



Carl Sundahl Elementary School

DOLPHIN DATELINE

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January 23, 2008

Wednesday, January 23, 2008
**Registration Packets go home
for returning students**

Monday, February 11, 2008
Holiday – No School

Tuesday, January 29, 2008
**4-6pm – Registration for Kindergarten
and New Students**

Wednesday, February 13, 2008
Spring Picture Day



Registration Dates to Remember...

Wednesday, January 23 – Registration Packets sent home for returning students

Tuesday, January 29 – Kindergarten/New Student Registration from 4 to 6pm

Friday, February 15 – Returning Students Registration Packets due back

RAISING GIFTED CHILDREN

What are the special challenges and rewards of raising a gifted child?

What about siblings?

What is the latest research on praise and motivation?

If you want to learn more, there is a meeting on Tuesday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Granite Auditorium, 909 Mormon Street in Folsom. The presenter will be Melissa Lawson, a teacher at Folsom Middle School and a member of the California Association for the Gifted.

LIBRARY NEWS

This year's Book Fair Blizzard was a great success! Thank you to all that either volunteered or shopped at the book fair. We will purchase new books with our profit. Also, Carl Sundahl families raised \$280.00 for the "One for Books" Program. Scholastic Book Fair donated 280 books to a non-profit organization on our behalf and our Library received an additional 25 books. Thank you for supporting the Library!

Donation of the Month

With upcoming budget cuts, we are in need of various items. Each month in the dateline, we will list a donation of the month item that will be utilized for teachers and the office. If you would like to contribute, just drop it off in the office. We want to thank you in advance for your donations.

**January's Donation Item – Copy Paper
White – 8-1/2 X 11**

Sutter Middle School Parent Orientation Meeting

Who: Parents of Incoming 6th & 7th Graders

Where: Sutter Middle School

**When: Tuesday, February 5, 2008
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

This is an informational meeting for parents only. Students will receive orientations at their elementary school in May.

OPEN HOUSE/DESSERT SOCIAL

Carl Sundahl's Open House and Desert Social will be held on Thursday, March 13. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, serving and clean up. Please contact Tina Kehoe at 997-5488 if you can help. Thank you.

Dear Families:

Enclosed in your child's Wednesday folder this week, you will find registration paperwork. You will notice that we are beginning this process earlier this year. These packets will provide important information regarding the numbers of classes and staffing for the coming year. At this time we are expecting to maintain our current kindergarten through sixth grade configuration. Please return your completed registration to school as soon as possible. While early registration is a time for Sundahl to begin acquiring our student population information for next year, it is not a time for us to begin class placement. We will conquer that task in mid May. We will continue to provide updated information to parents regarding enrollment, budget outlook, program development, and other information as it is available in future Datelines.

Many of our primary families received a special treat last Thursday evening when they attended the Primary Read-In. Not only did Mrs. Clark organize an evening of literature, but each child received a special book of his/her very own along with the sheer joy of seeing their guest reading teachers/principal in their pajamas. Hopefully, they were able to sleep after that special treat! ☺ Thank you to Mrs. Clark and our PTA for presenting our students with this wonderful enriching activity.

Safety continues to be a major focus here at Sundahl. Our neighbors have recently shared that a few of our parents are using unsafe speeds/driving when transporting students to school. Leaving your home a few minutes earlier may help to maintain safer speeds around our school. Folsom Police Department also wanted me to remind our families to never leave purses, electronic items, or personal items in an unattended car regardless of whether or not it is locked. Unfortunately, a parent experienced a break in last Friday while her car was parked on the street. She was only in the office for less than 10 minutes when this occurred.

Please accept this gentle reminder that toys/electronics should not be coming to school with your child. This rule is detailed in our Student/Parent Handbook but does bear a reminder after our long holiday break. We are experiencing some unhappiness over stuffed animals being soiled, students taking pictures with cell phones, and I-Pods being utilized on campus. Thank you for checking your child's backpack to make sure that all items remain at home where they may remain safe.

Finally, as we prepare for our enrichment art lessons provided by Brenda Bodie from Creative Art Center and generously funded by our Foundation, please hunt through your cupboards for the following items: baby jars, men's button shirts (to be used as smocks- I found 10 in my husband's closet. I am taking odds that he won't even miss them.), old/clean towels for clean-ups, and newspapers. Please send these items to the front office to be utilized during lessons.

Thank you for the continued support you provide not only your child our teachers, staff, and school. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at dchays@fcusd.org.

Donna Chulos Hays