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Yearlong Calendar  
Highlights

Nov. 6	1/2 Day. End of Qtr. 8:19 am-12:19 pm
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving
Dec. 19-Jan. 3	Winter Holidays
Jan. 18	M.L.King Jr. Day
Jan. 29	1/2 Day, End of Semester 8:19 am-12:19 pm
Feb. 8	Lincoln Day
Feb. 15	Washington Day
Mar 27 - April 4	Spring Holiday
April 13	Open House 6:30 - 8 pm
April 16	1/2 Day, End of Qtr.
May 31	Memorial Day
June 17	Last Day of School

# Information from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Our school year is off to another fantastic start! I am enjoying meeting your students and beginning to build relationships with them. I want to thank our Sutter parents and staff for their participation in the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night and Back to School Night. We had an excellent turn out for each event, and I enjoyed meeting with you. In a couple of weeks, progress reports will be mailed out. Now is the time to check your students' planners and communicate with their teachers regarding your student's grades and progress in class. You may also have your students pick up a progress report each Thursday in room 102 so you know exactly what their grades are. Hearing Screenings will be held on campus on October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> during class and our annual Jog-A-Thon is scheduled for October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Funds raised will help beautify our campus and support other student activities. Beginning in the first week of November, Sutter will start our annual canned food drive. We will also host our "High School Nights" with Kennedy, McClatchy, West Campus and our Small High Schools (date TBA). There will be much more information on these events in the November newsletter. Please feel free to contact me via email for any assistance regarding high school information.

Sincerely,

Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

Sutter Library is now open one day a week. Students are welcome to check out books before and after school and at lunch on that particular day of the week. In October, the library will be open more days than normal. So, please take advantage of the extra open days.

October Library Days: Thurs. Oct. 8, Wed. Oct. 14, Tues. Oct. 20, Wed. Oct.21, Mon. Oct. 26, and Tues. Oct. 27.

Study Hall Days: Mornings - Monday thru Friday 7:30 - 8:10 am  
Afternoons - Monday thru Thursday 2:30 - 3:30 pm



Make Up Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, October 16 during 2<sup>nd</sup> Period for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and 3<sup>rd</sup> Period for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you were not happy with your picture, you may have your picture retaken. Please return the entire picture package to the photographer. For those students who did not order pictures, you may give the photographer your picture money envelope and have your picture taken. Picture Day envelopes will be available on the counter in the office the week of October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you Mrs. Doris Arakaki, Mrs. Carol Fukuhara, Mrs. Rochelle Kaye, Mrs. Patty Kitade, Mr. Rob Lindgren, Mrs. Patty Mah, Mrs. Margo Miyashiro, Mr. Bob Remen, and Mrs. Peggy Valine for helping in September with Picture Day. With their help, picture day ran very smoothly.



**BACKPACK CLUB**

The Backpack Club (BPC) focuses on strengthening organization and time management skills. It is a semester-long program that will start in mid-October. BPC meets every Thursday during lunch. If you're interesting in having your child join, please contact Mrs. Anderson [Teresa-Anderson@sac-city.k12.ca.us](mailto:Teresa-Anderson@sac-city.k12.ca.us).

**SUTTER JOG-A-THON**

Our annual jog-a-thon is almost here! On October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> every student will be running on the track during their P. E. period. Start asking for sponsors ASAP. Exciting prizes for top runners. Please see attached jog-a-thon flyer.



**NEW PROCEDURE WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORTS**

If you would like your child to receive a Weekly Progress Report, have them come to room 102 before school on Thursdays. Counselors will be available at that time to hand out the progress report forms. Students can have their teachers complete the form throughout the day and bring it home that night for a parent signature. Progress reports are then returned to room 102 on Friday morning. The dates for progress reports during the 1st Quarter are: 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22 and 10/29.

**ATTENDANCE ISSUES**

When your child is sick or going to be absent for another reason, please call the Attendance Office at 264-4362 anytime day or night. When you 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 starts or call the Attendance Office at 264-4362 at least 30 minutes before the dismissal.

**RT BUS STICKERS**

The October bus stickers are available in the office. The cost is \$35 for the month and \$17.50 for a half month. Cash or checks are acceptable. Please make checks payable to RT. Students can purchase the bus stickers before school, during lunch, and after school until 3 pm.

