



Cumberland Connection

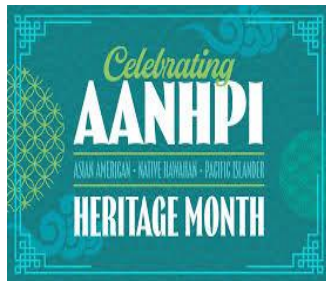
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June 2025

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Dear Cumberland Families,

As we close out another school year, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our volunteers. Your time, energy, and generosity have made a lasting impact - from supporting classrooms to helping make events special for our students. We're so grateful for all you do! Scroll down to see a sampling of the classroom appreciation posters that were on display in our staff room for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea that took place on June 2nd.



We'd like to also take a moment to recognize May as Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month and June as Pride Month! We honor the diversity of our community and affirm that everyone belongs. At Cumberland, we are proud to help students grow in empathy and understanding of identities that may be part of their own lives or the lives of those around them.



As we wrap up an incredible year of learning, growing, and taking care of one another, let's model and remind our students to carry that same kindness and curiosity into the summer, demonstrating the Cougar Code on vacations, in our homes, and around town!!

Summer Tips For Students:

1. Keep Reading!

Read or look at books every day. You can read to someone or have someone read to you - both are great!

2. Be a Helper at Home

Help clean up, be a good listener, and use kind words with your family.

3. Play Outside Safely


Run, jump, and play! Don't forget sunscreen, water, and listening to your grown-ups.

4. Try Something New

Draw, build, explore, or learn something new this summer!

5. Stay Curious

Ask questions and keep learning - even when you're not in class.

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| | <p>6. Be a Kind Friend Include others, use kind words, and be a great friend - anywhere you go.</p> <p>7. Rest and Have Fun! Relax, laugh, and enjoy your break - you've earned it!</p> <p>Wishing you and your family a joyful and restful summer!</p> <p>Warmly, Ms. Carlson & Dr. Mack</p> |
| CALENDAR | <p>June 3 - Band Concert - 5 PM June 6 - Moving On Ceremony - 1:30 PM June 12 - Report Cards go home with students June 12 - Last Day of School 11:35 Dismissal</p> |
| GOODBYE TO STAFF | <p>The following staff are moving on to other endeavors at the end of the school year. We are so thankful for the time we've had with them and their service to our Cumberland community.</p> <p>Christian Reyes - 5th Grade Regina Hickman - 1st Grade</p>  |
| SUMMER MAINTENANCE - CUMBERLAND CAMPUS REFRESH | <p>We're thrilled to share that Cumberland will be undergoing an exciting campus refresh & maintenance project! This equity-based effort focuses on preserving and caring for our school's existing infrastructure - prioritizing buildings that are most in need of attention across the district.</p> <p>While this is not a full modernization, this maintenance project will improve the building "envelope" through key upgrades such as HVAC replacements, lighting improvements, new roller shades, fresh paint, and carpet replacement. Work will not occur in every classroom—portable classrooms were intentionally excluded from this project, as we anticipate their replacement within the next 2–5 years following a project approved by the Board this past February.</p> <p>Here's what to expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Duration: Summer break ● Scope: Maintenance only - no structural changes ● Blacktop/Playground/Field Impact: Equipment and staging will affect access to all of the blacktop. Both structures and the grass will remain open for community use. <p>We're excited for students to witness the work in action! If your child would enjoy seeing cranes or backhoes in action, swing by to check things out.</p> <p>If you have questions, please feel free to contact Brandt Burns, <i>Director of Facilities and Operations</i>, at brandt.burns@sesd.org.</p> <p>Thank you for your support as we invest in keeping Cumberland a safe and welcoming space for students to learn and thrive!</p> |
| NOON AIDES | <p>Noon Aides are an integral part of the Cumberland community!</p> |



Cumberland's Noon Aides are an excellent team that supervise students during lunch time, ensuring their safety. This paid position is Monday-Friday for 2 hours between the hours of 10:45am – 12:45pm. It's a great way to work with students and join the Cumberland staff.

If you are interested in becoming a noon aide, please email kelly.mack@sesd.org or stop by the Cumberland office to pick up an application.

COOL COUGARS

WHAT IS A COOL COUGAR: A Cool Cougar is a student who has been chosen either by their teacher or by their peers. They exemplify the Cougar Code by being respectful, being responsible, and making good choices. Their positive behavior sets a great example for our school community!

THIS MONTH'S COOL COUGARS: At the end of the month, Cumberland recognized the following students at our Cool Cougar Assembly.

