

KITTREDGE KONNECTION

January 24, 2012

Renewal Contracts will be Mailed Next Week

New *Enrollment Agreements* are being mailed to current families next week. As written on our calendar, these contracts need to be returned with your deposit by February 11 if you would like us to hold a classroom space for your child(ren) for next year.

Thank You Lana Grodin and Mark Meritt

Thank you to Lana and Mark for giving your time on Saturday to help prospective kindergarten families know more about Kittredge. We had 2 very successful play dates thanks to you.

Professional Development Day is Friday, February 3rd

There will be no classes on February 3rd, however Extended Day will be available by registration.

Please go to your Sycamore account and complete the online form. Also, please make sure you hit the "submit" button (you may need to resize the window to find it). Your response with this online form is extremely valuable and we appreciate it very much!

Yosemite Institute: February 12 to 17

In about two weeks, our 7th and 8th graders will head over to Yosemite National Park for a very memorable outdoor education and bonding experience.

You can find the supply list and other information on Mr. Young's website. Just click on the Yosemite Institute link. http://web.me.com/terryoung/Mr._Youngs/Welcome.html

All payments are now due.

In Preparation for Yosemite...

Thursday, February 2: 7th & 8th graders will hike through Lincoln Park along the coast towards Land's End, past the Cliff House to Ocean Beach. After a break for lunch and some fun, they will hike back and arrive at school by 3:00. Students should bring a hearty lunch, a water bottle and good walking shoes. This is the perfect time to break in any new shoes (and raingear) that were purchased.

Thursday, February 9: The 7th and 8th grade classes will have a chance to perfect their ice skating moves at Yerba Buena rink on Thursday, February 9. They will be gone from 10:30 to 3pm, so please make sure your child brings a hearty lunch, a water bottle and good walking shoes.

Summer School 2012 is now Scheduled

We believe that summer is a great opportunity to engage children in activities that enrich their academic foundation and keep them involved and interested in learning. Therefore, we will offer one six-week academic session this summer. The dates are June 18 to July 27. Brochures and registration will be available in February. We hope you will be able to use this program, as it is a worthwhile experience for any child. Also, we appreciate you letting your friends know of this program since it is open to students in any school.

A Thank You From Paul Greenwood; Director of Creative Arts Charter School

"A note to thank you for Kittredge's incredible gesture of kindness, goodwill, and generosity last week. We are all so touched by your extension of support, and the spirit of the entire Kittredge School that was behind it. Your gift will have immediate impact on all of our students, as we will apply it to the recess and sports equipment that was lost. Thank you again."

February 11, 2012 - World Happy Day - <http://worldhappyday.com/>

Happy People = Happy World

World HAPPY Day inspires action for increasing happiness in our own lives and in the world. A growing body of research shows that happy people are healthier and live longer. They are more likely to care for the environment and less likely to commit crimes or go to war. Happy people help others more often... and are more likely to find creative solutions. Increasing happiness benefits us as individuals and communities in infinite ways and is a goal worth sharing. Join this worldwide event. Use the link above and see where the film is showing near you.

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Three “Save The Date” Events this Spring

*The Kittredge School Talent Show is Scheduled for **March 28***

Please mark your calendars now to make sure you can attend this entertaining evening of talent. Classrooms are all working with Ms. Elisabeth on their group production. Individual students can audition during class time next month.

*Dr. Art (Habits of Mind) Costa Will Speak to Parents on **April 19th***

We are proud to invite all Kittredge parents to meet and listen to Dr. Art Costa talk about Habits of Mind. Dr. Costa is an engaging and interesting speaker, author and researcher. He is thrilled to be able to introduce to you the concepts of Habits of Mind. Please keep the evening of Thursday, April 19th available for this very special opportunity. He will also meet and speak with our teachers the next day.

*Spring Dinner and Auction will take place on **April 28***

We have reserved a room at Fort Mason again for this wonderful evening of food, music and fun. The theme this year is *Community Building*. Plans have already begun and details will follow but please... save the date!

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A Lot is Going On...

Tuesday, January 24

- Boys JV Basketball game vs. SFFS (6 white) @ 3:45 – SF Friends; 250 Valencia

Thursday, January 26

- Boys JV Basketball game vs. SFS (Black) @ 4:00 – Bayview Y; 1601 Lane Street
- Girls Varsity Basketball game vs. SFS @ 5:00 – Bayview Y; 1601 Lane Street

Monday, January 30

- Renewal Contracts Mailed

Tuesday, January 31

- K/1 class to Academy of Sciences

Thursday, February 2

- 7th & 8th grade hike
- No Study Hall!

Friday, February 3

- No Classes! Professional Development Day.

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Habit of Mind: Responsible Risk Taking

We hope that students will learn how to take intellectual as well as physical risks. Students who are capable of being different, going against the grain of the common, thinking of new ideas and testing them with peers as well as teachers, are more likely to be successful in this age of innovation and uncertainty.

Quote of the Week

“I am always doing that which I cannot do, in order that I may learn how to do it.” ~Pablo Picasso

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Please don't forget to “submit” your form for our February 3rd Professional Development Day!