

February 16, 2012



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## CALENDAR

February	16		Last Day Kindergarten and Open Enrollment Registration
	17		Yearbook Cover Deadline
	<b>20-24</b>		<b>MID-YEAR RECESS</b>
	29		Dairy Council Cow visits Nimitz
March	1	7:00pm	PTA Meeting in the GLC
	2		Theatre of All Possibilities Assembly
		6:15-8:30pm	Art Show and PTA Movie Night
	6		Fourth Grade STAR Writing Test
	7		STAR Writing Test Make Up
	8	5:30pm	SSC Meeting in the Staff Room
	9		End of second Trimester
	17		Walk-a-thon
	<b>19</b>		<b>STAFF LEARNING DAY – NO SCHOOL</b>

### PTA MOVIE NIGHT



Come to the GLC on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for an art show and family movie night. The art show featuring student art will begin at 6:15pm and the movie starts at 7:00pm. We will be showing "The Shaggy Dog" with

Tim Allen. The PTA will be selling pizza, popcorn, cookies, bottled water and Jamba Juice (\$3 for 12oz.). This is a free showing and is open to anyone that wants to come, so invite your friends and have fun. If you would like more information about "The Shaggy Dog" including parent and teacher reviews, visit this site:

<http://www.commonsemmedia.org/movie-reviews/shaggy-dog-2006>

### STAR WRITING TEST

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, students in grades 4 and 7 will take the STAR Writing Test. A make-up day for any 4th grade students taking the STAR test, who are absent on March 6, is scheduled for the following day, March 7.

The STAR Writing Test addresses writing application standards for grades 4 and 7. At grade 4, these standards require students to produce one of four types of writing: narrative, summary, information report, or response to writing. Students at both grade levels read a task and write a first draft of their essay. First drafts are submitted to the state for scoring.



### YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

The deadline for submitting covers is this Friday, February 17, 2012. The cover should include the school name (Nimitz Elementary) and the year (2011-2012). Spelling counts, so check your spelling. Remember to put your name, room number, and teacher name on the BACK of your entry.

The Nimitz 2011-2012 Yearbooks in **full color** are now on sale. **Yearbooks are just \$20 if purchased before March 9<sup>th</sup> and \$24 after March 9<sup>th</sup>, so hurry and buy yours now.** Order forms went home in the blue folders last week. Please attach your check payable to NIMITZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL to the order form.

### STAR TESTING April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup> (Makeup Testing: May 14<sup>th</sup> - May 16<sup>th</sup>)

The multiple choice STAR Testing dates are being published so that parents can plan ahead. STAR testing will be held from **April 30, 2012 through May 11, 2012 for grades 2-5.** Your child will need to take the entire test in order to receive complete STAR scores. **Please do not schedule family trips or make appointments during this time.** It is very important that our students be at school during the testing window.



### BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

The student council raised \$430 collecting 4,300 box tops! Good work student council and thanks for your donations!

## LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found bins are **overflowing!** Please remember to check the cart located near the restrooms that is full of shirts, jackets and lunchboxes. **Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity over February break.**



## PROJECT CORNERSTONE NEWSLETTER

The theme of this week's newsletter is family support. Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when their families provide them with high levels of love and support. You can find

the newsletter at:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Nimitz\\_Elementary\\_School/Parents/IdeasForParents\\_pdf](http://www.edline.net/pages/Nimitz_Elementary_School/Parents/IdeasForParents_pdf)

## BEFORE YOU MAKE TRAVEL PLANS

**At the end of the school year, a student must be in attendance on the last day of school to retain his/her place on the roster for the following year.** For this school year, students must be in school on June 12, 2012, to retain their space for the 2012/13 school year. **At the beginning of the school year, a student must be in attendance on the first day of school (August 20, 2012) or they will not retain their place on the roster.** When you are making travel plans, please consider the possible ramifications. If you have any questions, please contact Student Assignment at (408) 252-3000, ext. 110.

## TWENTY MINUTES A DAY

By Richard Peck

Read to your children  
Twenty minutes a day;  
You have the time,  
And so do they.

Read while the laundry is in the machine.  
Read while the dinner cooks.  
Tuck a child in the crook of your arm,  
And reach for the library books.

Hide the remote,  
Let the computer games cool,  
For one day your children will be off to school.  
"Remedial?" "Gifted?" You have the choice.  
Let them hear their first tales  
In the sound of your voice.

Read in the morning,  
Read over noon,  
Read by the light of  
Goodnight Moon.

Turn the pages together,  
Sitting close as you'll fit,  
Till a small voice beside you says,  
"Hey, don't quit."



## DISTRICT NEWS

### SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH UPDATE

As you may be aware, the Board of Education has initiated a search for our new superintendent. To assist us in this important process, we have retained the services of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, Ltd., a search firm that specializes in assisting boards with the identification and selection of superintendents.

One important step in this process is the identification of the characteristics we will be looking for in our new superintendent. Your input is very valuable and the entire Board of Education invites you to participate in the identification of these characteristics by completing an online survey available at [www.cusdk8.org](http://www.cusdk8.org). This survey is designed to gather your perception on the importance of various characteristics commonly found in effective superintendents.

The search firm will also be holding input gathering sessions at the end of February. The Board of Education invites all parents, district staff, and community members to participate by attending one of the two Community Forums. Both of these forums will be facilitated by representatives of the consultant firm and will be held in the Board Room at the District Office located at 10301 Vista Drive in Cupertino. The dates and times for the Community Forums are:

- Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. (afternoon session)
- Tuesday, February 28, 2012, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (evening session)

Your input will be included in a **Superintendent Leadership Profile**, which will be presented to the Board of Education on Tuesday, March 21, 2012. The Board of Education will then use the **Superintendent Leadership Profile** to help guide our search for a new leader for the Cupertino Union School District.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Nishihara at (408) 252-3000, Extension 323, or by email at [nishihara\\_jeremy@cusdk8.org](mailto:nishihara_jeremy@cusdk8.org).

## DISTRICT HEALTH GUIDELINES

It is important that our children follow good health practices at all times and be kept at home when they are ill.

A child should not be in school when he or she is ill and is experiencing one or more of the following symptoms:

- Nausea or vomiting (must remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours),
- Diarrhea (must remain at home until free of symptoms for 24 hours)
- Severe headache
- Continuous coughing or runny nose
- Evidence of a communicable disease such as a rash, swelling or unusual sore throat
- A temperature of 100 degrees F or higher (must remain at home until he/she has a normal 98.6 F degree temperature for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducer such as Tylenol)
- Conjunctivitis - pink eye
- Undiagnosed rash (rashes must be verified by your doctor that they are non-contagious before the child may return to school; a note is needed)

If a student is sent home from school for feeling ill, the child may not return that day. A doctor's note for absences over seven days (7) days may be required (CUSD AR 5113).

Keeping sick kids at home until they recover prevents contagious illness from spreading to other students and members of the community. If you have questions, please contact your school or your school nurse.