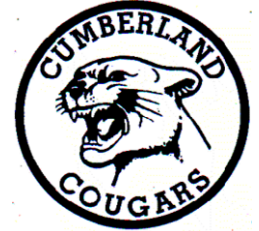




# COUGAR NEWS



*LEARNING & BEYOND*

824 Cumberland Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

June 2007

## Dates to Remember

### June

- 6/6 Volunteer Tea, 9:30 a.m., Multi
- 6/7 Band concert, 1:30, 7:00 p.m.
- 6/12
  - Awards assembly, 8:30 a.m., Multi
  - SSC, 3:00 p.m.

6/14 **Last Day of School:**  
**11:35 dismissal all grades**



**Happy Summer!**

Dear Cumberland Families,

Summer is here! I hope all of you have a safe and happy summer of fun with family and friends. While summer is a time of rest and a break from the schedules and rush of school, sports, music lessons, etc., it is also a great opportunity for students to continue their learning. Summer is a great time to apply those learned skills and to share reading interests with your child.

**Reading:** Set aside a time to read daily. Taking turns reading pages and/or paragraphs models voice and expression. Guiding the reader to look for answers as they read builds comprehension skills. Set goals for reading with appropriate rewards for achievement. The local libraries have recommended reading lists for students. Discuss titles and topics of interest with your children as you select books together. You will learn so much about your child through these activities. Summer reading can be fun for the entire family.

**Math:** Going on a trip? Have your child compute the miles while driving or flying. How much time will it take to arrive at the destination? How much money will I need to buy a souvenir? Is money exchange important for your trip? Measurement skills are great to use as the family cooks and bakes more at home during the summer. Fractions work in cooking and in eating pizza and pie. Math facts can be reviewed through games, computer, flash cards, card games, all available and fun for kids. Have siblings share math games they have learned at school.

**Writing:** What a treat to read a child's travel journal. You will enjoy their perspective on their travels, and they will enjoy reading their views of places, people and events. Children love including pictures and postcards with their journals to help preserve their memories. Selecting the journal they will use is so motivating and makes their writing activity more personal. When you keep a journal with your child, sharing is priceless.

Studies have shown that children who keep skills and learning active during those "off" months have a smoother transition into the new school year. They are enthusiastic about their skills and are ready to learn new ones.

It's time to say good-bye to our 5th graders and their parents. Good-bye to our families who will be moving over the summer, to Judy Bayse, to Sherry Fazzio, our school psychologist and to Mike Sahm, our custodian. In addition, four of our teachers will not be returning in August. Good-bye and thank you to Angie Bonner, Natalie Fong, Schorre Philyaw and Pamela Cheng.

Thank you so much for a great school year. I appreciate your support for your children and our staff. You are a fabulous school community, and I am so happy to be a part of the Cumberland family.

Sincerely,

Mala Ahuja, Principal

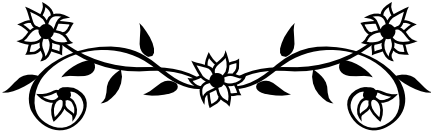
## Class Lists

Class Lists for the new school year will be posted on August 22<sup>nd</sup> in the library window. We have considered parent input received in the optional student placement input form as teachers work together to focus on the goal of building balanced classes. We are blessed at Cumberland with a wonderful staff. Our teachers are outstanding professionals and your child will be exceptionally well taught regardless of where they are placed. Please note that when class lists are posted in August, no placement changes are made.



## Thank You!

Teacher Appreciation Week was fantastic. Your generosity and kind words have meant so much to us all. Thank you for your recognition of our wonderful staff.



## Visual and Performing Arts

Our first year of the rotational arts wheel program covering Visual Arts, Drama, Music and Dance was an astounding success. We look forward to its continuation next year as well as the parent run FAME program.



## Attention: Parents

Please keep the following policies in mind when making your summer vacation plans:

- ◆ Students will be dropped from enrollment if they are absent the last 3 days of the school year because of vacation. These students will lose their seniority for classroom placement and need to register again in August.
- ◆ If a student is not present on the first day of school a seat at Cumberland cannot be held. A student must be present the first day of school to be officially enrolled.

## Open House

The attendance at our Open House was phenomenal. We had 77% participation from our families and that is definitely something to celebrate!



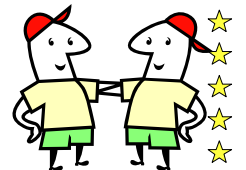
Our **Lost and Found** Overflows . . . AGAIN!

Missing a jacket or sweatshirt? Check Lost and Found before the end of school. Anything not claimed will be donated to the needy.

If your student has any **medication** (prescription or over-the-counter) in our main office, please note on June 14th we will throw out all medications. Parents must come in to pick up medicines; we will not release medications to children.



**Happy Father's Day**  
**To our supportive and caring**  
**Cumberland dads!**



## **June Character Trait**

### ***Patience***

Many of us have a tendency toward immediate gratification—we want what we want right now. We exhibit patience when we are able to handle delays en route to a goal or special occasion and to endure the wait calmly.

**ESL Citizenship—Saturday Mornings  
Beginning to Intermediate**

June 16, 2007—July 28, 2007  
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Templo el Monte Horeb  
(Room 1, second floor)  
455 E Maude Avenue  
Sunnyvale, CA

- Fill out the N-400 Application
- Learn about American history & government
- Practice written tests
- Practice for your interview

**ESL Citizenship Classes: Summer School  
Intermediate and Advanced**

June 11, 2007—July 25, 2007,  
Mon. & Wed., 6:30-9:30 p.m.

- Fill out the N-400 Application
- Learn about American history & government
- Practice written tests
- Meet government representatives
- Get answers from immigration experts

Sunnyvale—Cupertino Adult Ed Center  
591 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale  
Room 6

For more information, please call (408) 522-2703.  
Must be at least 18 years old to register.

**ALL CLASSES ARE FREE**  
**Register in class on the first night.**



**International Student Placements** is seeking host families for international students who will be attending Foothill or De Anza college this fall! We are looking for hosts who have a private, furnished room and are excited about welcoming international students into their home and community. Hosts will be paid \$500—\$750 per month. Please contact Kelli about this exciting opportunity at [kelli@isphomestays.com](mailto:kelli@isphomestays.com) or (408) 230-3812.

**Supply Lists**

Supply lists for next year have been created and will be posted on our website. Please check to see what supplies you will need, so you can take advantage of the summer back to school sales. Hard copies will be sent home with the students next Wednesday.

***Congratulation to New Members of the  
School Site Council***

The Cumberland School Site Council welcomes new members Molly Anderson and Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto for the 2007-2008 School Year. The Cumberland School Site Council (SSC) provides a leadership role in the school community regarding curriculum, school performance goals, and disbursement of School Improvement (SIP) Funds. SIP funding along with Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) funds are provided to the school sites via Sunnyvale School District. The School Site Council plans and approves purchases of technology upgrades and programs that align to the School Plan. Information about the School Site Council activities can be found on the Cumberland web site at <http://www.sesd.org/Schools/Cumberland/index.htm>

**Noon Aides Needed!**



**Please help. We are in desperate need of more people to help at lunch time. If you are willing to help our kids for just one and a quarter hours, even one day per week, please come into the office and pick up an application.**

**Congratulations** to Kyle Lawrence for being a finalist in the Wellness & You! Kids Cooking Contest at Lakewood School on May 24. This event was sponsored by the Sunnyvale School District Child Nutrition Department and Sodexo. The student recipes were judged on Nutrition, Creativity, Kid Friendly Preparation, and Fun Kid Food.



