



Cumberland Elementary School
Sunnyvale, California

June 13, 2007

Dear Parents and Friends,

Since last month's newsletter, things have been truly been buzzing at school. What a busy time of year! The Fifth graders had a fun and educational trip to Science Camp. Many thanks to **Jeanette Krogstad** for coordinating this effort. Also thanks to **Judy Beck** who has been coordinating special end of year activities for our fifth graders who will be moving on to Middle School next year.

The first grade performance last month was the last one led by our wonderful and talented PTA-sponsored music teacher, **Judy Bayse**. We send a big Thank You to Judy for her work with our children and the best of luck at her new endeavors.

The FAME Art Wall was a great success. I really enjoyed seeing the beautiful artwork the children have created this year. Thanks, **Rozanne Hermelyn**, for coming up with this idea, on top of all the wonderful work you and your FAME volunteers have done this year!

We had a great time exploring science and math in so many creative ways at the L.A.T.E. Night Science and Math Night last month. Thanks to resident expert **Lindsay Jacobson** along with a team of Cumberland Volunteers (including several Alumni middle schoolers) for making this fun and lively event possible!

At this time of year, classes are busy with field trips and parties and I want to send a special thank you to all the **room parents** who have coordinated these activities all year! I especially want to acknowledge the efforts that have gone into implementing the new nutrition guidelines and thank room parents for their help with this process. We've cleaned up our nutritional act and still had fun celebrations, so thank you!

This is the last time I'll be writing to you as PTA President. It has been an honor and a pleasure to represent you, to work with you, and to get to know so many of you better this year. Cumberland is truly a great community. I want to thank each person who helped out this year – at Walkathon, in the classrooms, on field trips, with PTA programs and in every corner of the school. Every contribution, no matter how small, truly helps to make so many opportunities available for our kids! You're great!

I also want to thank Cumberland's fabulous staff and administration for their hard work this year. The care they take and their dedication to the safety and education of all our children is truly a gift to us all.

On that note, I will wish everyone a happy summer! Have fun and Stay Safe.

Sincerely,

Ruth Helfinstein
PTA President 2006-2007



Congratulations on A Successful Spring Food Drive!

Cumberland School donated two van loads of food and hygiene items to Sunnyvale FISH on June 1st.

Thank you to all who made this event a success!! To Mrs. Grigoryev and the Student Council for organizing, advertising and collecting. To the Cumberland Cafeteria for lending the crates. To Nella Kovner - Sunnyvale School District Liaison Teachers and Students and the Cumberland Community.

Individual donations are still welcomed. Donated items may be dropped off every Tuesday 9-11 a.m. at 1112 S. Bernardo Ave. in Sunnyvale. Contact Renata Thorne - Director of Sunnyvale FISH at 408-245-9109 if you have any questions.



Band Spring Performance

LOST AND FOUND is full again. Please go through the lost and found to retrieve lost items. All remaining items will be donated at the end of the school year.



BIG THANK YOU

Thanks a million to all the families of Cumberland for making our STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK a great success. A special mention to Peninsula Creamery, Starbucks, Noah's Bagels and Target for their generous donations and also to our volunteers Laura Gillies, Orit Riskin, Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, Ruth Helfinstein, Sue Norton, Eliza Lee, Susan Selna and Yaulanda Spyrou for all their help and support. The staff had a really terrific week.

Sincerely,
Holly Cacheiro, Summer Sevey, Eileen Conway
Co-Chairs.



Cumberland Band Plays at Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival

On Saturday, June 2nd the Cumberland Band had the honor to open the Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival. They did a wonderful job playing songs like "The Tempest," "A Little Bit of Latin," and "Ancient Spirits."

Thank you to all who came to cheer on our students and a BIG Thank You to Mr. Andy Morales who made this experience possible!



Cumberland Band at Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival

Keep on collecting Boxtops during the summer!



Cumberland Hosts Electronics Recycling



It's time for cleaning out all those electronic items that have been gathering dust at work or around your home. Cumberland is hosting a FREE electronic recycling day, June 23rd, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Bring all you unwanted, unused, broken or working items to Cumberland parking lot on that day. Spread the word all around at your office, playgroups, book clubs and email groups. We will accept any electronic equipment (but not large appliances) from anywhere.



1st Grade Performance

Newsletter Thanks!

Thanks to Eunice Chen for her hard work and dedication in producing the Cumberland PTA Newsletter each month during the school year. She has graciously agreed to do this important job again next year! We truly appreciate the time and effort she spends helping us get the word out about what's going on at Cumberland. Eunice, you're the best!



Cluster Classes 2007 Update

Cluster Classes are electives for fourth and fifth grade students. Next year, we will be calling them Enrichment Electives. The classes offered were either a three week in-depth class on one topic or three separate one week classes. Cluster Classes were one hour each Friday for the first three weeks in May. Students prioritized the list of classes to determine class rosters.

