



# Collins Communique

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**Superintendent:** Phil Quon

**September 20, 2007**

**\* Dates To Remember**

## SEPTEMBER

20 ~ School Site Council Meeting ~ 3:30 p.m.  
28 ~ **STAFF LEARNING DAY ~ NO SCHOOL!**

## OCTOBER

4 ~ McClellan Ranch field trip ~ Rms. 13, 15 & 29 ~ 9:00 a.m.  
5 ~ McClellan Ranch field trip ~ Rms. 16, 17 & 28 ~ 9:00 a.m.  
6 ~ Festival/Walk-a-Thon  
8-16 ~ **Conference schedule ~ Students in grades 1-5 will be released at 1:10 – Kinders stay on regular schedule!**

## NOVEMBER

4 ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends ~ Set your clocks **BACK ONE HOUR** on Saturday evening!

Dear Parents:

We want to thank all the parents for bringing their kindergarteners to the **Chicken Dance** this past Saturday. We had a really good turnout. The students did their usual fine job and it was very entertaining. We want to thank the four kindergarten teachers ~ Mrs. Blatter, Mrs. Cheadle, Miss Kowalski and Mrs. Liao for taking time out from their busy schedule to come and lead the dance.

Although the turnout was not large, everyone had a good time at the **Family Picnic** last Friday evening. The weather was cooling down, so instead of sitting on the grass, everyone sat at the lunch tables. The parents engaged in interesting conversation and the children had a good time playing on the blacktop, the grass field, and the play structure.

The **PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser** started this past Monday, September 17. The PTA leaders did their research and chose a company that has "healthy" cookies that contain no trans fat. This is also true of its frozen pizzas and other frozen baked goods. The company also sells nonfood items such as wrapping paper, candles, and many holiday knickknacks. Be sure to look through the brochure that your son or daughter brought home. All money raised goes towards the PTA funding various enrichment programs at Collins. It will only last two weeks. Please support the PTA cookie dough fundraiser.

**Speaking of Health:** Last week we talked about the benefits of exercise and it doesn't cost a cent. Things that we do to keep in shape when we are young will pay dividends in the future in terms of having less aches and pains, better health and having less serious illnesses. We encourage parents to do your part in giving your children the opportunities to exercise. You can also set a good example if you join in. At school, we are doing our part. With the help of our PTA, we are one of the few schools that offer P.E. to all classes K-5 on a weekly basis. In addition, we are starting our Running Club again in a few weeks. A number of our upper grade students will again be participating in intramural flag football with several other CUSD elementary schools.

Our first **School Site Council (SSC)** meeting was held this afternoon in the conference room in the main office. This meeting is open to all interested Collins parents. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 11.

**Parking in the Teacher Resource Center/Bright Horizon's Daycare parking lot is not allowed!! Do not drop off or pick up your student in the parking lot!!!!!!** If you have the need to drop your student on that side of the school, please park your car and make sure they are walking up the paved walkway next to the fence. Many children are running between cars. Again, we are only thinking about the safety of YOUR children! We appreciate YOUR cooperation!

## DRUM ROLL PLEASE!

The votes are in and have been tallied! We're proud to announce to you our **2007-2008 Student Council officers!**

**PRESIDENT:** Kinoka Masumoto  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Derek Xiao  
**TREASURER:** Maddie Chen  
**SECRETARY-HISTORIAN:** Tanya Chaudhary  
**ACTIVITIES-SPORTS DIRECTOR:** Jordan Corpuz

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS!**

**ATTENTION 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENTS!**

*You are all aware that your child will be attending Camp Koinonia as part of our Science curriculum.  
Your FIRST payment of \$122.00 is due on Friday, October 5, 2007.  
Please make checks payable to Collins School and give to your child's teacher!*

**LIBRARY VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Thank you to all parents who signed up to volunteer in the Collins library this year. There is a training session for you on Thursday, September 27 starting at 9:00 a.m. Please plan to attend this session. Thank you!

**2007-2008 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**  
**OCTOBER 8 – 16, 2007**

Please mark your calendars now for the following conference schedule. This schedule will affect all students in grades 1-5. Kindergarten students will remain on the same schedule as usual. Conferencing will take place October 8 through October 16. All students in grades 1-5 will be dismissed at 1:10. Please make arrangements now to have your children picked up promptly after school during this time. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or the office.

**DISTRICT NEWS**

**CUSD STATE PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:** The Cupertino Union School District is currently taking applications for the waiting list for its free State Preschool Program. The program, which services low-income three- and four-year-old children, is located at Sedgwick Elementary School, 19200 Phil Lane in Cupertino. Priority is given to children who will be four by December 2.

This free, parent participation preschool offers children many exciting learning experiences including math, pre-reading, science and creative arts, as well as the opportunity to work and play in group situations. Preschool activities are designed to help children make a successful transition to kindergarten. Children attend three hours per day, five days a week.

Parents interested in enrolling their children should contact Ruth Wachob at Sedgwick Elementary School, (408) 252-3103, ext. 202.

**ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed for the adult literacy program at Sunnyvale-Cupertino Adult and Community Education. The literacy program, ATLAS (Academy for Teaching Literacy to Adult Students), helps students to improve their reading, writing, and math skills. Working with these students either on a one-to-one basis or in small groups is very rewarding. The classes meet mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Free training is provided for all volunteers. Please call (408) 522-2755 for more information about this rewarding volunteer opportunity.