COOL COUGAR NAMES:

TK: Carlos P.M, Bryce H, Mariana O.B, Israel M.C

Kinder: Ethan D, Jay S, Anais R, Liam L, Emma M, Kashvi V, Elizabeth H, Willa P

1st: Kian F, Lydia W, Gali S, Ryan K, Adian L, Avik M, Leslie L, Charles K

2nd: Felix L, Walker R, Keshav H, Yuhang R, Ethan W, Mia S, Raphael T, Yuvaan B

3rd: Simon K, Natalie C, Caroline C, Beatrice V, Nolan K, Selim E, Omer H, Muse W

4th: Vera G, Balthasar F, Dimitri P, Julian C, Stella R, Grace P, Jordan N, Jameson F, Valentina O, Anna K, August T, Lawrence L

5th: Eric C, Eason F, Nils A, Dan S, Aaron J, August R, Cruz B, Jordan T, Tenaya L, Hudson T, Dashal O, Kurtis C, Sarah A

RECESS ROCKSTARS

Recess Rock Stars are students who show respect, responsibility and a positive attitude at recess-time. They are team players who work well with others, follow the rules, and put their best foot forward no matter the game. Recess Rock Stars are given a certificate at our Cool Cougar assemblies. They are selected by Coach Hootie and the Junior Coaches.

We are happy to announce our Recess Rockstars for this past month - including 2 STAFF Recess Rockstars...can you find them??

Kinder/1

Leslie L - Berry

Emma M - Lee

Jonas M - Berry

Brandon T - Bennett

2/3

Michael S - Lermant

Karen S. - Soriano

Namish K - Tripiano

Nora G - Jones

Tamara V - Grassman/Moorman

4/5

Lavi P - Curtis

Jacquiene M.J. - Kerr

Fernando G.L. - Gabriel

Emilia O - Ruan

Megan C. - Curtis



JUNIOR COACHES

Junior Coaches are students who applied for the position and were selected for their enthusiasm, strong work ethic, and for demonstrating responsibility in their academics. They serve by leading games at recess, acting as conflict mediators, and being all-around good role models. In order to grow the necessary leadership, oratorical, and conflict management skills, the Jr. Coaches participate in monthly one-hour trainings with a site coordinator from Playworks. Throughout the rest of the month, Jr. Coaches report on their workdays to Coach Hootie, our Cumberland Recess Coach, who helps to ensure they are comfortable with their duties, on task, working hard and having fun!

Click here to see a Playworks video on the program:
[▶ How Playworks Junior Coaches Impact School Climate](#)

Junior Coaches of the YEAR!!!!




Each month, we honor Junior coaches of the month! As we are wrapping up this school year, the following Junior Coaches are being honored as Junior Coaches of the YEAR!! They are being recognized for their enthusiasm for recess games and ongoing commitment to making Cumberland a great place to play - all year long!

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Elijah H
Berrett D
Kimly L

LIBRARY NEWS

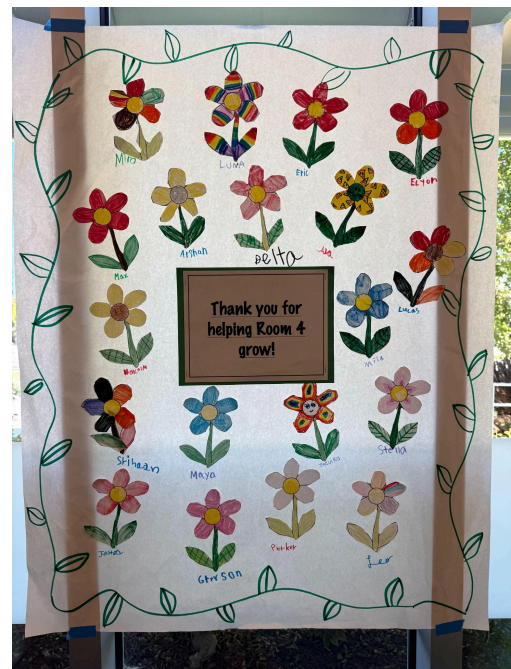
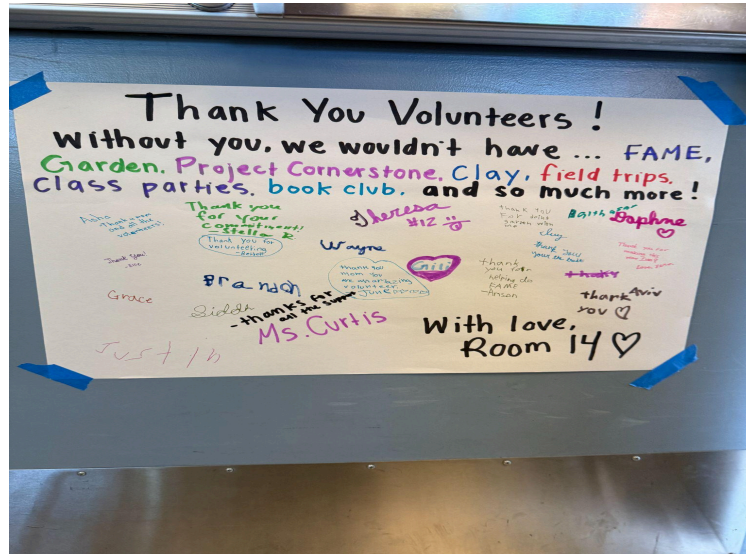
Reading Fun Continues - Sunnyvale Public Library Summer Reading Program
Students earn a **free book** when they sign up! They also earn a chance to win big prizes for completing the program. Sign up at sunnyvalelibrary.org
Program runs June 1 through Aug. 1, 2025

