

KITTREDGE KONNECTION

January 31, 2012

Renewal Contracts are in the Mail

New *Enrollment Agreements* have been mailed to current families. 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.

Professional Development Day is this Friday, February 3rd

There will be no classes on February 3rd, however Extended Day will be available by registration. *Don't forget to "submit" your online registration form so we know whether your child will be at home or will be in Extended Day on Friday.*

Please log into 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 less than 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/terryyoung/Mr. Youngs/Welcome.html](http://web.me.com/terryyoung/Mr._Youngs/Welcome.html)

In Preparation for Yosemite...

This 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.

Next 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.

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.

There was a Motorola Bluetooth earphone turned in to the office. Please let us know if it is yours.

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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. **Please return the attached audition form if your child will perform individually or in a small group.**

*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.

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A Lot is Going On...

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

Thursday, February 9

- 7th and 8th grade ice skating

Friday, February 10

- Renewal contracts are due

Sunday, February 12 to Friday, February 17

- 7th and 8th grades to Yosemite Institute

Thursday, February 16

- No homework or Study Hall

Friday, February 17

- Minimum Day; noon dismissal

Monday, February 20

- Presidents' Day; no school

Tuesday, February 21 to Friday, February 24

- Presidents' Week; no classes; Extended Day open by reservation

Tuesday, February 28

- SF MOMA docent to 2nd and 3rd grade classroom

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Thank you, Maek Darakananda

Narain's dad, Maek, sent us an email with a quote from Bill Gates. The topic is making sure students don't get lost in school, "the answer is not smaller classes but smaller high schools ... a school that has cohesiveness, when a kid walks down a hall and encounters an adult that adult will know their name ... and be able to talk to them about their progress."

Thank you, Maek, for recognizing the importance of a small community and nurturing environment and sharing the excerpt with us.

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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.

Quote of the Week

"This nation was built by men who took risks - pioneers who were not afraid of the wilderness, business men who were not afraid of failure, scientists who were not afraid of the truth, thinkers who were not afraid of progress, dreamers who were not afraid of action." ~Brooks Atkinson

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

TALENT SHOW

Audition Form

January 31, 2012

We are proud to announce that we have a date for this year's talent show! Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, March 28 at Kanbar Hall in the JCCSF**. The show will take place in the evening, so please make sure that you will be available on this night. You won't want to miss the fun!

Classes are currently rehearsing their group performances. Your child may also choose to perform a solo act, or coordinate with his/her friends, but each child may participate in ONE and only one extra act.

Individual and small group auditions will be scheduled this month after this form is received.

Some things to keep in mind for individual acts:

1. All acts need to be practiced and prepared at home for the audition.
2. Music CDs must be karaoke versions only, no lip-synching is allowed.
3. Sheet music and or instruments need to be at school on audition day.
4. *No act can exceed 3 minutes.*

We're looking forward to another wonderful show. Please have your child talk to Ms. Elisabeth if he or she needs help with an individual act.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elisabeth

My child _____ will audition for the
Kittredge School Talent Show on March 28.

His/Her talent will be _____

Other participants _____

He/She will bring music or a karaoke CD to the audition. Yes _____ No _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____