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## CALENDAR

April	29	7:00pm	Fourth Grade Musical
	30		Parent Surveys Due
26-May	7		STAR Testing for Grades 2-5
	4		Community Day
May 10-14			STAR Testing Make Ups
	13	5:30pm	SSC Meeting in the staff room
	14		Junior Achievement Day
	15		Family Dance and Silent Auction
	17		Spring Portraits
	18	2:00-3:00pm	Volunteer Tea
	26	6:30pm	Spring Sing
	28		<b>STAFF LEARNING DAY—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
	31		<b>MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL</b>



### SPIRIT OF AMERICA ASSEMBLY

Last Friday, the Theatre of All Possibilities and 25 of our budding fifth grade stars took us on a fun and stimulating journey through American history. We learned about great men and women in American history who turned their vision into reality.

Students were encouraged to pursue their own dreams and through them shape the future of our country and the world. Thank you to PTA for sponsoring this assembly.

### ENROLLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

**Please make sure to complete the enrollment form being sent home this week.** It is very important that we receive a form from each family regarding your enrollment plans for next year. This allows the school district and our school to determine our enrollment numbers for the next school year. All forms must be returned. If we do not receive this information from your family, we will be contacting you. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### COMMUNITY DAY

Dine and shop all day on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> to support our children and protect our schools. When you shop at participating stores and restaurants on May 4<sup>th</sup>, a percentage of the proceeds will be donated back to Cupertino schools. Please bring the flyer in this week's blue folder with you when you shop or dine. Visit <http://www.savecupertinoschools.org/communityday> for an updated list of participating merchants.



### LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THE PARENT SURVEY

Please take a few moments to complete our annual Parent Survey. **At the time of this printing, we have 33% participation. Our school-wide goal is 60% participation.** If we reach this goal, each class will get to see a movie. There are only 23 questions, and it can be completed in less than 10 minutes. The survey is available online in English and Spanish at

<http://www.nimitzpta.org/parentsurvey/>

Don't miss out on this opportunity to provide us with valuable feedback about our school. Please fill out the survey for each child enrolled at Nimitz School. Your answers will be completely confidential, since you provide no personal data. Paper copies can be obtained by filling out the green form available in the office. The deadline to submit your survey is this **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thanks to those of you who have already completed your survey!

### LEARNING MURAL TECHNIQUES

Hey you avid painters! We are looking for some exuberant artists excited to learn how to mural paint and help out with a California Garden scene that will be painted on the front of Nimitz' six pillars. Class will begin Thursdays on May 6 and will run four sessions through May 27 from 2:45pm - 3:30pm. You will get hands on experience painting kites, clouds, characters, hills, barns, trees and more that will leave a permanent memory on your schools walls. The cost of the class is \$30 and is for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders only. If you are interested, please sign up in the office.

-Instructor, Angela Richards

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Yes, we are collecting the Box Tops for Education labels! Just clip the little box top coupon from General Mills food packages such as Cheerios, Go-Gurt and Betty Crocker items and send them in to your teacher. Our student council will help organize and sort the labels to earn extra money for instructional supplies.

## NIMITZ SUMMER TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE CAMP

Mrs. Hoang and Ms. Lin will be teaching a science and technology camp for third through fifth grade students over the summer. Classes will be held for two sessions (6/21-7/8 and 7/12-7/29) on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:00am. For more information, please look for the flyer in this week's blue folder or in the office.

## UPPER GRADE PE PROGRAM

Parents who are picking up their K-3 students at 2:00pm, please be aware that our 4th & 5th grade PE classes are still in session out on the blacktop and playing field. Thank you for being respectful of their space and equipment by not walking through their activities, using their equipment and keeping your dogs leashed and with you at all times. A basket of balls can be a tempting item for younger siblings, so please remind them that they are for the PE classes and not for them to use after school.

## MAKE THE MOST OF AFTER SCHOOL TIME

During the spring season, your family calendars may be rapidly filling. Here are some tips on how to make the most of your child's after school time.

