



Cumberland Elementary School
Sunnyvale, California

October 18, 2006

Dear Parents and Friends,

Wow! This year's **Pirates of Cumberland Walkathon** was a huge success. I was so impressed by the sheer number of people helping out in so many ways. It is a massive effort and I want to send a big thank you to EVERYONE who participated! Now that the walking is done, it's time to remind your walkers to collect their pledges and turn in their completed envelopes by **Monday, October 30** to be eligible for prizes.

None of it could have happened without our dedicated **Walkathon Committee**, headed by the tireless **Carolyn Wong** and **Jennifer Crewe**. Carolyn and Jen, thank you for your fantastic leadership! You and your Committee Chairs set a great tone, and coordinated a great day! We are looking forward to finding out the results – the money raised goes directly to support the fabulous PTA programs and events that enrich our kids' education.

It's hard to believe it's over! It's also hard to believe that even while preparations were intensifying for Walkathon, there have also been many other things going on! Each family should have received a copy of the 2006-2007 **Cumberland Directory** that went out last week. Let me know if you did not get one, or if you need an additional copy, as there are limited extras available. Please note that the information in the directory is for personal use only. Thanks to **Sarah Chang**, who put it together.

Motor Perception is now underway each week for our newly full-day Kindergarteners. Thanks to **Eva Crocker**, **Lisa Blanc** and their dedicated group of volunteers who make possible this fun and educational program.

I also want to be sure to recognize **Elaine and Steve O'Neill** for coordinating **Walk to School Day** on October 4. It was a great event that we all thoroughly enjoyed, and an excellent reminder that traveling to school under our own power is a lot of fun. Sunnyvale's Mayor will be presenting a special

certificate to Cumberland and other schools who participated in this event at the next **City Council Meeting on October 24th**. If you're able to attend, please do.

Moving forward, we will be having our first Parent Education evening of the school year on November 16. This will be a **Parent Education Workshop** by **KIDPOWER** (www.kidpower.org). With this workshop, parents, teachers and other caregivers have the opportunity to learn the KIDPOWER approach for introducing and practicing self-protection skills with young people. This adults-only program addresses the question, "How can we teach our children to be safe without scaring them?" Please plan to join us for this important event on **Thursday, November 16** from **7:30 to 9 pm**.

Finally, as you know, there is an election coming up in a few weeks on November 7. I would like to encourage everyone who is eligible to **register to vote** by the October 23 deadline and to become informed about all of the issues and candidates. The California State PTA has taken positions on three of the thirteen ballot measures. They would like to encourage PTA Members and others in our community to vote **YES on Proposition 1D**, **YES on Proposition 86**, and to **NO on Proposition 88**. I have been sent materials outlining these positions in great detail. Please contact me if you would like more information. *Don't forget to vote on November 7!*

Warm regards,

Ruth Helfinstein
Cumberland PTA President 2006-2007

Cumberland Sails The High Seas! What A Walkathon!

What a fantastic day. Initial numbers are in, we made over \$33,000 on the day. Thank you to all who came and especially to those of you who stayed and helped CLEAN UP! You are the best! Thank you to all who volunteered on Friday, over 200 parents helped out along with students from Fremont High School, Homestead High School and Sunnyvale Middle School. Thank you to everyone who helped with the class baskets and boutique projects, thank you to those who donated drinks, snacks and equipment. Thank you to those of you who donated items to the auction and garage sale. All of your efforts make Walkathon fun, memorable and most importantly SUCCESSFUL!

A large number of people made this day successful. I would like to thank the following people for all their hard work, especially Co-Chair Jen Crewe without whose help I would have truly floundered. Thank you, Jen.

