

GO MINERS!!!

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Information from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The end of the third quarter is on Friday, April 13th. This is a minimum day for students. Dismissal time for students will be 12:18 pm. Please continue to check our website at www.sutterminers.com for events posted on our calendar. STAR testing is right around the corner. Testing begins the week of April 30th and continues through the week of May 7th. Our performance on this test is compared to schools throughout the state. To continue to be known as the "Pride of the City" it is always important that our students do their very best. Our goal is to reach an API score of 900 and above. Our current API this year is 884. I am confident we will be able to reach our goal with the hard work and dedication our students, parents and teachers have shown this school year.

I want to take this opportunity to remind all 8th grade families about our requirements for promotion. To qualify for our promotion ceremony, students must not have more than one "F" in all of their classes during the 4th quarter. It is a short quarter with STAR testing taking up two weeks. It is imperative students give their best effort. It is our goal that all of our students participate in our promotion ceremony.

As we begin to move into the warmer months, I want to take an opportunity to remind all parents of our school dress code. If you question it or think it might not be appropriate for school, it's probably not. Please refer to your student's planner for a full list of items that are not appropriate for school.

Spring Break is the week of April 2nd. It has been a long stretch for all of us, and a week of well-deserved relaxation and travel is just what we all deserve. So please be safe and enjoy your time off!

Sincerely,



David Rodriguez
Principal

Yearlong Calendar

April 11	8th Gr. Promotion Pictures
April 13	D.U.D. / Spring Rally End of Quarter 3 1/2 Day
April 20	Spring Dance 2:45-4:45
Apr.30-May 11	STAR Testing
May 22	Open House 6:30-8pm
May 28	Memorial Day
June 5	1st & 2nd Period Finals
June 6	3rd & 4th Period Finals
June 7	5th & 6th Period Finals
June 8	8th Gr. Six Flags Trip
June 11	Graduation Dance 7-10 pm
June 12	Awards Assembly
June 13	8th Gr. Promotion 1/2 Day 7th Gr. Picnic 1/2 Day



**WANT TO BE ABLE TO CHECK YOUR CHILD'S CURRENT GRADE,
ASSIGNMENTS, ATTENDANCE, EMAIL TEACHERS AND MORE????
LOG ON TO ZANGLE PARENT CONNECTION**



Parents, by now you should be checking your student's grades/assignments on Zangle Parent Connection on a weekly basis. If you don't have a pin/password, please see Mrs. Grady or Mrs. Fong in the main office.

For instructions on how to log on to Zangle Parent Connection, please see Page 5 of this newsletter.



LION MINER CONCERT! - On Tuesday, April 24th your Sutter Advanced Band will perform a combined concert with the C.K. McClatchy Symphonic Band. This will be a fantastic opportunity for your family to see two of the best music programs in our district. This concert will take place at 7pm, in Sutter's Multipurpose room. We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event!



SUTTER ARTISTS DO SECOND SATURDAY AGAIN! This Second Saturday, April 14th, 4-9 pm, a selection of our phenomenal young artists will be showing and selling their Pop Art inspired paintings in a juried show at the VOX Gallery, 1818 11th Street. Come support our talented kids as they once again enter the local art scene!



CAPITOL BUILDING ART SHOW! Come on down to the Capitol Annex (the building attached to the east side of the dome) between April 30th and May 11th to see over 100 Spring inspired works by Sutter art students! The work will be visible adorning the 3rd floor hallway during normal business hours.

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION - The MET Sacramento High School is where students can receive a personalized education through teachers and mentors that know them well. There are still openings for the 2012-2013 school year. The MET is inviting Sutter students to attend an observation and interview day on Wednesday, April 11th from 12:45 to 3 PM. Call 264-4700 - ask for Cressie.

MESA NEWS - MESA would like to congratulate the following students who took top honors at the Sac State/U.C. Davis Pre-MESA Day Competition.

Connor Lowrie: 1st Place Solo Math - Algebra
Jitika Salhan, Thomas Le, and Judith Escobedo: 2nd Place Team Math Algebra
Jorge Rodriguez-Cruz and Harsimar Kaur: 1st Place Egg XPress (Egg Drop)

Our students competed with students from Natomas, Elk Grove, and Twin Rivers School Districts. Connor, Jorge, and Harsimar will advance to the MESA Day (Northern CA) Competition in San Jose, CA on April 7, 2012.

