



Carl Sundahl Elementary School

DOLPHIN DATELINE

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April 9, 2008

Saturday, April 12, 2008

8:30-11:30 am – Dazzle Day

April 28 – May 2, 2008

CAT/CST Testing Makeup

April 14 – 25, 2008

CAT/CST Testing

May 5 – 9, 2008

Teacher Appreciation Week



Yearbook Sale

There are a limited number of yearbooks available. To reserve a yearbook, please stop by the table in front of the school on Thursday, 4/10 or Friday, 4/11. This will be the last time to purchase one!

Folsom...Let's Paint our Town Purple

Paint our Town Purple is a national campaign to build awareness for Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Wear purple on May 1st – put a purple collar on your pets, put a purple string around your wrist, or put a purple flag in your front yard.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life in Folsom will be held on May 17th and May 18th at Sutter Middle School. This is a 24 hour walk to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Several of our Carl Sundahl moms are involved this year and we need your support. We are looking for company sponsors for the event, people that are interested in starting a team or volunteers for the event. Past and present moms that are on the committee this year are Jennifer Derner-Beck, Debbie Benstead, Carrie Greenwald and Julie Feltman. If you would be interested in helping in this great cause, please contact Jennifer Derner-Beck at 916-320-4361 or email jenniferderner@comcast.net

LOST & FOUND

Parents, please check the lost and found rack. Once again it is overflowing with clothing items. Any items left on the rack after Friday, April 11 will be donated. Thank you.

TESTING

Beginning Monday, April 14, all Carl Sundahl students in grades 2-6 will be taking the CAT/CST tests. This testing will continue through the following week. This is an important exam so please make every attempt to have your child at school during this 2-week period. Please try to schedule your medical appointments around these dates. If your child is absent during the testing, make-ups will be given during the week of April 28. Also, please keep classroom interruptions to a minimum. By state law, a parent may request that the school exclude the student from all or part of the exam. The parent must initiate the request. The exclusion form is available in the school office.

Here are few helpful ways to help your child do better on tests:

- ◆ Make sure they get a good night's rest
- ◆ Serve your child a healthy breakfast
- ◆ Have your child dress comfortably
- ◆ Arrive to school on time
- ◆ Send your child off to school with words of praise and support

FCUSD Track & Field Meet

Our 4th annual track and field meet will be held at Cordova High School on May 2. This year we hope to have the most kids we have ever had take part. We are in need of 20 volunteers to run the finish line and staging area. Please contact me, Kevin Morning, at kmorning@fcusd.org. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

Kindergarten - Mrs. Leonard

Primary - Mrs. Clark's 2nd Grade Class

Intermediate - Mrs. Davis' 4th Grade Class

Summer School Information

Summer school is by teacher recommendation only. This year summer school will be held at Russell Ranch Elementary from June 9 through July 3rd from 8:45am to 12:25 pm. Your child's teacher will be contacting you if your student will need to attend. Summer school classes are filled on a first come first served basis so if you do receive an application, please return it as soon as possible.

DRESS CODE REMINDER

As the weather changes and gets a little warmer, please review the dress code in your Parent/Student Handbook with your student. Remember, no spaghetti straps, halter tops or midriff exposure. Skirts and shorts must be fingertip length. No flip flops. Shoes need to have backs or straps.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DAZZLING DOLPHINS FOR MARCH

Julian Allen-Barfield
Bianca Baumann
Julio Bautista
Ethan Berrien
Luke Boctor
Karmin Brown
Connor Chavez
McKenna Collins
Samuel DeLange
Leily Ghods
Casey Gregori

James Hamilton
Katie James
Iman Kasabian
Brad Knirk
Peter Krieg
Lauren Kuntz
Adrian Lauderdale
Kylee Long
Eduardo Martinez
Stephen Northouse
Megan Owens

Diana Ranjel-Qualters
Annalisse Robbins
Brooke Rodgers
Brent Rost
Jordan Sukin
Megan Truong
Jesse Viramontez
Fiona Wolf
Kristina Yelverton

Principal's Message

April 9, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our students in grades 2-6 will again participate in California's Standardized Testing and Reporting Program (STAR) next week. The testing window opens for students at our school this Monday, April 14, 2008 and closes on Friday, April 25, 2008. During this period all students will take the California Standards Tests (CSTs) for their specific grade level. Students in third grade will also take the California Achievement Tests, Sixth Edition Survey (CAT/6) during this period.

The purpose of the STAR Program is to measure how well students are learning the knowledge and skills identified in the California academic standards. The academic standards addressed in the STAR Program describe what students at each grade level should know and be able to do in English-language arts (grades 2-6), mathematics (grades 2-6), and science (grade 5). The California Standards Tests were developed for California public schools and are aligned with state academic standards. The CAT/6 survey tests basic academic knowledge and skills in key subjects taught nationwide and provide information comparing our third grade students to other third graders across the country.

Sundahl students continue to do well on these tests. Our success is due to the hard work of our students, staff, and parents. Our students are assessed formally and informally on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The information generated is used in planning and delivering lessons and activities to help meet the learning needs of our students. Parents are asked to encourage their children to do their very best on these tests.

A well deserved thank you to our Foundation Chairperson, Kristen Metzinger and her committee for all of their hard work at Sundahl's recent Auction. People are still talking about what a grand time they had. Each Auction is quite special, but Kristen and her committee truly outdid themselves this year. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Parents, guardians, and community members are always encouraged to contact the school with any comments, concerns or other information. The school office phone number is 989-9182. And my email address at school isdchays@fcusd.org. Thank you again for your ongoing support of our programs and activities.

Donna Chulos Hays