



Cumberland Elementary School  
Sunnyvale, California

April 11, 2007

*Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves. ~ Sir James M. Barrie, British Writer*

I want to start this month by thanking Kindergarten parents Jena Hohman and Martina Cerna for answering my plea for help on the playground. You truly have helped bring sunshine into the lives of Cumberland's kids. We can still use more help, too.

On a related note, our Cougar Club lunchtime activity program is going through a transition this month. Our coordinator, Cindy Lipp is moving on to focus on her responsibilities as CDC director. Thanks, Cindy, for your hard work setting up and running the popular program for the past year. The kids really love the games and the music and look forward to it each week! We are planning to continue the program, once a week for now, and we really need parent volunteers to come out and help. Don't be surprised if you get a call or an email asking for an hour of your time. And if anyone is interested in taking over as coordinator for Cougar Club, for the rest of this year or for next year, please contact me!

Did everyone get a chance to check out our wonderful "Book Fair Beach" last week? What a huge effort! It was a big success and a lot of fun! I really enjoyed watching the kids' faces light up when they saw a book they wanted. **Becky Hunt** and **Toni Murphy** did an amazing job of bringing us this popular event. They were helped by an army of volunteers, who helped with set-up, preview, sales, monitoring, teacher boxes, story night and packing up: **Ana Regidor, Anna Oren, Barbara Lee, Barbie Wilson, Camille Covington, Cheryl Thompson, Chris Clark, Deb White, Eileen Conway, Holly Cacheiro, Inge Keuppens, Ivy Kerr, Janet Werner, Jen Crew, Jill Dos Santos, Judy Bayse, Laura Healy, Linda Kamas, Lisa Blanc, Lisa Enswiler, Maria Kivijarvi, Mari-Wen Matsui, Marla Vaughn, Mary Duval, Micheline Martin, Naga Chandika, Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, Nina Wong-Dobkin, Sarah Chang, Sharon Fong, Susan Norton, Susan Stevenson, Sylvia Gronovius, Taed Wynnell, Tingting Li, Tonya Oravetz, Valerie Spierling, Wei-Ling Chu and Yaulanda Spyrou.** Thanks to **Lindsay Jacobson** for soliciting and scheduling the readers for Story Night, and to **Denielle Fussell** for handling the money. And special thank yous to **Lisa Atkins** and **Mike Sahn** and also to **Deb Mangan** for the use of her room for story night. The proceeds benefit our library. Thanks everyone!

Mark your calendars now for the **next PTA meeting** on Tuesday evening, **May 15 at 7pm**. The proposed budget for the 2007-8 school year will be presented, and we will be voting on the proposed slate of PTA officers and chairpersons. This is a very important meeting and I encourage everyone to attend.

Enjoy your Spring Break!

Ruth Helfinstein  
Cumberland PTA President 2006-2007

## Wax Museum

Ms. Teves' class held their wax museum on March 27 in the Multi. All visitors had to do was to step on the "button" on the name cards on the floor to activate the wax museum exhibits. Students portrayed historical figures such as Abigail Adams, Jane Goodall, Pocahontas, Harriet Tubman, Maya Angelou, John Adams, Woody Guthrie, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Amelia Earhart, Thomas Edison, William Penn, Cesar Chavez and many more.



Wax Museum Figure, William Penn

### Dates To Remember:

**Apr 12** Spring Picture Day  
**Apr 13** Stuffed Animal Day  
**Apr 15-21** National Library Week  
**Apr 16-20** Spring recess, **No School**  
**Apr 26** 2nd Grade Performance, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**May** First two weeks STAR Testing  
**May 1** Budget Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
**May 8** Teacher Learning Day, Early Dismissal, **12:45 p.m.**  
**May 14-18** Staff Appreciation Week  
**May 15** School Site Council Meeting, 3 p.m.  
**May 15** PTA Meeting, 7 p.m.  
**May 17** Math and Science Family Night  
**May 21-25** 5th Grade Science Camp  
**May 23** Kindergarten Orientation  
**May 24** 1st Grade Performance, 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.  
**May 28** Memorial Day, **No school**  
**May 30** ELAC Meeting, 8:30 a.m.  
**May 31** Open House, 7 - 8 p.m.

**June 14** Last Day of School

**August 23** Opening Day of 2007-2008 School Year

## Walking Wednesdays

Walking Wednesdays will continue every Wednesday until the end of school. The first Walking Wednesday was a great start with a lot more walkers, bikers and scooters and a lot fewer cars. However, fifth graders still saw a lot of cars on the road. Just try it once and you will see that walking and biking to school is a great experience. Here is an interesting statistic from the Center of Disease Control. In 1972, 87% of children who lived within a mile of school walked or biked; today the percentage is 13%. Let's see if Cumberland can reach that 87% number.



Klutz-Build-A-Book Night

## Go! Go! Go! Cumberland!



Cumberland's "Pennies for Patients" contributions reached \$2,607.87, all of which goes directly to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to support cancer research and patient services. Ms. Svatek's 4th Grade class earned a pizza party by being the top fundraising class. Thanks to everyone who brought in donations. Also, thanks to Ruth Helfinstein for her kick-off program and thanks to Eliza Lee and Annie Chang for coordinating this important event. We can make a difference.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!



Staff Appreciation Week is May 14th to 18th. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weekly packet.