ATTENDANCE ISSUES - When your child is sick or going to be absent, please call the Attendance Office at 916-264-4362 anytime day or night, or you can send a note with your student when he/she returns to school. When your child returns to school, they should report to the Attendance Office for a re-admit slip. If you need to have your child dismissed early, you may send a note with your child before school that day or call/email the Attendance Office at least 30 minutes before the dismissal. Carolyn-Thomas@scusd.edu



RT BUS STICKERS - The April bus stickers are available in the office. The cost is \$35 for the month or \$17.50 for a half month. RT requests CASH ONLY. Students can purchase the bus stickers during lunch and after school until 3 pm. Students who need a Photo ID can go to 1225 R Street (light rail station) Monday - Friday 9 am—5 pm. Photo ID cards are \$3 cash only. The card is valid for 3 years. Students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or must show proof of enrollment at Sutter.



SPRING PICTURE DAY - A big thank you to our parent volunteers Merle Bisler, Kay Fong, Cindy Louie, Denise Tahara and Michelle Thomas for helping with Spring Picture Day. With their help, they made picture day run smoothly and efficiently. We appreciate your help and dedication to our school.



8TH GRADE PROMOTION PICTURES - Lifetouch Photographers will be here on Wednesday, April 11th to take 8th grade promotion pictures for their memories booklet. All 8th graders will have their pictures taken during their CORE class.



7th GRADE PICNIC

The end of the year festivities will be here before we know it! The 7th grade picnic is a fun tradition held at McKinley Park on the last day of school, Wednesday, June 13th. Parent volunteers are needed to make this a successful and safe event. Please contact Mr. Marc Lee by email at Marc-Lee@scusd.edu if you are available to supervise during the picnic from approximately 8:30 a.m. to noon. We also need parents to donate individual portion **wrapped** snacks or individual serving size drinks (bottled water, boxed juices, etc.) for the kids to enjoy throughout the day. If you prefer to donate cash, we will gladly use it to purchase the drinks and snacks for the kids. If you can supervise and/or provide snacks, please let Mr. Marc Lee know no later than Friday, May 18th. Please bring your non-perishable snacks to the main office by Wednesday, June 6th. Your support is greatly appreciated!



SIX FLAGS DISCOVERY KINGDOM

Students, the 8th Grade Six Flags Discovery Kingdom trip is on Friday, June 8th. We have scheduled 12 buses for this trip. The cost of this trip is \$50 per student which pays for the entrance to the park and transportation. This does not include lunch. Permission slips are available in the main office. Money Orders made payable to Sutter Middle School or "Cash" are accepted. We are no longer accepting personal/business checks. Sorry, season passes are not feasible. Students must ride in the buses provided as this is a school event. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fong at 264-3382. **Deadline to turn in permission slips and money is Wednesday, May 2nd.**



SUTTER YEARBOOKS - \$40.00

The 2011-2012 Sutter Yearbooks are **\$40.00 cash or money orders only**. Please, no personal checks. Money Orders may be made payable to Sutter Middle School. Don't be left out, as this year's book will be awesome! Reserve your book before April 11th. Please return payment envelopes to Mrs. Grady in the main office.



PTSO NEWS

What a great year this has been! PTSO has developed our own website to keep you in the loop of all things Sutter! We are also on Facebook, Twitter and we have a blog! Visit www.sutterptso.com to get connected and sign up for our Newsflashes so you don't miss anything going on at Sutter. Facebook and Twitter are great ways to stay up to date, too. The PTSO Board at Sutter works to raise funds directly for the school. We are not affiliated with a National PTA group, so 100% of funds raised stay right here at Sutter. With the drastic budget cuts that seem to get worse every year, PTSO fills the gap to keep Sutter strong. It is never to late to join. All information is found on the website.

PTSO has a few more restaurant nights coming up. These nights are perfect to take your family out to dinner or stop and pick up take out. Restaurants give 15-20 % of your bill straight back to the school. We've raised almost \$1,000 this year from restaurant nights! The restaurant night funds contributed to the \$5,000 we were able to give the teachers this year. Yes that's right.... \$5,000!!! In December, every Sutter teacher received \$100 for their class fund. The money went to purchase science lab equipment, books, study guides and more. (See the PTSO website for a list of items purchased by the teachers!) We are filling in the funding gap so bring your family out to eat and help us give back to the Sutter teachers!

- Spaghetti Factory (Downtown only) Tuesday, April 10th, 4-9:30 pm
- BJ's at Arden Fair Mall Monday, April 16th, 4-10 pm
- Suzie Burger (2820 P Street) Friday, April 20th, 11 am-10 pm

**Download a flyer on the website (or be sure to tell them when you order and pay! Make sure Sutter gets credit for your order!)