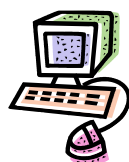


**USED**

**PRINTER 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 absolutely 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.



**OFFICE DEPOT**

**DOLLAR CREDIT**

When purchasing school supplies and products at Office Depot, please keep Sutter in mind. Just mention Sutter Middle School, Sacramento and 5% of your purchase will be credited toward our school. Four times a year we receive a gift card to spend at Office Depot for ongoing supplies needed by our staff.



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## What is it?

Sutter's seventh annual Jog-a-Thon will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> during Physical Education classes. The Jog-a-Thon is Sutter's biggest school-wide fundraiser of the year. Our school goal is to earn money to boost our student activities fund, which pays for things such as awards, the seventh grade picnic, and student planners. If students reach our monetary goal of \$35,000 they will be rewarded with an extra dance in November!

Students will run around the Sutter track for 25 minutes while a partner records the total laps completed. Teachers will calculate the total money earned after the 25 minute time period.

## How do pledges work?

Pledges can be gathered from friends and family members. Pledge sheets will be sent home October 8<sup>th</sup>. You have almost two weeks to gather as many pledges as possible. Call Grandpa, Uncle Joe, Neighbor Nelly, whomever, just get TONS of sponsors! Sponsors can pledge a "per lap rate" or a "flat rate."

### Example 1: Per Lap Rate

Your mom pledges 50 cents a lap. You run 10 laps. Your mom now owes you (Sutter) \$5.00.

### Example 2: Flat Rate

Your mom pledges \$10.00 no matter how many laps you run. If you run 5 or 500 laps, she still owes you (Sutter) \$10.00.

All pledges should be gathered by October 20<sup>th</sup>. You must bring your pledge form to school on October 20<sup>th</sup> so totals can be calculated. **In order to be considered for the drawing prizes and/or the top prizes, you must turn in all of your money to room 111 by October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## How will the laps be counted?

Sutter's track is 440 yards. For every 220 yards you run, you will be credited with one lap. Markers will be placed on the track to indicate each lap. While you are running, your partner will watch as you pass the 220-yard markers. He or she will make a tally mark for each "lap" you run. At the end of the 25-minute time period, your partner will count all of the tallies and calculate your total laps. A teacher will then calculate the dollars earned.

## Prizes!

All participants will receive a Popsicle at the end of their run for their efforts. Students who bring at least a **\$5.00 flat rate** or more by October 20<sup>th</sup> will receive a Jog-a-Thon T-shirt on the spot. Per lap rate pledges will not be considered towards a T-Shirt on the first day. If students bring in \$5.00 or more in flat or per lap rates through October 29<sup>th</sup>, they can still receive a T-Shirt if the money is in hand. In other words, we are encouraging student to have at least a solid \$5.00 commitment on the day of the event to get a t-shirt immediately!

## Prize Breakdown

**\*\$5.00** = Jog-a-Thon T-Shirt  
**\*\$50.00** = T-Shirt + Sutter drawstring shoe bag  
**\*\$100.00** = T-Shirt + Sutter drawstring shoe bag + Jog-a-Thon hooded sweatshirt  
**\*\$200.00 and Up** = T-Shirt + Sutter drawstring shoe bag + Jog-a-Thon hooded sweatshirt + entered into a drawing for restaurant and local business gift cards, electronics, and more!

**\*TOP MONEY EARNERS:** The top money earners will each receive a GRAND PRIZE!...to be announced soon...!

**\*TOP EARNING CLASS:** The class that raises the most amount of money for Sutter will receive a free dance pass! (Each student will get one free dance pass!)

**Dust off those running shoes and get ready to raise some money and run some laps!**



# SUTTER PTSO NEWS



Sutter's Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) would like to invite you to become a PTSO member if you haven't already done so. Memberships are \$25 per family. Also, donations above the amount are welcome and greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. Donation envelopes are available in the main office.

Some parents have asked why join PTSO, and where does the money go? Sutter's PTSO, unlike many other schools, basically has only one fundraiser each year – the PTSO membership drive. One hundred percent of the funds stay at Sutter and are used to support school programs. The PTSO funds pay for the celebrations at year's end – the 7<sup>th</sup> grade picnic and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade picnic at McKinley Park is a chance for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders to celebrate the end of the year with their classmates. For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, the PTSO pays for the big white tent and white chairs that give the Sutter Graduation ceremony such a classic, collegiate feeling in a beautiful outdoor setting. In addition to these events, PTSO donations are used for the teacher appreciation luncheon and purchase of school equipment & supplies. So, please consider joining.

