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Family Fun Fest Dismissal Procedures

The Family Fun Fest is next Friday!! It will be held after school from 3:00–7:00 pm. Dismissal next Friday will occur as follows:

- All students will be dismissed from their classrooms. Parents who have parked and are attending the event must pick students up from their class.
- Families not attending the event can go through carpool as usual.
- No children will be allowed to stay for the Family Fun Fest without adult supervision. Children not picked up will be sent to the office to call home.

Board of Director Elections

Voting for the open Board of Director positions will begin next Friday at the Family Fun Fest and will end at 3:30 on Thursday, June 4th. Each family has one vote.

There are two positions currently open on the Board – a parent representative position and a community member position. The candidate statements can be found in today's e-packet. Ballots can be filled out at the Family Fun Fest or you may pick one up in the office beginning May 29th. As a member of the School's corporation, you have an obligation to pick your representatives. So, be sure to vote!!



School Survey

It is once again time for the school's annual survey. We have rewritten the survey this year. We are hoping that it will be easier to complete and will not take as long. However, it is designed to provide the school with useful data. It is very important for the data to be accurate and this only happens when we have a high survey completion rate. Your feedback is extremely valuable to us and we take it very seriously. The entire staff reviews the survey results. The information is then used to make decisions about our school's focus areas and staff development. Please, please take the time to complete the survey. We appreciate your input.

The 2009 CSMH family and grade-specific surveys are now open. Log onto www.csmh.org to get started. These will be available through Sunday, May 31st. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri Duarte via email at msduarte@charter.net or by phone at 408-776-7939.

Farm Camp

It's time once again to reserve your week at Farm Camp. Every summer CSMH families help out by maintaining our school's farm. Farm Camp includes care of the school's chickens, gardens and orchard. Your family gets to have fresh vegetables, eggs, fruit and flowers for the whole week. The school gets to have a well maintained farm that is ready for students to learn on the first day back to school. See the attached flyer for details. Contact Kathy Funke to get your week reserved.

6th grade Science Camp

On April 20-24th, all of the 6th graders attended science camp at the Mt. Herman site. The goal was to enrich their science curriculum especially focusing on the impact of water pollution.

During science camp, the 6th graders did many activities like hikes, rock climbing, night walks and stewardship opportunities. Other activities they did included skits, cabin competitions and more. They learned about different types of organisms and the trees that surrounded them. At science camp, they were challenged to not waste any food during meal time, and their success measured out to zero pounds of waste at the end of the week!

"It's amazing to see how many students climbed to the top of the rock wall and rang the bell, and also zip-lining high in the canopy...much higher than I would ever want to be!" says Mrs. Southland, "I also liked watching them walk along the dark path during the solo night hike."

The 6th graders had an amazing experience overall and wish they had stayed for two weeks! They said that next years 6th graders will have a blast!

- Article submitted by middle school journalism class.

Planning for Next Year

We are busy both finishing up this year and thinking ahead to next year. We sent home re-enrollment forms in January asking about your plans for next year and all of you returned them. However, some of you may be in a situation where your plans have changed since then. If you know that your child(ren) will not be returning next Fall, please let the office know as soon as possible. We have many families on the waiting lists and we would like to update our information.

Thank you to all our volunteers. You are truly appreciated. You make a difference for the staff and students at CSMH!!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

May 25 th	No School - Holiday
May 26 th	Golf Club after school from 3:00-3:45
May 27 th	Minimum Day - Staff Development Order hot lunches for the following week by 5:00 pm
May 28 th	3 rd graders on field trip
May 29 th	Cheetah Spirit Day Family Fun Fest!!
June 1 st	Kinders on field trip Academic Chess
June 2 nd	4 th grade (Swope) on field trip 5 th graders on field trip
June 3 rd -4 th	4 th graders to Sacramento
June 4 th	Middle school sports awards from 5:00-7:00 pm
June 5 th	Student Council Spirit Day - Jersey Day Cheetah Cheer Picnic for qualified middle school students 1 st grade (Nelson) on field trip
June 8 th	8 th grade celebration day
June 9 th	8 th grade graduation
June 10 th	Minimum Day - Last day of school Awards Assembly

Other Info:

- A 2009-2010 school calendar is included in this week's e-packet!
- Thank you to all the parents who made something yummy for the teacher appreciation luncheon - empty dishes are ready for pick up!!