Fireworks plans are being made! The Sutter fireworks booth is located in River Park and we need volunteers! Last year the funds raised went to buy a new sound system for the school. This year's funds will go to technology.... a C.O.W. (Computers on Wheels) program to bring computers into your child's classroom! PTSO member Pete Bramson has volunteered to be our Fireworks Team Captain. Visit our website to sign up to work a shift. An easy way to give a little time back to our fabulous school.

Food Trucks return to Sutter! On Tuesday, May 22nd, we'll have our own Mobile Food Truck Festival right here on campus. Food trucks will be here before Open House. Mark your calendars to come out and visit with Sutter families, listen to music and eat dinner before visiting your student's classrooms. This is always a great Sutter event. (If you'd like to be a part of planning, contact President@sutterptso.com)

Interested in joining the PTSO team next year? We have some Board positions available. Contact President@sutterptso.com, if you are interested.

Don't forget to visit www.sutterptso.com for the latest breaking news. (links are available on the website for our newsflash, blogposts, Facebook and Twitter) Check out photos of Sutter events and our last Teacher Appreciation breakfast, too! Good things are happening here..... be a part of them!

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Kellie Randle
PTSO President



PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES

Sutter is collecting empty inkjet and laser cartridges for recycling. This is an excellent fundraising program for the school since it has zero selling and no cost to anyone. We encourage parents, students and teachers to participate by collecting them from home and work. Turn them in to the office.



Raleys-BelAir Quality of Life Cards: If you shop at Raleys/BelAir, please come to the office and pick up a Quality of Life Card. Sutter receives 5% of your purchases. Once you've picked up your card, just log on to www.Raleys.com to activate your card. If you have any problems, please call 1-800-925-9989, and the Consumer Affairs Department will help you. If you want to change your donation going from your previous school to Sutter, just click on the "Frequently Asked Questions" to change your organization.



Save-Mart S.H.A.R.E.S. Cards: If you shop at Save Mart or Food Maxx, please come to the office and pick up a S.H.A.R.E.S. Card. These cards are already activated so when presented at the time of purchase, Sutter will receive a percentage of what is spent.



HEY SACRAMENTO SAVE OUR POOLS

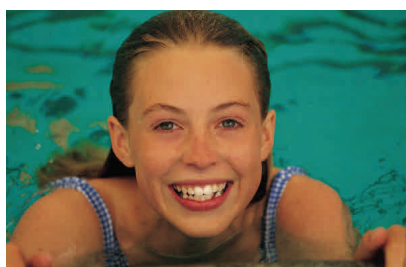
Did you know Sacramento's community pools will NOT be open this summer due to budget cuts? A "Save Our Pools Campaign" partnership has been formed between Save Mart Supermarkets and the City of Sacramento.

The closure of our neighborhood community pool, Clunie, in McKinley Park would affect over 100 swim team members most of whom are currently students at Phoebe, Sutter and McClatchy, in addition to our recreational swimmers. Other neighborhoods with community pools will also feel the effects of this misfortune.

Save Mart will match up to \$500,000 in contributions collected at area stores over an eight-week period ending on Tuesday, April 10th.

The following are ways in which you can help save our pools:

- Purchase a "Help Save Mart Save Our Pools" icon for \$1 or more at any of the eight Save Mart Supermarkets in Sacramento.
- Text POOLS to 80888 to donate \$10.
- Donate online at www.savemart.com/saveourpools or visit website to find store locations.



DIRECTIONS FOR ACCESSING PARENT CONNECTION IN ZANGLE

- Step 1. Go to <http://www.scusd.edu> and on the right side under “Resources For:”
Click “Parent” and then scroll down to “Zangle Parent Connection.”
The parent connection Login window for Sacramento City Unified will appear.
- Step 2. Enter your Parent Connection PIN and Password (passwords are CASE sensitive) and click on the Login button.

PIN: (provided by the office)

PASSWORD: (provided by the office)

If you do not know your PIN and Password, please Mrs. Fong or Mrs. Grady in the office. You must sign off to identify receipt.

ALTERNATIVE: You can also log on using your student’s identification and birthdate by clicking on “Students” and then choosing “Check My Grades (Zangle)” instead of the Parent Connection.

PIN: 607##### (Student ID #)
PASSWORD: mm/dd/yr (ie. Date of birth)

- Step 3. If you have more than one student at a school with Parent Connection to Zangle, you will need to select each student individually on the Student drop down menu on the top left side.
- Step 4. Begin accessing your student’s information by clicking on the links in the left hand column.

FAQ: “When I Google Parent Connection, I can open the Zangle Login screen but my password and PIN are not valid, why?”

Make sure that the school district says, “**Sacramento City Unified School District.**”