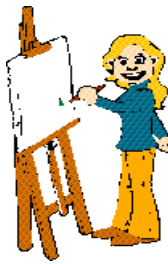
- **Set a study schedule.** Kids need to spend some time studying every day. Talk about what time of the day works best. Some children want to get their work done right after school. Others need some time to play.
- **Limit television during the week.** One family records the kids' favorite programs. During the week, the TV stays off and the kids use their time for studying and other activities. On the weekend, when the schedule is more relaxed, kids watch their shows.
- **Don't feel your child has to do everything.** Some kids spend every afternoon at a sports practice or a special class or lesson. They may be stressed, and their parents may be frazzled just getting them to and from all those activities. This year, pare down. Choose one or two things for each child.
- **Have a regular reading time.** Kids who get into the reading habit will do better throughout their school years. Set aside some time each day when you can read to and with your child. Long after your child can read by himself, he'll still love to hear you read to him. If you make reading time just before bed, you'll also have a quiet time to catch up on other important news of the day.

-From *Parents Make the Difference*

## 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 2009/10 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, contact Student Assignment at (408) 252-3000, ext 110.



## NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM

Hello Nimitz Community! Please join us in support of a fun mural project to decorate the front pillars of our school. Whether you are artistic or grunt labor, there's a spot for you. Please come to the kickoff this Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> to help paint the backgrounds of sky, clouds, and California hills on six posts. This is a great opportunity to get a few free art tips from Nimitz' very own art teacher, Angela Richards. **We will be working from 2:00 – 4:00pm. Note: these are different times than previously published.** If you can't come to help paint, then there are a few supplies we're looking for that are probably laying around your house.

1. Old exterior latex paint! Any color, half empty is fine
2. Extension poles
3. Paint rollers
4. Latex gloves
5. Drop cloth, plastic tarp, or canvas
6. Blue paint tape
7. Fuzzy paint rollers
8. Ladders

Please donate these items before April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Please email Angela Richards if you have any questions or can come to the May 1<sup>st</sup> paint day, [angiesmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:angiesmailbox@gmail.com). Or call her cell phone at 408-679-3609.

If you are interested in loaning or donating supplies, please contact Tracy Burriss @ [Burriss\\_tracy@cusdk8.org](mailto:Burriss_tracy@cusdk8.org) or Tali Ben-Israel @ [nimitz@ben-israel.com](mailto:nimitz@ben-israel.com)

Thanks in advance for your help!



## DISTRICT NEWS

### "THEIR FUTURE IS NOW!" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The May 15th fundraising deadline is less than 3 weeks away. It's up to us to preserve the excellent quality of education in our schools. Here's what you can do:

### WIN A PARTY FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Yes, the ENTIRE school can have a free party either at Strike (bowling), Golfland Sunnyvale (mini-golf) or Ice Center Cupertino (ice-skating). Just think how great it will be to have ALL the families having fun together to celebrate our community's support for education! All it takes is for 55% of families at your school to contribute to TFIN. **NOW is the time to join in and make your contribution.** Go to [www.CEEFcares.org](http://www.CEEFcares.org) and be counted as a proud supporter of our children's education.

### DINE, SHOP, PLAY ON COMMUNITY DAY! TUESDAY, MAY 4TH

Mark your calendars! **Designate May 4th as a day of FUN** by visiting participating merchants who will donate part of their sales to *Their Future Is Now!* on that day. We have over 70

**businesses** signed up so far. You will receive a "Community Day Golden Ticket" in this week's take-home folder. There's many ways to participate:

- Head out to lunch with co-workers and friends!
- Shop for Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation Day!
- Pick up groceries and take the kids for a haircut!
- Join a fun get-together with classmates!
- Enjoy a family meal at a favorite restaurant, or a place you've been meaning to try. Take-out counts!
- Remember dessert too!

Help spread the word to your co-workers and neighbors. More info on Community Day is available

at [www.savecupertinoschools.org/communityday](http://www.savecupertinoschools.org/communityday).

### **SUBMIT YOUR CORPORATE MATCH**

Please process your corporate match paperwork ASAP! This is a significant stream of donations.

**All confirmed verifications will be counted in the 5/15 deadline, even if actual disbursement is later!** Please complete the process, and send an email to let us know at [corpmatch.TheirFutureIsNow@gmail.com](mailto:corpmatch.TheirFutureIsNow@gmail.com).

**Donate directly to TFIN first, and then apply for the match.**