

STAR Testing: Apr. 30 – May 11



Students in grades 2-5 will continue California State testing through May 11th. All students in grades 2-5 need to arrive on time. Students that are tardy may not be allowed into the classroom once testing has begun. We have reserved the morning hours prior to lunchtime for testing and will not interrupt class. We appreciate your commitment not to schedule appointments during testing and request that all phone calls to the school office be reserved for emergencies.



Kindergarten Orientation

We invite parents and guardians of all incoming kindergartners to a Kindergarten orientation and information meeting to be held on May 8th from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.. This time will provide an opportunity for parents to meet our kindergarten teachers and parents, learn about the kindergarten program and meet other new kindergarten parents. Adults only please.

Breaking News on the Tech Front

We have recently received 18 LCD projectors and 25 document cameras! Additionally, 74 Dell computers are on their way to the classrooms. Every single classroom at Cumberland will be equipped with this technology. Thank you to the teachers and parents on the Technology Team who have spent several hours to help make this possible. A great big thank you to PTA as well, for supporting a large portion of this purchase.

Energy Awareness Contest

PG&E and Cumberland School are joining forces this month to co-sponsor our first Energy Awareness Contest. 'Taking Action' is a school-wide contest designed to foster energy awareness and conservation. Coloring books with fun games and quizzes, along with a 5-point energy savings plan, will be distributed to our primary students. An E.P.A. web research activity will be available to our upper graders. California State Science Standards are addressed throughout. 'Cumberland Kids are COOL' bracelets and other prizes have been provided by PG&E. Science Rules! Look for our flyers.



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.

Projected Classes for 2007-2008

Based on current enrollment numbers, we expect to have the following classes at Cumberland next year:

Kindergarten	4 classes
1 st Grade	4 classes
2 nd Grade	5 classes
3 rd Grade	4 classes
4 th grade	3 classes
5 th grade	2 classes

Should we have more students at any grade level than the class can accommodate, overload students will be determined based on their enrollment date at Cumberland. It certainly is not our first choice to send our students to another school, however, this sometimes becomes necessary due to space and budget limitations.

API Information

On Thursday, April 26th Mrs. Ahuja gave a presentation about Cumberland's API scores. For those of you who were unable to make the meeting the presentation is available on our web site www.sesd.org/Schools/Cumberland/index.htm.

May Character Trait ***Compassion***

As we acknowledge other people's feelings, thoughts and experiences, we naturally feel compassion for them—a personal identification with them and a desire to help them in any distress.

Starting Arts Summer Performing Arts Camps

Keep us in mind as you plan out your summer. We have two terrific camps for your kind to enjoy. The first is for students in grades 3-12 and will run from June 25-July 21. Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (The location TBA.) Students will be performing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Under the direction of Michael Boston, along with choreography by Dottie White and musical direction by Diana Torres Koss, students will have an incredible opportunity to be a part of the award winning Broadway hit.

Starting Arts is also proud to offer a Performing Arts Camp for our community's younger performers. The camp will be held at Ponderosa Elementary for students in Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Running from June 25-July 6, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00, students will take classes in all four arts disciplines (Dance, Theatre, Music & Visual Arts).

For more information on both these camps, please visit our website at www.startingarts.com or call 408-492-9022. You can print out the application form or sign up online. Flyers are also available in the school office. Don't miss out on all the FUN!!!



2007 City Wide Youth Track and Field Meet

Sponsored by the City of San Jose and the San Jose Police Amateur Athletic Foundation

When: Sunday, May 20, 2007
Registration: 8:00-9:30 a.m.
Track meet: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Evergreen Valley High School, 3300 Quimby Road, San Jose

Who: Boys and girls born between 1993 and 1998 (ages 9-14)

Cost: **FREE!**

Information: Teresa Quijance 408-871-3821
Teresa.Quijance@sanjoseca.gov
or
Judi Baxter, track meet director
Judibax@sonic.net

Website: <http://eteamz.com/sanjose/> or
www.hersheystrackandfield.com

Congratulations to our Employees of the Year!

This year the staff chose to honor two dedicated professionals among the many we have at Cumberland. Our well deserved honorees are

Maribel Gonzalez, Resource Aide

and

Terry Yordan, 2nd Grade Teacher

Staff Appreciation Week is May 14-18

During this week we will celebrate our talented staff!

Please join us in appreciating and thanking the Cumberland staff for the extra time, energy and caring they put into their work. Our students and families benefit from their dedication!

Wellness Policy Presentation on May 15th at 7:00 p.m.

At our next PTA meeting, Cynthia Sixt, District Food Service Consultant, will be making a presentation of the district wellness policy. We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteer Appreciation Tea

All parent volunteers are invited to attend a Thank You event in the library on June 8th at 10:00 a.m.. Please plan to spend about an hour conversing with friends and reminiscing about a great school year as the Cumberland Staff thanks the parent volunteers for a great year. We truly appreciate your support.



Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful Cumberland mothers!

What Is a Mother?



A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
To love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience,
And wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance
In soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
And treasure them all through the years!
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness
For any mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family
Whose needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion
And make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her
laughter
And make life delightful and gay.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom
And wonderful insight and skill -
In each human heart is that one special corner
Which only a mother can fill!

- Katherine Nelson Davis

School Site Council

Nominations being accepted for 2007-2008 School Site Council

The School Site Council (SSC) is a group of elected parents, teachers and staff who, with the principal, make policy and monetary decisions that affect Cumberland school. The council is responsible for providing guidance and approving funding plans for school improvement activities. The SSC is also responsible for monitoring academic progress, reviewing school initiatives, and contributing to the School Plan. The time commitment is about 1.5 hours per month plus additional time for review. There are **two** parent openings for a **two-year term beginning in September 2007 and extending to June 2009.**

We only have 1 candidate for 2 Open Positions, so please sign below and return form to the office if you are interested in serving Cumberland in this leadership role.

Gain a voice and influence what is happening here at Cumberland!

Questions? Please call Kristine Lawrence (408-730-1835) or kslawrence1@comcast.net

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Yes, I am interested in being a member of the Cumberland School Site Council.

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Name and Phone Number