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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Welcome to the new school year!



As we begin the year, your PTA board members are already busy working on events planned for this year. We're about four down with many, many more to go!

It's important to mention, in the first week of school, we received over 100 volunteer surveys. Such a resounding response reminds us of how lucky we are at Sutter to be surrounded by a dedicated group of adults. Many thanks to all who offered to volunteer. We will be contacting you as the events come up.

We hope you'll find an opportunity to get involved at Sutter. Whether it's one-hour all year or one-hour weekly, every minute you give to our children is important. One of the biggest needs for volunteers is during Sutterfest on Oct 24th where adults (and sometimes older kids, too) can work at your child's classroom game booth. Sign-ups will be posted outside the classrooms.

Here are some of the PTA events coming up in Sept & Oct (dates & time provided in calendar section):

Movie Night – A Movie on the blacktop - a fun way for families to connect.

Book Fair – A weeklong opportunity to purchase books, and the school and students benefit in the form of books.

Donuts with Dad – Students have a special breakfast with Dad or their special guy.

Art Reflections Program – A National PTA program where children can showcase their creativity through writing, music, photography, and drawing.

Red Ribbon Week – A week of generating awareness about making good and healthy choices in life.

Sutterfest – One of our biggest events of the year, Sutterfest is a carnival filled with games, food, and fun.

Pumpkin Patch – Autumn harvest arrives at Sutter School with a pumpkin for everyone.

You are also welcome to join us for PTA Board meetings, which are generally the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:15pm, in the teacher's lounge. It's a great way to learn more about the upcoming activities and keep up to-date with what is happening at school.

Thanks to Chellie Busch for providing a dose of warm hospitality and delicious food to the Kindergarten Social, Teacher's Breakfast, New Parent Orientation, and Back-to School night.

Feel free to contact us directly (sutterschoolpta@gmail.com) with any questions or comments regarding Sutter PTA. We look forward to meeting and working with you soon.

~ Maria Sayare & Carol Wheaton, co-presidents

GOLDEN TICKET MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night is Friday, Sept. 26th and we will be watching *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. The doors will open at 7:00 and the movie will start at 7:30.

If you are interested in helping with the event or donating baked goods, please contact Connie Starr @ connie@starrsoft.com or Erin Kennedy @ fukkennedy@sbcglobal.net.

~ Connie Starr & Erin Kennedy, Movie Night Co-Chairs



MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all those parents and staff members who have already submitted your membership envelopes. We are off to a good start on our 2008/2009 PTA membership drive. PTA membership at Sutter School is a mere \$5 and not only helps provide your child with enriching programs locally at Sutter School, it benefits both state and nationally run programs. Please look here in *The Scoop* and in your child's Wednesday Envelope for more information on upcoming events.

Each and every PTA member at Sutter School registered by Friday, September 26, 2008 will receive ten (10) complimentary Sutterfest tickets (worth \$2.50). Sutterfest is our fall carnival held at the end of October and is very popular with the school and the community. In addition to the Sutterfest tickets, we will again be offering each registered member a voucher for one FREE child admission ticket to LEGOLAND with one full-price paid admission. The vouchers/tickets are valid through December 31, 2009.

If you need a membership envelope, please stop by the school office or the coffee table during Froggy Friday assemblies. If you have any questions, you can contact me at nfales@sbcglobal.net.

~Nancy Fales, Membership Chair

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Next week Sutter will be kicking off its first Scholastic Book Fair of the year. The Book Fair will be open after school Monday 9/15 through Friday 9/19. We will also be open during the Walk-a-thon! There will be a great selection of books to choose from to add to your home libraries. Please check out the teacher's wish lists at the Fair and find out what books are wanted for the classrooms. If you would like to volunteer for the Book Fair please send a message to michelleschmitz@comcast.net. See you next week!

~Michelle Schmitz and Yvonne Loo, Co-Chairs Book Fair

REFLECTIONS Fine Arts Program

Unleash your child's talents! Students who participate in the arts do better in school, and the PTA Reflections Program gives students an opportunity to receive recognition for their artistic endeavors. Encourage your child to create an original work of art based on the 2008-2009 Reflections Program theme, "Wow!"

The six arts categories are Visual Arts, Literature, Photography, Film Production, Dance Choreography and Musical Composition. Reflections Program awards are given at the local, council, district, state, and national levels. National award-winning entries are showcased in the PTA Reflections Program gallery.

Entry forms and guidelines can be picked up in the office. Also, go to www.capta6.org/reflections for more information and to browse through previous year's winners. Entry deadline is October 15, 2008.

~Amy Beam and Val Rousseau, Reflections Co-Chairs
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DONUTS WITH DAD Friday, October 3, 2008 8:00 a.m. - Cafeteria

Rise and shine a little earlier on October 3rd and come join us in the cafeteria for the 2nd annual "Donuts with Dads". Last year was a roaring success and we are excited to be bringing students and their Dads together again. Students will enjoy spending some quality time with Dad while enjoying donuts, juice and coffee. If you have questions or are interested in helping out with Donuts for Dad, please contact Sandy Reader - 408-261-2647 or sandy_reader@comcast.net. See you there!

~Sandy Reader, Donuts with Dad Coordinator

SUTTERFEST

Save the date, Friday, October 24th from 3:30-6:30pm. Our biggest event of the year is coming up - Sutterfest. This is our annual school carnival with lots of games, prizes, silent auction, food and FUN. Although Sutterfest raises funds for the classrooms and the PTA, it's main purpose is to bring together students, teachers/staff, parents and our community. We will be looking for volunteers to help out in various areas as well as donations for the silent auction. Look for flyers in the Wed. envelopes and sign up sheets in the classrooms in the coming weeks.

~Carol Wheaton/Esho Martin Sutterfest co-chairs
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SUTTERFEST SILENT AUCTION

Going once...going twice...The Silent Auction is coming! This year's Silent Auction will be held with Sutterfest on Friday, October 24th. The tables will be officially open for bidding at 3:30PM until 6:30PM.

We've had very exciting donations in the past from the local community and Sutter families too. Last year was our first year having the classrooms also create a themed basket for donation. The classroom baskets raised \$2100. last year and we're excited to do them again this year!

We're off to a great start for this year's auction. We already have tickets to performing arts, Great America, a YMCA membership, a Campo di Bocce gift card, and a Byington Winery tour and tasting for up to 30 people (can you say PARTY!).

Consider donating something yourself to the auction - sporting event tickets, vacation rental, lessons, tutoring, homemade meals, movie nights...GET CREATIVE! We will also accept sponsors at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels for any monetary donations. Donations are to be dropped off by October 1 in the office.

If you have any questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me - Jenn Oeschger (oeschgers@sbcglobal.net).

~Jenn Oeschger, Silent Auction Coordinator

Mark Your Calendars!

SEPTEMBER

15-19 Book Fair
19 Walk for the Arts "Walk-A-Thon"
26 PTA "Drive-In" Movie Night (7:00 pm)

OCTOBER

3 Donuts with Dad (8am)
6-10 Conferences, **Minimum Days**, 1:37 pm dismissal
14 SSC meeting, 6 pm; PTA meeting 7:15 pm
15 Deadline for PTA Reflections entries
20-23 Science Camp, 5th Graders
20-24 Red Ribbon Week
24 Sutterfest 3:30-6:30 pm and Silent Auction
28 Pumpkin Patch (throughout the school day)
31 Halloween Parade, 2 pm