

Cumberland PTA Newsletter

Cumberland Elementary School
Sunnyvale, California

May 26, 2004

Dear Parents and Friends,

WOW, has it hit you yet? **Cumberland is a California Distinguished School!** This is such an exciting way to end our school year. Out of the 1800 elementary schools in California, 800 schools applied for the status, and Cumberland was chosen as one of the 302 schools to receive the award. **Way to go Cumberland!** The front of the school now bears the logo. A big THANK YOU to the PTA for arranging the painting. Upon my return from the California Distinguished School Awards, I can't help but reflect on what a wonderful community we live in. As I write my last PTA newsletter for the year, I am reminded of the words spoken by Jack O'Connell, the California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, **"that a school is only as good as its community."** We are so fortunate to have the community, the staff, and the administration that we do here at Cumberland. It has made it such a pleasure to serve this year, as your PTA president. I will be proud to continue my service as your Parliamentarian next year.

I would like to take this moment to thank all of you for your support whether you served on the PTA executive board, chaired a PTA sponsored event, volunteered to help with all the events, or supported your child's classroom. There are so many ways to become involved at this school and your presence was felt every day. You really have made a difference in the quality of education for all of the Cumberland students.

The PTA purchased new PE equipment for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes. I would like to thank **Louise Christy, Laura Healy, Jeanette Krogstad, Yaulanda Spyrou, and Janet Werner** for assisting with the unpacking, marking and sorting of equipment for each grade level. The staff is excited to provide a more comprehensive physical education program for their students.

You won't want to miss the 4th/5th grade choral performance tomorrow night starting at 6:15 pm. Open house will be at 7:00 pm. This year's music program was so inspiring under the direction of **Judy Bayse** and **Kedith Wickware**. We are happy to report they will be returning next year to provide music and choral instruction for all the Cumberland students.

Cumberland's Spring Band Concert will be June 3rd at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Bob Frazier has diligently worked with the students to provide a wonderful program. I want to thank **Yaulanda Spyrou** and **Micheline Martin** for their dedication to the band students.

I am pleased to introduce **Laura Healy** as your incoming President for 2004-2005. Laura has been phenomenal with her role as Vice President and Budget Chair this year. She will make an excellent president for Cumberland. **Jeanette Krogstad** will be serving as Vice President and Budget Chair. Together, they will make a great team!

The last **PTA meeting will be June 8, 2004 at 7:00 pm. Please join us as we celebrate our successful year, acknowledge our chairpersons, and turn the reins over to the 2004-2005 PTA President, Laura Healy.** Hope to see you there. Remember, the "Cumberland Jungle Night," is June 10th. You get to play for free so bring your green flyer and your socks. I wish you a safe and happy summer. See you next fall!

Warm regards,
Valerie Spierling
Cumberland PTA President 2003-2004



GARDEN UPDATE



Many thanks to all who helped in the garden this year. Eunice Chen, Chris Vaughn and Richard Christensen were key to making the garden flourish this year. All Cumberland families are always welcome in the garden. Come for a visit over the summer to see what your child planted and partake in the harvest.

A HUGE thank you to Capitol Wholesale Nursery for the donation of nine trees which will be planted in the reading courtyard. They are open to the public as well.

Dates To Remember:

May 27	7 pm Open House
May 31	Memorial Day, No School
June 2	8:30 am Student of the Month
June 3	9 am and 7:30 pm Band Concert
June 7	2:45 pm PTA Budget Meeting
June 8	10 to 11 am Volunteer Reception
June 8	7:00 pm PTA Meeting in the Multi
June 10	Cumberland "Jungle" night
June 14	8:30 am Awards Assembly in the Multi
June 15	6 pm CLC Meeting, Library Conference Room
Jun 16	Last Day of School, 1:30 pm dismissal

Volunteer Reception

Teachers and staff at Cumberland have been very fortunate in being able to count on the support of volunteers who assist in very many ways to support and enrich the curriculum. As an expression of the staff's appreciation, a morning reception will be offered for volunteers on Tuesday, June 8 from 10:00-11:00 am in the Cumberland School Library. Invitations will be sent out in at the end of this month.

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please count up and/or estimate your Cumberland volunteer hours. The PTA must submit this data as part of our Annual Report to the IRS and the 6th District PTA. Time would include program work (FAME, Motor Perception, Weekly Collating, etc.), School and PTA Events (Walkathon, Book Fair, Science Fair etc.), attending meetings, preparing for and working in the classrooms, etc. Make sure to count everything! There are 38 weeks in the school year. Please return this form by June 4th. Thank You!

I estimate I have volunteered _____ hours in the 2003-2004 school year.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Many companies will donate matching funds for volunteer hours by completing a form. Please check to see if your company has such a policy