The Cluster Class Committee would like to thank everyone involved for making the Cluster Classes, now known as Enrichment Electives, a huge success. The following people were instructors, supervisors, offered classrooms and made the classes flow smoothly. Thanks!

Cluster Classes (Enrichment Electives) May 2007

Three Week Courses	Instructor	Location & Supervisor
Ceramics	Mrs. Yordan	Mrs. Yordan's classroom
Chemistry Fun	Ms. Van Stone & Mr. Barbee	Mrs. Lermant's classroom
Cooperative Learning and Leadership	Ms. Faure	Ms. Faure's classroom
Design and Build Your Own Ultimate Insect	Mr. Schryver	Ms. Rose's classroom
Microscopes	Mrs. Cooper, Ms. Chen, and Mrs. Oravetz	Mrs. Cooper's classroom
Skeletal System	Ms. Svatek	Ms. Svatek's classroom
Town Planning	Mrs. Allen	Mrs. Roger's classroom
Website Development	Ms. Chow, Ms. Stone and Mrs. Wong	Ms. Chow's classroom

One Week Courses	Instructor	Location & Supervisor
How Does and Airplane Fly	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence	Mrs. Philyaw's classroom
Space Explorations	Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence	Mrs. Philyaw's classroom
Aerospace – Interplanetary Exploration	Mr. Allen	Mrs. Philyaw's classroom
Business – Overview of Stock Market	Mrs. Spierling	Mrs. Shukis' room
Business – Overview of Banking	Mr. Krogstad	Mrs. Shukis' classroom
Venture Capital & Startup Business	Mr. Krogstad	Mrs. Shukis' classroom
Chess	Mrs. Grigoryev	Mrs. Grigoryev's classroom
Cooking & Nutrition	Mrs. Ahuja	Staff Room
Sheep Eye Dissection	Mrs. Molly Anderson	Ms. Stone's classroom
Library Skills with Games & Activities	Mrs. Atkins, Mrs. Stevenson	Library
Paper Craft Projects	Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Avila	Mrs. McCarty's classroom
Overview of Opera Singing	Mrs. Widman-Levy	Multi / Mrs. Stevenson
Physics of Sports	Mr. Crewe	Ms. Fong's classroom
Stained Glass Art Creations	Ms. Groff	Ms. Groff's classroom
Genetics	Mr. Vaughn and Ms. Lay	Mrs. Anderson's classroom
Energy Science	Mrs. Teves	Mrs. Teves' classroom

Cluster Class Committee	Additional People Helping
Jennifer Crewe	Mrs. Gronovius
Susan Stevenson	Mrs. Helfinstein
Molly Anderson	Ms. Tripiano

If you are interested in teaching a class next year, please contact Molly Anderson, Jennifer Crewe or Susan Stevenson.



Caps For A Cure Update

Caps For a Cure raised over \$800 on Friday, June 8! Kids wore their favorite caps and donated \$1 for each cap worn. Caps For a Cure raises money for research to find a cure for diabetes. Thank you to Toni Murphy and Laura Healy for organizing this event.



Caps For A Cure

LATE Night Is A Huge Success

Over 250 people attended and enjoyed the hands-on math & science activities. Congratulations to the winner of the candy estimation, Paskalina Bourbon, from Mrs. Teves' class. Many, many thanks to all of the people who helped out and together made LATE Night happen. Without their willingness to pitch in and staff the activities, we couldn't offer this great event. If you missed it this year, hope you can join us for even more fun next year. Enjoy the summer and Look Around, Touch Everything!



LATE Night



Thank You, Mrs. Bayse!



A HUGE thank you to Linda Kamas, Kay Zeren, Sandra Todd, Sue Stevenson and especially Ray Schryver for helping unpack the new computers. Each computer was unpacked and tagged, and the boxes flattened.

Dates To Remember:

June 14 Last Day of School, 11:35 a.m. dismissal

August 21 Committee Chair PTA meeting

August 23 Opening Day of 2007-2008 School Year

August 24 Welcome Back Picnic



2007 Walkathon T-shirt Design Winner

Thank you very much to all the participants in next fall's walkathon t-shirt design contest. After reviewing hundreds of excellent entries, the committee chose the design seen above by 4th grader Joey Gronovius in Ms. Svatek's class.

Other finalists were:

2nd place - Joey Gronovius

3rd place - Beatrix Colmet-Daage

4th place - Lindsey Nishimoto

5th place - Fuyu Sakakibara

Congratulations on all the terrific entries!

The 2007 Walkathon Committee

Welcome Next Year's PTA Executive Board!

Sandi Spires will be leading us for the 2007-2008 school year as Cumberland's PTA President. She has done a fabulous job this year as Treasurer. Please join us in supporting Sandi and wishing her luck as she takes over the reins.