



Cumberland Elementary School
Sunnyvale, California

November 16, 2005

Thanksgiving

Our children are learning about it in the classrooms and we may have begun to think about our families' plans to celebrate it next week. As you may recall, the first Thanksgiving celebrated the bountiful harvest the pilgrims experienced in 1621. But, did you know it wasn't until 1941 that Thanksgiving became a legal holiday sanctioned by Congress to fall on the fourth Thursday in November? Thanksgiving is still a time for us all to reflect on bountiful harvests. At Cumberland, we have reason to be very thankful this year.

Thanks to so many of you and your children, the Grand Prix Walkathon has surpassed its fundraising goal of \$75,000! You may be as interested as I was to hear some of the facts.

Our students raised more than \$51,000 (it's not too late to turn in your envelopes – they're still coming in)! The Silent and Live Auction brought in \$21,496 while the Boutique brought another \$2,748 (thanks to the creative class projects and some very talented Cumberland families – I hear the salsa from the school garden was not to be missed!).

As a community, we ate 864 slices of pizza, 150 hot dogs, 330 hamburgers, 150 chicken sandwiches, 359 snow cones, 254 bags of popcorn and 419 cotton candies! And while all that eating was happening, 474 walkers walked a total of 10,734 laps. That's 3,125 miles, just about the distance from Sunnyvale to New York! Wow!

Walkathon's goal is very important to our school. Achieving our goal of \$75,000 allows the PTA to fully fund all the programs in this year's budget. I'm pleased to let you know some of what's been happening as a result of our Walkathon's fundraising.

Judy Bayse has been instructing all grade levels in **classroom music** and is working with the 3rd graders in preparation for their performance on December 1. Katie McCann and Marita Henricksson are coordinating our **FAME** (Fine Arts Mini Experience) program. Classrooms should be receiving their first FAME lesson by the end of the year. (Contact Katie if you're curious about bringing FAME to your child's class.) Andy Morales has begun our **Band** program on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our **Computer Lab** opened this month. PTA continues to support technology at Cumberland. Our teachers have been awarded individual **teacher and grade level grants** to supplement our children's education at the classroom level. **Student Council** has been elected and is working to plan their first activities. **Family Movie Nights** continue with our next show this Friday. Our **Library** is open at recess and after school this year. We also look forward to **Science Fairs, Science Camp, International Variety Show, Book Fair** and an **Author Visit** along with various **school assemblies**. All of this is made possible by our community's generosity at Walkathon.

We have so much to be thankful for at Cumberland. As we look forward to this Thanksgiving holiday, will you join me in thanking all those who work to promote our children's education and safety? It sounds so simple, but a sincere "thank you" voiced by you to those who care for your children makes a big difference. I'll close with my best wishes to you and your family for a safe and restful holiday!

With warm regards,

Jeanette Krogstad
Cumberland PTA President, 2005-06

2005 Walkathon Dessert Bake-Off

There were 24 entries in the Dessert Bake-Off this year: 9 in the Adult category and 14 in the Child category. In addition to adding to the fun, your entries helped raise money for our school through the selling of the desserts following the judging. The winning entries were:

Adult Best Tasting

Oatmeal Surprise - Terri Bjornson

Adult Best Looking

Marzipan Racecar Cake - Lindsay Jacobson

Child Best Tasting

Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Bars - Megan Hussey

Child Best Looking

Red Lightning Cake - Ezra Jacobson

The Marzipan Racecar cake was amazing with its smooth lines and chocolate donut wheels. The best-looking student entry, the Red Lightning cake, was very impressive with its checkerboard chocolate and vanilla interior. Oatmeal surprise was a big surprise with cookies taking Best Tasting for the first time. The Chocolate Chip Cheesecake Bars were creamy and delicious. There were many wonderful tasting adult entries and creative cakes by several Cumberland students. Thanks for making this year's Bake-off a success!

Kristine Lawrence

Dessert Bake-Off Coordinator



Leadership Council News

The following items are from the Cumberland and District Leadership Council meetings. The Cumberland Leadership Council meetings are open to all parents. Our next meeting is November 29, 2005 in the conference room next to the library from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- * We welcomed new members Kristine Lawrence and Lisa Atkins to the Cumberland Leadership Council. Lisa will serve as the unclassified representative.
- * The Council decided that the Technology Committee should meet again now that Phase 3 is done and there are technology issues that need work sooner than was planned for Phase 4.
- * The Council approved the Cumberland School Plan.
- * The Council approved the English Learner Plan.
- * Parents are invited to a "Legislative Brown Bag" meeting on November 30 at 11:30 a.m. at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This is an opportunity for parent leaders from all over the county to discuss public education issues with their Legislators and/or staff in a small, intimate setting. All 11 local legislators have been invited to talk with constituents.
- * The Sunnyvale Education Foundation mini grants committee meets four times a year. Grant applicants can request up to \$1000 per application. Ideas should be an innovative collaborative program you are introducing to the school.