Auction: Laura Healy, Chris Ishii, Yaulanda Spyrou
Auction Setup: Amy Hansen
Baskets & Boutique: Sylvia Gronovious & Deb White
Childrens Garage Sale: Ivy Kerr, Marita Henriksson, Donna Podbere
Dessert Bake-Off: Marla Lay
Entertainment: Orit Riskin, Kim Shapiro
Entertainment DJ: Bill Collins
Field: Emily Mazzarino, Ray Schryver, Bob Lopez
Food: Sandy Urquhart
Fun Food: Theresa Bednarek
Fun & Games:Lindsay Jacobson, Terri Bjornson
Merchant Solicitation: Amy Hansen, Allyson Fealtman, April Bianchi, Denielle Fussell, Valerie Spierling
Pocket Lady: Lindsay Jacobson
Poster Making: Nisa Leone
Prizes: Cathy Haynes, Susan Stevenson, Sandra Todd
Publicity: Roseanne Hermelyn, Francis Bland, Kim Burke, Janet Nixon
Starbucks Cafe: Janet Werner
T-Shirts: Lisa Blanc, Deb White
Walker Treats: Eva Crocker, Barbie Wilson
Volunteer Coordinator: Sandi Spires

Thanks to our amazing money counters Denielle Fussell and Cathy Haynes.

Thanks to the Cumberland faculty and staff for their patience and support over the past few weeks. Very special thanks to Mala

Ahuja, Ruth Jones, Linda Brown, and Mike Sahm - your help and support is invaluable.

Just a couple more things to add. Please pick up your loaned items as soon as possible - they are currently being stored in the atrium. Please collect your walker pledges and turn in your white envelope to your teacher as quickly as possible. It must be turned in by Monday, October 30th to be eligible for prizes.

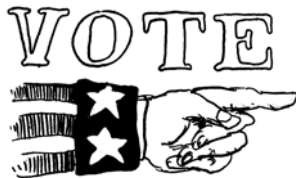
Thank you everyone!

Carolyne Wong and Jen Crewe



League of Women Voters Forums

Would you like some help understanding the 13 Propositions that will be on the ballot in November? The League of Women Voters is holding several forums to educate about the Pros and Cons of each Proposition. Candidate forums for some races are also scheduled. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. To find out the particulars on the forums, visit: www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org/calendar.html



Thank you for your cooperation in following the new drop-off and pick-up rules. Remember that the main parking lot is for staff parking only – even if the orange cones are not up, please do not drive through the parking lot to drop off your kids. It is up to us to ensure the safety of our children!



5th Grade Science Camp



Attention 5th Grade Parents:

Did you know your child's Walkathon pledge could be applied to the 5th grade Science Camp on 5/21-5/25/07? The first \$ 50 your child pledge will go to PTA and up to \$ 245 will go towards your child's science camp tuition. Please encourage your child to collect money quickly. If by any chance, he/she can still obtain more pledges, please do so. Remember this is for your child's academic enrichment. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Emily Mazzarino
2007 5th Grade Science Camp Coordinator

Contributions to the next PTA Newsletter are due no later than Wednesday, November 8th. Information can be sent to Eunice Chen, PTA Newsletter Editor at hey2eu-ptanews@yahoo.com.

Community Visioning Festival

Sunnyvale residents and business are invited to meet Saturday, October 28 from 9-2 to create a vision for the future of our great city.

The festival will be held at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E Remington Drive, beginning at 9 a.m. Community organizations and City departments will have booths to explain their activities. At 10 a.m. an intensive group visioning session will begin in the ballroom. Participants will enjoy a light barbecue lunch before the event concludes at 2 p.m.

For more information, visit the visioning website at visioning.inSunnyvale.com.

This is a unique opportunity, which will probably not be repeated for another decade. The vision that is developed through the process will be forwarded to the City Council for review and adoption, whereupon it will become the basis for the next revision of the City's General Plan. It is important that every segment of the community be represented in the visioning process. You can make an important contribution to Sunnyvale by participating in the Community Visioning Festival on October 28.

Dates To Remember:

- Oct 31 Halloween Parade, 1:00 p.m.
- Nov 1 Staff Development Day - No School
- Nov 6 Budget Committee Meeting, 2:45 p.m.
- Nov 9 Walkathon Prize Assembly
- Nov 9 Fall Picture re-takes
- Nov 10 End of first trimester
- Nov 10 Veteran's Day, No School
- Nov 14 - 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early dismissal for K-5 at 11:35 a.m.
- Nov 14 PTA Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- Nov 16 KidPower Workshop, 7 p.m.
- Nov 21 3 p.m. School Site Council Meeting
- Nov 22 - 24 Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
- Nov 29 Leadership Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec 13 Teacher Learning Day, Early Dismissal, 12:45 p.m.
- Dec 19 - Jan 2 Holiday Recess, No School