



The Cougar Chronicle



The end of the year at Courtyard School is very busy and there are a number of exciting events coming up.

Spirit Week June 6-10: There will be fun themes and activities for students each day of the week, highlighted by a Spirit Assembly on Thursday, June 9th at 2:30 p.m.

End-of-the-Year Spaghetti Factory: We will be taking our students on a second annual outing to the Spaghetti Factory Monday, June 13th. Information and permission slips are being sent home today. Parents are welcome to join us.

First Annual Courtyard School Awards Assembly: We will be holding a special awards and recognition assembly on Tuesday June 14th at 2:00 p.m. We will be recognizing students for things like perfect attendance and participation in Student Council. The highlight of the assembly will be recognition and promotion of our 6th grade class. Our current 6th grade class started out as the first kindergarten class at our current school location and it will be special for our community to congratulate and celebrate with them as they move forward to middle school. All parents are welcome to join us for the assembly which will be followed by a cake reception.

Kindergarten Graduation: Our annual Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m. at Bertha Henschel Park. This is always a fun event for our kinders and their families.

Water Play Day Carnival: Once again the last day of school we will be a day to celebrate and play in water. The carnival for students in grades TK through 5 will include two inflatable water slides, games, face painting, music, popcorn, snow cones, and lots of fun. Parent helpers are welcome. Please contact Katherine Schulke at kjschulke@gmail.com if you are available to help.

Spirit Week put together by Student Council is next week:

6/6 Monday is crazy hair/silly dress day

6/7 Tuesday is look-alike day

6/8 Wednesday is favorite athlete/sports day

6/9 Thursday is beach/Hawaiian day with a spirit assembly at 2:30PM

6/10 Friday is school colors/Courtyard clothes day

***Be sure students wear appropriate clothing for school and don't forget shoes for PE, Questions? Please ask our Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Steinman.**

End of Year 2 for 1 Book Exchange!

Clean off your bookshelves and get "new books" for summer. Drop off books to the Library in a labeled bag and pick up "new books" from June 8-10th.

Email Julia Adams @ ja4mail@aol.com with any questions.

A Musical Performance Night with Ms. Draga

Next Thursday, June 9th, Ms. Draga will have a showcase of her students performing on the piano, guitar, accordion, and vocals as well. Showtime is from 5:30-7PM in the Courtyard Gym. Ms. Draga is also accepting new and returning students through the summer for lessons. Please contact Draga if you're interested at ddjordjevic2@yahoo.com.

Sacramento Poetry Reading– A Great Event!

Friday evening, July 15th, six powerful American poets will take the spotlight in a benefit reading at Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum--in the new Setzer Auditorium. Never before have so many nationally recognized poets appeared on the same stage at once in Sacramento. The poets are **Robert Hass** (Pulitzer Prize), **Brenda Hillman** (the William Carlos Williams Book Prize), **Cathy Park Hong** (the Barnard Women Poets Prize), **Major Jackson** (the Whiting Writers' Award), **Sharon Olds** (the National Book Critics Circle Award), and special guest **Galway Kinnell** (Pulitzer).

This benefit reading will raise money for the Poetry Scholarship Fund at the Community of Writers at Squaw Valley, a non-profit organization. The Squaw Valley conference is considered the best on the West Coast—and has helped mentor aspiring poets for 40 decades. Proceeds will enable talented and emerging writers the chance to be mentored by some of the nation's most acclaimed poets.

Books donated by the poets' publishers will be available for purchase. After the reading, the poets will be happy to sign the books. This year marks the event's 20th anniversary and its Sacramento debut. (Previously the benefit was held in San Francisco.)

Unfortunately, children are not allowed, but I know that many of our parents are avid and appreciative readers—and if we let them know now, they can set up a mom and dad date before the tickets run out. Also, by their participation we might encourage more national known literary writers to our increasingly sophisticated city.

Here are the details:

When: Friday, July 15th, at the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento

Time: 7:00 p.m. (doors open at 6:30)

Tickets: General admission: \$20.00; Students: \$15.00 (with student ID)

To find out more about the reading, the poets, and the Squaw Valley writing workshops, go to: <http://www.squawvalleywriters.org/readings.html>

To buy tickets, go to: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/174910>

IMPORTANT DATES

4th Grade @ SF Solano Mission in Sonoma, 830-3PM	6/3
5/6 Cooking Club @ Il Fornaio, 4-6PM	6/3
Spirit Week	6/6-10
TK @ News 10, 9-1030AM	6/7
Spirit Assembly @ 230PM	6/9
K/1 @ Folsom Zoo, 1030-1PM	6/10
5/6 @ Capitol Bowl, 1015-1215PM	6/10
All School Lunch @ OSF, 1130AM	6/13
Awards Ceremony, 2-3PM	6/14
Kinder Graduation @ Bertha Henschel, 530PM	6/14
PTO Meeting, 515PM	6/14
6th Grade @ Sunsplash, 1030-4PM	6/15
Last Day of School!	6/15
Campus Closed	6/16-17
Summer Camp begins	6/20

Development Committee Seeking New Members for 2011-12

We need your help!

The Development Committee's purpose is to develop and ensure the execution of fundraising efforts in support of Courtyard School by overseeing and organizing school events such as Jog-a-thon, Fall Festival, Crab Feed, the Benefactor Program, and more! Volunteers are asked to attend monthly meetings and assist with organization and execution of events, but are NOT asked to solicit donations. We are deeply committed to raising money for Courtyard School and we need your help!

Please contact Development Committee Chair Julie Snoke at juliesnoke@gmail.com.

Event Chair Position Available for Fall Festival 2011

The chairperson's role involves delegation to volunteers and the coordination of their efforts. The Development Committee helps to recruit volunteers to head up the various aspects of the event, and the event chairperson checks in with them periodically. The role of Event Chair is supported by the Development Committee as well as numerous hardworking parent volunteers.

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