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May 2011

We are, unbelievably, in the final unit of the year! In every way the time has flown by. As the teachers and students look towards finishing well, the office staff is already thinking primarily about the fall. Read this letter carefully to learn about some new programs for 2011-2012.

### SYCAMORE EDUCATION and RE-ENROLLMENT

Thank you to the many families who have braved the unknown and re-enrolled your children online. After a rocky beginning, the program now seems to be working for most people, and many report that they think it is a better system. We have extended the reduced registration fee offer till Friday, May 6 and encourage you to take advantage of this. If you experience any difficulty in the re-enrollment process, please contact the office and we will walk you through it. There are some forms to complete at the end of the enrollment process that may not be obvious. Please look for the parent participation and emergency release forms at the end of the enrolment process. We have also emailed you a copy if that is easier.

### FUN DAY

**Friday, May 20 is FUN DAY** at Judson. Students will be released from class at noon for an afternoon of movies, games and competitions. **5:00 - raffle drawing** ; winners will be announced.

**5:30 - Micronesian BBQ dinner** will be served for all the family - adults \$5.00, children \$3.00

### FAMILY NIGHT: SPEECH MEET

All around the school students are memorizing poems and speeches and practicing their presentations in front of their classmates. Every class is looking forward to Speech Meet and having parents watch and hear their poems and speeches.

**Family Night: Speech Meet** will begin at **6:30 on Tuesday, May 10.**

The first event will be a musical presentation by KG - 6<sup>th</sup> graders, in the auditorium, led by Mrs. Asdarjian.

At **7:00 class presentations** will begin. Teachers will organize the order so parents of multiple students may be able to hear all their children.

Light **refreshments** will be available throughout the evening for your enjoyment while you meet and mingle with other Judson families. We look forward to seeing you all at this unique Judson event.

### RAFFLES

The competition is fierce as students go out into the highways and byways to sell raffle tickets and try to become the Biggest Seller! This year there are great prizes for the top three Biggest Sellers.

Tickets and money must be turned into the office by **Monday, May 16.** Make sure the ticket stubs are completely filled out - you will be putting each ticket into a container for the prize of choice.

*"With prize packages like these, the tickets virtually sell themselves!"  
- parent comment*

**Huge thanks go to Sarah Keever-Saunders for her perseverance and energy in collecting so many wonderful prizes.**

### SUMMER PROGRAMS

This year we are revisiting some of our successful programs from past years, and are adding some great new ones:

Intro to Kindergarten - **new**

Math Skills Builder

Algebra Work-up - **new**

Writing Structure and Style

English as a Second Language

Mandarin - **new**

Dance - **new** to summer school

Chess - **new** to summer school

Art - color, line and shape

Science - **new** to summer school

Fun Camp - all day for a week

Sports Camp - 2 weeks, mornings



*Please see the brochure and registration form attached to this newsletter for dates, times and prices. Please note that each class has a minimum number of students required to guarantee its being offered.*

**Registration for summer programs is due by June 1. If there is sufficient interest we may offer writing and math classes in both the mornings and afternoons so students could do both. Early registration will help us to plan for this.**

Some families are looking for an all-day option with extended care both morning and afternoon. Please notify the office if this would be helpful for your family.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT JUDSON

May	2	School resumes Choir 3:00 – 4:15
	3	Chess 3:00 – 4:00
	4	KG Mothers' Day Tea 8:00am
	5	8 <sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting 6:30
	6	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grades to Printing Museum <b>Deadline for re-enrollment</b> (extended)
	9	Financial aid forms available from office Choir 3:00 – 4:15
	10	Chess 3:00 – 4:00 Family Night - Speech Meet 6:30pm
	11	ACSI Art Festival – all grades
	13	Character Assembly* - boldness 8:00am Demo for summer science program – all grades 8:30am
	16	Choir 3:00 – 4:15 <b>Raffle tickets due in office</b>
	17	Chess 3:00 – 4:00
	20	ACSI Speech Meet: 1 <sup>st</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fun Day (free dress)/raffle drawing
	23	Choir 3:00 – 4:15
	23 – 26	5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grades to Palomar Camp science camp
	25	KG Shadow Day 9:00 – 12:00 Tea for new KG parents 9:30 – 11:30
	27	Free Dress Day (KG – 7 <sup>th</sup> ) Middle School Chapel* 8 <sup>th</sup> grade to Museum of Tolerance
	30	Memorial Day Holiday – no school
	31	<b>Financial aid applications due</b>
June	2	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> grades field trip to Columbia Space Center
	6 – 10	7 <sup>th</sup> grade service projects (local area)
	6 – 10	8 <sup>th</sup> grade missions trip (San Diego YWAM)
	6	Choir 3:00 – 4:15
	13	Earned Free Dress day
	14	Field Day & awarding of trophies – all school Talent Show – all school
	15	Free Dress day Last day of school – noon dismissal 8 <sup>th</sup> grade graduation 7:00pm JH Awards 7:00pm
	27	Summer School begins 9:00am

*We are looking for parents who could help us with securing items such as tall bookshelves for earthquake safety, and an outdoor container for disaster supplies.*

KINDERGARTEN IS FILLING UP!! If you know a Kindergartener still looking for a school for the fall, suggest they join us for our KG Shadow Day on Wednesday, May 25. Call the office for details, 626 398 2476.