Tournament of Books Winners
All the students voted throughout the year to determine their favorite library read aloud of the year. Here are the results:

| Kindergarten - Grade 1 | Grade 2 - 3 | Grade 4 - 5 |
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**VOLUNTEERS...
WE ♥ YOU!**

A SAMPLING OF GRATITUDE POSTERS FOR OUR FAMILY VOLUNTEERS





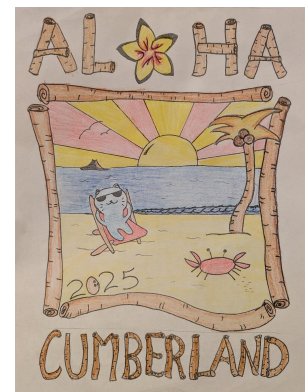
2025 WAT T-SHIRT CONTEST

Thank you to all the students who submitted drawings for the **2025 Walkathon T-Shirt Contest!** There were so many great designs that represented next year's "Aloha Cumberland!" theme!

Congratulations to the following students for submitting the winning drawings:

- **4th Place: Eleanor Moutarde (2nd, Rietdorf/Smith)**
- **3rd Place: Lucius Woo (3rd, Rodriguez)**
- **2nd Place: Stella Saygina (4th, Wai)**
- **1st Place: Everett Cheng's (3rd, Abramovich)**

Everett's winning design will be featured on next year's Walkathon t-shirt.




STUDENT COUNCIL

This year at Cumberland Elementary we had an amazing group of student leaders in our Student Council. We were led by our two teacher leaders, Mrs. Wai and Mrs. Rodriguez and our awesome officers:

- Nathan Zhang- President
- Elijah Ho- Vice President
- Ellie Lee- Treasurer
- Kimly Le- Secretary

We met once a month with our elected classroom representatives and worked together to find ways to make Cumberland School an even better place. This year we collected food and snacks to support families staying at the JW house in Santa Clara while their sick loved ones received care in the hospital. We also did a toy drive for the holidays to provide toys to children all over Santa Clara county. We worked with the Santa Clara County Fire Department to make sure the toys got to kids all over the county. We started to donate books to the Stanford hospital little library.

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| | <p>At school we tried to make school fun by having an amazing spirit week. It was fun to see kids wearing their crazy hair, hats, and pajamas. A few times, Ms. Carlson came to our meetings and talked about what a proper learner should look like. Our student council members also helped out each month at the Cool Cougar Assemblies and the Flag Salutes. We worked really hard and had a lot of fun! - by Elijah Ho</p> |
| <p>NEW SSD COMMUNICATION PLATFORM FOR 25/26 SCHOOL YEAR!</p> | <p>You let us know that we needed to consolidate the different communications apps being used in the district, and we heard you! We are excited to announce that we have picked a new school-to-home communication platform called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with us. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and families to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send and receive school and class information • Share pictures and files • See calendar items • Sign up to volunteer • Schedule parent-teacher conferences • and much more... all in one centralized place! <p>Parents—Getting Started Video</p> <p>All district and school, grade level, and classroom information will be sent to your computer or phone via email and/or text just as before. For even more convenience, download the ParentSquare app (available for free for iOS and Android devices).</p> <p>Have questions? Click the question mark in the top right corner of the desktop version or the Help tab on the app (tap the triple bar icon at the top left) to find answers to your questions.</p> |
| <p>LOST AND FOUND</p> | <p>The Lost and Found is overflowing with jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles and various other items.</p> <p>Please stop by, or have your child take a look, and rescue any of your missing items before they are donated.</p> <p>All items that are not claimed will be donated on June 13th.</p>  |
| <p>CUMBERLAND'S INCLUSIVITY STATEMENT</p> | <p>Our school's inclusivity statement exists to remind everyone that all are welcome and appreciated on our campus and in the Cumberland community:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">At Cumberland, Cougar Pride means being respectful, responsible and making good choices.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Being respectful means: we value diversity in our school and community. This is a welcoming, safe and inclusive place for everyone to have a voice, be heard, participate and learn.</p> |



Being responsible means:
standing up and speaking out if you see someone
being bullied or not being treated respectfully.
If you see something, say something.

Making good choices means:
treating everyone fairly and how you would like to be treated,
regardless of race, gender or religion.

COMMUNICATION

WAYS TO RECEIVE SCHOOL AND PTA COMMUNICATION

- SCHOOL DISTRICT SITE: www.sesd.org
- SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.sesd.org/cumberland
- PTA WEBSITE: www.cumberlandpta.org
- PTA E-FLYER: Join Konstella now:
<https://www.konstella.com/cd/0LKLZQ>
- KINDER GOOGLE GROUP: to join the Kinder Google Group, please
send an email to newfamily@cumberlandpta.org