-morning task performance
- Retrieve information more quickly and accurately
- Make fewer errors in problem-solving activities
- Concentrate better and perform more complex tasks

What a child eats for breakfast is also important. A meal comprised of protein, fat, starch and sugar will prevent drops in blood sugar for several hours, whereas a breakfast of just starch and sugar will sustain a child for only one to two hours. A drop in blood sugar is associated with a decline in energy and the onset of hunger symptoms. Consequently, a meal that includes foods from several good groups provides the most benefit to the child, both educationally and physically. Simple breakfasts can be prepared quickly and easily:

- Juice and cereal with low-fat milk
- Toast with peanut butter and a piece of fruit
- A fruit smoothie made with yogurt



DISTRICT NEWS

"THEIR FUTURE IS NOW!" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Cupertino Union School District is facing unprecedented funding cuts from the state. In our community, where excellence in education is a shared value, a unique partnership between the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF), the parent community, and the Cupertino Union School District has formed to step in where state funding leaves off. **"Their Future Is Now!"** is a community wide campaign to raise local donated funds to preserve our excellent school programs.

"Their Future Is Now!" has raised over \$340,000 in our first week! Thanks to over 400 district families who have donated to keep our schools great and CEEF for donating \$100,000 at the kick-off event.

Get More Info

Attend an upcoming **"Their Future Is Now!"** information session at your school. Check www.CEEFcares.org for a listing of info sessions available throughout the district.

Help Contact Sponsors

Email Sponsors.TheirFutureIsNow@gmail.com if you can help contact sponsors. This week, **"Their Future is Now!"** received a Proclamation from the City of Cupertino and an endorsement from the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce. We are eager to engage the local small business community to join this critical effort.

Together, we will keep our schools great! Join the solution today at www.CEEFcares.org.