## Stand By For Cumberland's eRecycle Event In May

Cumberland will be hosting an eRecycle event in May. Anything electronic can be brought to Cumberland and recycled for **FREE**. Monitors, printers, computers, fax machines, etc. can be brought to the school and Cumberland will receive money for them. More details will be sent home as the time nears.



2nd Grade Fire Assembly - Ms. Chow Firing Water Hose



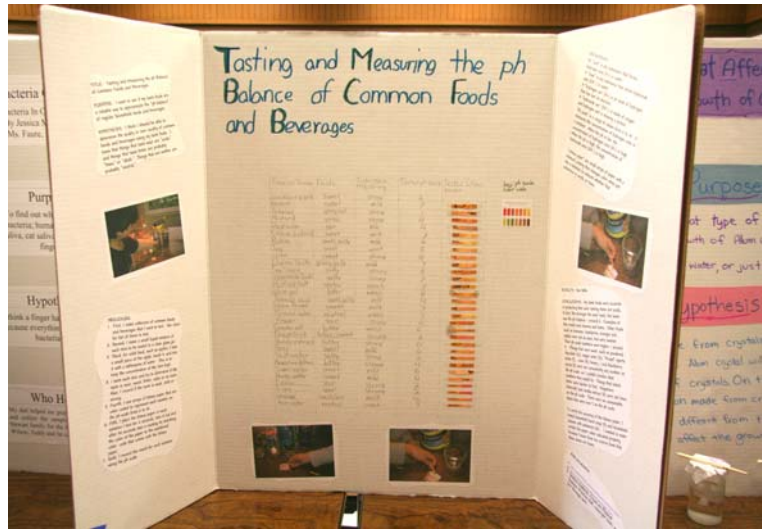
## Book Fair Thank You's

Thank you to Janie Tubbs of "Accrual World" for her generous donation of \$150.00 to the Cumberland Book Fair.

Thank you to Kathleen Newby who bought 8 copies of the latest edition of the "Bully Free Classroom," one for each grade level.



Book Fair



Upper Grade Science Fair

4/5 Science Fair



Attendance was high again for the upper grade science fair on April 5. Attendees were also able to attend the the annual Book Fair in the Library. There was much to be learned from the microwave popcorn experiments, the tongue taste buds, the food/kitchen experiments, and the mag/lev train, to name a few. It was a joy to see all the young scientists so excited about their project boards and work. Kudos to all of the upper graders for putting so much work into their projects so that everyone else can learn something new.!

This year, the Science Fair Committee, Linda Kamas, Molly Anderson and Eunice Chen provided assistance to students with their science fair projects and will continue to do so again next year. A special thanks to Sylvia Gronovius, Renée Cailloux and all of the other volunteers for helping with set up and clean up. Science Fair wouldn't happen without you!



Upper Grade Science Fair

Contributions to the next PTA Newsletter are due no later than Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Information can be sent to Eunice Chen, PTA Newsletter Editor at [hey2eu-ptanews@yahoo.com](mailto:hey2eu-ptanews@yahoo.com).

Class totals for 'BoxtopsforEducation' label collections: School year 2006-200



Grade	Teacher	December Count	March Count	TOTAL COUNT
K	Bonner	179	145	324
K	Bruno/Blaschke	125	59	184
K	Burns	216	103	319
K	Groff	85	101	186
K	Lermant	95	99	194
1	Fong	421	207	628
1	Philyaw	439	172	611
1	Rogers	343	129	472
<i>1</i>	<i>Stone</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>1031</i>	<i>1163</i>
2	Anderson	230	79	309
2	Chow	397	325	722
2	Rose	224	42	266
<i>2</i>	<i>Smith/Yordan</i>	<i>450</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>765</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>Cheng</i>	<i>242</i>	<i>175</i>	<i>417</i>
3	Kerr	171	143	314
3	McMullen	51	239	290
3	Shukis	207	204	411
3	Tripiano	245	59	304
4	Cooper	379	89	468
4	Svatek	340	204	544
<i>4/5</i>	<i>Teves</i>	<i>475</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>745</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Faure</i>	<i>476</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>700</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Grigoryev</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>584</i>
SDC	McCarty	102	32	134
<i>Total</i>		<i>6348</i>	<i>4706</i>	<i>11,054</i>

and the winners are,.....

	First Prize: Pizza Party	Second Prize: Popcorn Party	Third Prize: Fruit Bar Party
Lower Grade Winners	Mrs. Stone-First Grade	Mrs. Smith/Yordan-Second Grade	Mrs. Cheng-Third Grade
Upper Grade Winners	Mrs. Teves-4/5 Grades	Mrs/ Faure-Fifth Grade	Mrs. Grigoryev-Fifth Grade

Congratulations to the winners, and great job everyone! This year's total is almost double that of last year!!

Ziploc® brand storage bags are great for organizing and saving things – like Box Tops – that can get lost in the clutter of everyday life. Clip the BoxTop from the Ziploc® box, and collect all of your BoxTops in a ziplok posted on the fridge, until it's time to bring them in to school!

Note: If you are interested in being the 'BoxTops' Coordinator next school year, please call Mary Duval at (408)-507-4855, or Ruth Helfinstein, PTA President, at (408)-737-2936. Thanks! Keep collectin.....