

FAMILY CLUB - OPEN MEETING

Friday April 16, 2010 8.30 – 9.30am

FC Board Present (FCB): Renay Williamson (RW), Judy Franzino (JF), Claudia Kalten (CK), Peta Shindle (PS)
Room Coordinators (RC) Present: Nubia Kunst (5)
Event & Committee Chairs (ECC) Present: Suzanne Gibbs (Art), Nancy Jordan
Other Parents: Mena Lew, Josefina Adrience, Denise Davis, Sharon Barnes

BOLD indicates action required.

Warner Family– We started our FC meeting with a prayer dedicated to the Warner family in light of their recent loss and especially to Jen, our faithful Room Coordinator. Mrs. Boyce was also remembered for her recent loss too.

Scholastic Book Fair - Reminder that it commences on Tuesday April 20th with specials and incentives running every day. School wide goal is that every child buys just 3 books and we will reach our goal easily.

Teacher Appreciation Week– Commences on May 10; it will be very similar to how we have celebrated our teachers in past Teacher Appreciation Weeks and we ask that parents take the time to go over the daily schedule with their children and brainstorm ways they can participate on a daily basis, throughout the week. Lots more info will come home soon.

Petanque Tournament – A reminder to get your entry forms in for our 1st Annual Petanque Tournament to be held on the field at Justin Siena on Saturday May 8. Just \$25 for an entrance fee for a 4 adult team, children will play for free and water and fruit will be provided. Bring a picnic and enjoy the family fun! Funds raised go to the “Let Your Light Shine” tuition assistance fund.

Fine Arts Recital - Suzanne Gibbs reminded us that St. John’s has our Fine Arts Recital coming up on Friday April 30, beginning in the school at 6.00pm with an art display and reception until 6.30pm in the school hallway, and then continuing over in the St’ John’s Family Hall for the live performances from 7.00pm until 9pm. In order to set-up the display in the school showcasing the art our grades 2-6 students completed during their art lessons, Suzanne needs one parent volunteer per class on Thursday April 29 from 1-3pm to assist her with their class display for the recital (It may not take that long). PS to communicate with the RC’s to solicit names and forward to SG.

Eric Carle Art – as mentioned in past FC meetings St. John’s will have the privilege of showcasing the Eric Carle inspired art that our students created school-wide, at the Napa City Council Hall, hosted by Arts Council Napa Valley on Tuesday May 18 beginning at 6pm with a small reception (it will continue to be displayed for the rest of May and a little of June). One piece per class (grades K-6) has been chosen to be on display at the City Council Hall but we encourage all of our families to swing by and see our art on display for the whole city to enjoy.

Principals Address:-

Smart Boards– Nancy shared that the teachers are getting a jump start and practicing on their new smart boards. Each class has been fitted with one and the teaching and learning possibilities with this innovative technology is endless. Come by and see them in action. The donation for the smart boards was also matched with a \$25,000 tuition assistance donation, and we are very grateful for the generosity of the anonymous donor.

Annual Fund – Nancy shared that one of the goals of the Development Committee is to generate 100% family participation in the Annual Fund. No matter how small or large the donation is, with 100% participation we will have better success with going forward for grants and gifts, able to show that although we continue to have financial needs to meet, our school families are 100% committed. More info will follow.

Room Coordinators – questions rose with regards to the process of selection of the RC positions. Suggestions made to open the invitation to anyone interested and also explore the possibility of having 2-3 RC's per room as we are learning that with little response from some classes, RC's are actually doing the work themselves - not the intention for the RC; they should mainly be communicators and volunteer gatherers. PS to f/up with NJ.

Volunteer Hour Tracking – question rose with regards to the validity or effectiveness of the current volunteer hour tracking system. Suggestion made to have all RC's and Event & Committee Chairs exempt from tracking volunteer hours as in the case of FC and SC Board Members. Clarification also needed as to whether volunteering within or for your class counts towards hours. i.e. If a parent goes on a field trip – are those hours counted, and if so, needs to be made clear on the VC Form. PS to f/up with NJ.

Next Family Club Meeting is Tuesday May 4, 2010