## **Many thanks to the following families for donating to Sutter's PTSO thus far:**

Wendy & Jay Knowles, Pamela Hedrick, Megan Elsea & Paul Trudeau, Mark Harbison, Darcey Menger, Ellen Harding, Jeri Clark & Brian Grattidge, Mary Kennedy & Michael Nelson, Irene Bersola-Nguyen & Ngon Nguyen, Rosana & Parrish Chavez, Marjorie Morbitzer, Holly & Gil Sisneros, Jenny & Tom Harris, Eric Storm, Naomi & Walter Bahm, Laura & Jesus Sedano, Sandie & Brad Chin, Nancy Sumampauw, Craig Stevens, Martha Elena Flores, Elizabeth Hughes, Carolyn Foote, Doris & Duke Arakaki, Alexandra & Cris Hankins, Kathy Correia & Mark Cashatt, Roberta Franklin, Imtiaz & Shamima Ahmad, Daisy & John Piatt, Dana Daniels, Nita Davidson & John Skarstad, Karen Chan, Allison Branscombe & Robert Remen, Jill Stafford, Kathy Provenzano & Josh Hoover, Dana & Rob Wassmer, Patty & David Roberts, Elizabeth & Darren McCarthy, Rhonda & Michael Hankey, Blanca Nunez, Samantha Harris & Dante Henderson, Norman Lok, Jackie Yu, Lisa & Bryan Gardner, Lori Kammerer, Becky & Andy Boulger, Stacy Berndt & Bud Brown, Judy Morita-Joe, Robin & Dennis Wong, Lenna & Jim Ledesma, Annah & Calvin Sha, Julie Harlan, Kim Flores & Dave Jones, Lisa & Brian Maas, Julie & Mark Bradford, Leslie & Paul Nesley, Lanie Scott, Debra Long, Yogesh & Shalini Karan, Cathryn Hunley, Emily & John Yamamoto, Edie & Phil Nakamura, Ingrid & Doug Woods, Tina & Robert Lee, Hilary & Mark Franzoia, Kristi Omoto & John Fujimoto, Karen Uyeno & Jeff Hunts, Jean & Keith Kohaya, Cheryl & Christopher Holben, Colleen & Mike Rogers, Becca & Steve Trumbly, Angela Lloyd, Julia Baumhoff & Stuart Noda, Maria & Hector Sanchez, Mareva Brown & Patrick Kuske, Sheri & Brad Kragel, Diane & Martin Cogburn, Kathleen & John Derby, Shu Yaa Chen & Nelson Chan, Susan Dorenfeld & Evan Bloom, Bettzan & Steven Mar, Leighann & Bryan Moffitt, Jaime & Brian Collard, Eleonora & Arnold Sanchez, Anna Joy & Chuck Adelman, Carmel & Steffan Brown, Sandy Lynch, Lernik & George Shamoon, Sonia Cheah, Kishor & Saras Dutt, Shirley & John Waegell, Cindy Sonico, Karen & Philip Boerner, Bendan & John Blue, Susie Jones, Wilma Yee Ordiz & Benny Ordiz, Kellie & Jeff Randle, Maria & Sebastian Gutierrez, Marjorie Mar Liu & Bill Liu, Alice Tom & Raymond Wong, Karen & Mike Gunby, Hilva Chan, Irene & Niумаia Ravulo, Peggy & Rick Valine, Beth Robbins & Jeff Jonas, Sharon & Ron Maccini, Mary & Steve Gevercer, Traci Lee & Phillip Coonley, Mary David, Wendy Saunders & Mark Swanson, Sonia, Kent & Julian Borrowdale, Margaret & Pat Wong, Tracey & Robert Strack, Joanne & Ting Lee, Wendy & Austin Nodohara, Jana Din & John Lee, Cynthia Cooke & Steven Crooks, Lorraine & Steven Otani, Karen & Keith Adachi, Liz & Randy Coleman, Cesley Nixon, Rochelle & Mark Kaye

## **PTSO Meetings**

The meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Sutter office. For more information, please contact our Membership Chair, Margo Miyashiro, [margo.miyashiro@sbcglobal.net](mailto:margo.miyashiro@sbcglobal.net).