Sign up for summer school and camps.....we have many exciting options this year.

## 2011 - 2012 CALENDAR - IMPORTANT DATES (provisional)

June 27 -	July 22	Summer School
July	25 - 29	Fun Camp
August	01 - 12	Sports Camp
August	24 - 30	Teacher prep days
August	31	First day of school
September	05	Labor Day
October	07	End of Unit 1
October	10	Columbus Day - no school
October	11	Teacher in-service - no school
October	28	End of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter
November	03	Noon dismissal/parent conferences (afternoon & evening)
November	04	Parent conferences - no school
November	08	Open House / Family Night - History
November	11	Veterans' Day - no school
November	18	End of unit 2
November	21, 22	Teacher in-service - no school
November	23 - 25	Thanksgiving Vacation
December	20	Noon dismissal - Christmas Musical 7:00pm
December	21 - 31	Christmas Vacation
January	02 - 03	Christmas Vacation
January	16	Martin Luther King Day - no school
January	20	End of unit 3/1 <sup>st</sup> semester
January	23	Teacher in-service - no school
January	24	Beginning of 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
February	20	Presidents' Day - no school
February	28	Open House / Family Night - Science
March	02	End of Unit 4
March	05	Teacher in-service - no school
April	02 - 05	Testing / Spiritual Emphasis
April	06	Good Friday - no school
April	09 - 13	Easter Vacation
April	27	End of unit 5
April	30	Teacher in-service - no school
May	04	Fun Day
May	15	Family Night - Speech Meet
May	28	Memorial Day - no school
June	10	End of unit 6
June	13	Last day of school / graduation and awards ceremony
June	14, 15, 18 - 20	Teacher work days

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS WITH  
THESE DATES!**

(05/03/2011)

### **NEW!!!!**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL OPTION**

We are realizing there are families who need more high school options than are available locally. We are planning to begin a small 9<sup>th</sup> grade class in the fall. The core classes will be from an accredited online Christian school, Alpha Omega Academy. If the requirements are met, students will receive their diplomas from AOA. Judson will offer supervision, individual and group tutoring, and electives such as art, PE and discipleship. We will keep the costs as low as possible - more details and a fee schedule will be available later this month. Please contact me if you are interested in this option or if you know any 8<sup>th</sup> grader who is still unsure about high school for the fall. We are having parent meetings periodically for discussion and sharing of ideas.

Diana Bjoraker

KINGS & QUEENS FOR A DAY

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades recently visited Medieval Times to learn about knights and castles as part of their study of the history of the Middle Ages. They joined the red and yellow knight's team and cheered him to victory!



Wearing crowns and waving flags.



Jenna Witherspoon – Queen of Love and Beauty!



Nain Ryu, Zion Kang and David Nam



Gaby Gutierrez and Mia Munoz



Hannah Lee (above) Star Kim, Mia Munoz and Gaby Gutierrez (below)



Natalie Augustus, Katy Mason, Emily Augustus



Sarah Beckler



Star Kim, Mia Munoz and Donna Diguero (above)  
Zion Kang, Sam Ye and Noah Kim (right)



Donna Diguero and Joseph Castillo

## TUG'O'WAR TESTS STRENGTH AND TEAMWORK

Judson students meet twice a year in a Tug'O'War team competition. This year's face-off was as fierce as ever as students pulled for team points and a trophy. Year-to-date totals: purple – 11250 points; blue – 10000; red and green – 8750 each.



Red Team – the winners: R to L: Sarah Beckler, Christy Ann Castillo, Melelynn Berdon-Haruo, Jake Medders, Gloria Yoon and Eric Yiu, watched by Chris Lee and Michael Pearson



Blue Team – 3<sup>rd</sup> place: L to R: Emma Cenac-Mehedinti, Josiah Nakayama, Gaby Gutierrez, David Dong, Sophie Berry, Hannah Beckler, Megan Castro, Marie Pearson and Matt Alleman



Green Team – 4<sup>th</sup> place: R to L: John Kwon, David Lee, Luis Saenz, Josiah Rojas and MinYoung Lee are cheered on by their teammates.



Purple team – 2<sup>nd</sup> place: L to R: Samuel Lim, Joseph Castillo, Star Kim, Jill Datema, Shaun Quinn, Rebekah Wells and Brad Kim



## WORSHIP WITH A DIFFERENCE

Recently, during spiritual emphasis week a group of young Micronesians men and women led a worship time for the whole school. Part of that time included a traditional stick dance. Viny Haruo, Tauson Otoko, Jaybert Haruo and Berni Martin kept the students attention as they expertly executed their moves.