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# Sutro Cubs Newsletter

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## SAVE THE DATES:

- ◆ **FRI 10/2**  
Picture Day
- ◆ **SAT 10/3**  
Sandcastle  
Classic- 10AM  
to 4PM at  
Ocean Beach @  
Balboa & The  
Great Hwy
- ◆ **MON 10/12**  
Columbus/  
Indigenous  
People's Day  
**NO SCHOOL**
- ◆ **SAT 10/17**  
Sutro Family  
Fun Day— 11AM  
to 2PM at Sutro  
School
- ◆ **FRI 10/23**  
Bingo Night
- ◆ **MON 10/26 TIL  
FRI 10/30**  
Parent Confer-  
ence Week  
**Early dismissal**
- ◆ **MON 10/26 TIL  
FRI 10/30**  
Scholastic Book  
Fair in the  
school library.  
Open daily.
- ◆ **FRI 10/30**  
Costume  
Parade in the  
Sutro Yard  
(tentative)

## IMPORTANT CONTACTS:

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Have a SUTRO story to share? Or a SUTRO superstar to acknowledge?

Contact the Newsletter Committee at [sutropta@gmail.com](mailto:sutropta@gmail.com)

## Thanks! 谢谢 Gracias!

### *On behalf of the SUTRO PTA, we thank those families who attended our 3rd Annual Welcome Picnic!*

The SUTRO PTA intended to host our Welcome Picnic for our families on SAT 9/12 at Mt Lake Park. Unfortunately, the Bay Area was hit with thunder storms the morning of the event! The picnic was quickly moved indoors- to our school cafeteria. Families were able to enjoy delicious culinary creations such as Turkey Chili, Butter Mochi, Buffalo Wing Dip and much more. Mr. Lui's famous Jell-O Goldfish Bowl also made an appearance. Not only was it "eye candy" for all but it was yummy too! Our Sutro Cubs also enjoyed an afternoon of Bingo with their friends and family.

*Signs for the changed venue were posted at the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue entrances but families entering the park from a different location might not have seen the signs and we missed you!*



### PREVENTING COLDS AND FLU THIS SEASON

- ◆ **Keep 'em clean.** Hand washing is the most important thing you can do to keep from getting and spreading colds and the flu. Using just plain soap and warm water is as effective as using antibacterial products.
- ◆ **Cover your cough.** Cold and flu viruses are spread by airborne particles. Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your upper sleeve instead of your hands, so that you don't make others sick. If you do use your hands, wash them as soon as you can.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

◆ We are looking for Room Parents to help coordinate activities and communication between the teachers and the families. Interested parties, please contact the Sutro PTA or Mrs. Jamae Tasker. There's also a sign-up sheet posted in the upper yard.

◆ We are grateful to Ms Creed, who has been graciously running the Scholastic Book Fair for the last few years. If you are able to lend a hand, during the week of 10/26 thru 10/30, please contact the PTA at [sutropta@gmail.com](mailto:sutropta@gmail.com).

◆ **THREE for ME-** At our last PTA Association meeting, we had requested that each parent commit 3 hours to their child this school year. It can be as simple as spending time helping your child with their homework, attending a PTA meeting, or participating in school events! We hope everyone will make this commitment!

### SUTRO WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK!

◆ There have been concerns about our school's drinking water having a white tint when it comes out of our faucets and drinking fountains. Our District's Buildings and Grounds department has assured us that the white tint is from "over aeration" as it comes through our new water pipes. There is also official documentation from city officials verifying that the water is safe to drink.

### SUTRO'S API NOW 864!

◆ Our school's California Academic Performance Index (API) for 2009 jumped 28 points to 864! For the API, the range is 200 to 1000 with a score of 800 being an outstanding school. We are higher than the state's average (755) and the District's average (777). A couple of years ago, we implemented new teaching strategies and academic programs and they are finally paying off. Thank you teachers, parents and students for all your hard work!

**NEXT TEACHER SPOTLIGHT— Ms Patti Ow and Ms Mary Ling**

### TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

**Message from Ms Jannie WONG:** *Hi! I'm Jannie Wong and have been teaching at Sutro for 30 years! yes, I am the most "senior" teacher right now, but still feel energized by the great staff at Sutro. I will be teaching the first grade bilingual class in Room 4 and look forward to another year preparing students for success in all areas of their lives. I am excited about the new look that our school will have and I can't wait to help carry out the many activities that will bring our school family closer together! Sutro rocks!*

**Message from Ms Mitra SAFA:** *Welcome back to school! I am fortunate to have been teaching at Sutro for eleven years, including three years in First Grade. My students and their families can expect a school year filled with the development of academic skills, especially reading, and growth in personal skills, such as problem solving and organization. We will share many activities and field trips with our fellow first grade classmates in Mrs. Wong's class, as well as fun school wide activities with the rest of our Sutro family. This year, I will be on a sabbatical leave for the fall semester, but leave my class in the very trusted, capable hands of a fellow teacher, Ms. Christa Korp.*

**Message from Ms Christa Korp:** *I first came to Sutro five years ago as a student teacher in Paula Ogi and Kristina Kim's Kindergarten class. Over the intervening years I have been fortunate enough to be able to return many times as part-time Inclusion teacher (one year) as well as substitute teacher in all grades and classes. It is so wonderful to now be here full-time for the fall semester and I am delighted to be teaching Room 1's First Graders during Ms. Safa's absence. I look forward to working closely with students and their families, so that we may all have a very productive semester filled with many exciting, fun-filled and challenging learning experiences.*