Ray Schryver
CLC President

Cumberland 2005 Trick-Or-Treat For UNICEF Campaign News!

The Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign is not only about numbers, but also about sharing the concepts of philanthropy and globalism.

In just three days, the Cumberland community—**True World Heroes**—collected \$501 dollars. These are outstanding results for our first year according to UNICEF standards! Cumberland students reached the level of **Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF DELEGATES** and are due to receive special recognition for raising a significant amount for UNICEF.

What this means is that UNICEF will be able to send our donations where they are most needed: to poor villages around the world where people will be given a well to provide them with clean drinking water; to children who will be immunized for life against polio; to schools where students will have basic educational supplies; and to malnourished infants who would otherwise not survive.

To all those who participated in our campaign, you deserve sincere kudos for a job well done! Acknowledgments also go to our Principal, PTA Staff, and fantastic Librarian for their backing.

Lastly, let's not forget about the future. Cumberland will need your help to continue the Cumberland Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF campaign next Halloween! Let's keep philanthropy and globalism thriving at Cumberland.

Veronique Koken
2005 Campaign Coordinator

Contributions to the next PTA Newsletter are due no later than Wednesday, December 5th. Information can be sent to Eunice Chen, PTA Newsletter Editor at hey2eu-ptanews@yahoo.com.



THANK YOU to David Hunt of Intero Real Estate Services for providing 500 pencils to the library. Page 3

Kudos Corner

Special thanks **Maria Hansen-Kivijarvi** and **Yaulanda Spyrou** for coordinating the International Potluck last month. *Xie_Xie* to all the parents who shared food from their family's culture at the International Potluck. What fun! *Mahalo* to **Veronique Koken** and **Lisa Atkins** for coordinating the Unicef Coin Drive at Halloween. *Takk* to **Katie McCann** and **Marita Henricksson** and all those beginning the FAME program. *Arigato* to **Jenny and George Aviet** for planning and coordinating Friday's Family Movie Night!



Just a reminder!

If your child is going to be absent, you must call the "Why Line" (522-8259). Absences not reported to the office by a parent are considered unverified and unexcused, and may be subject to review by the SARB Board.

Dates To Remember:

- Nov 18 7 pm Family Movie Night in the Multi
- Nov 23 - 25 Thanksgiving Holiday, **No School**
- Nov 29 5:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

- Dec 1 1:30 pm and 7 pm 3rd Grade Performance
- Dec 13 Teacher Learning Day, **Early Dismissal, 12:45 pm**
- Dec 19 - Jan 2 Holiday Recess, **No School**

- Jan 9 2:45 pm Budget Committee Meeting
- Jan 10 Teacher Learning Day, **Early dismissal at 12:45 am**
- Jan 12 1:30 pm and 7 pm Winter Band Concert
- Jan 16 Martin Luther King Day, **No School**
- Jan 17 7 pm PTA Meeting
- Jan 19 1:30 pm and 7 pm 1st Grade Performance
- Jan 24 5:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

Free Breakfast for Parents and Grandparents

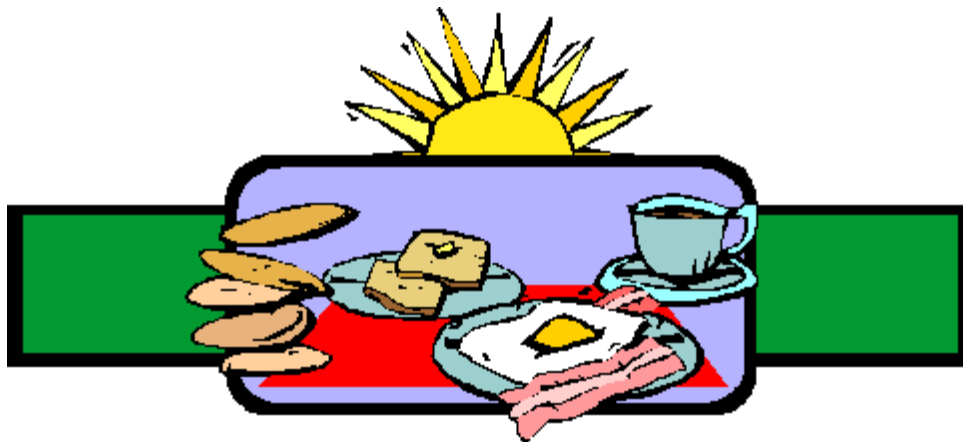
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December 2

December 9

December 16

The Child Nutrition Services Department of Sunnyvale School District is pleased to announce the **December Free Breakfast Promotion for Parents and Grandparents** every Friday for **December 2, 9 and 16**. **Breakfast is essential for education.** Breakfast helps students develop smart eating and mental habits. Breakfast is solidly linked to improved student learning.



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Diciembre 2

Diciembre 9

Diciembre 16