

# The Sutterville Slate

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## Dates to Remember

- § **June 10<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 – 8:00 pm  
End of the Year BBQ  
Craft Fair  
Kings Jacket Raffle  
Music Festival
- § **June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Intermediate Awards Ceremony
- § **June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Sixth Grade Promotion Ceremony
- § **June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Last Day of School, Early Out 1:50
- § **September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
First Day of School 2005-2006

## 2004-05 PTA Board

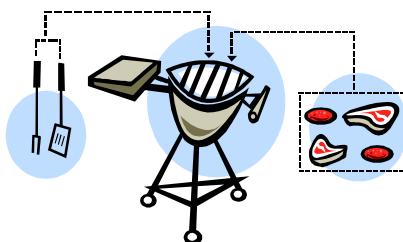
- § Denay DeGuzman, President
- § Lindsay Nevis, Vice President
- § Denorah Hall, Vice President
- § Mary Whisten, Vice President
- § Susan Yee, Treasurer
- § Becca Gonzales, Secretary

## Sutterville Fitness Pays Off!

Hats off to all the Sutterville students, teachers and parents who made this year's Sutterville Stampede a great success. It was an impressive sight to see all the runners and walkers in their Stampede t-shirts filling the field. Big thanks to the Romo family for donating the great looking t-shirts!

The money is still trickling in, but at this time we have collected over \$8,300 in pledges. That's fantastic news for Sutterville's many PTA-funded programs. The class with the highest pledges was Ms. LeBlanc's 4th Grade with \$921, followed by Ms. Loflin's 3rd grade, \$850, Mr. Carnie's 5<sup>th</sup> grade, \$755, and Mr. Kasitz's 1st grade, \$741.

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## End of the Year BBQ

This Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> is Sutterville's End of the Year BBQ. But that's not all! Yes, we will be BBQing hotdogs, chips and a drink all for only \$3.00 per dinner, but you will also enjoy the sights and sounds of our Music Festival featuring Hawaiian, Irish and Mexican dance groups along with our very own Sutterville Orchestra and Band! Sutterville students will be selling their handmade crafts, just in time for Fathers Day. The PTA will be scooping up Vic's Ice Cream Cones, our treat, as well.

So bring your picnic blanket and picnic basket, or purchase a yummy National hot dog and enjoy the festivities. What a wonderful way to say goodbye to all, and start our summer off with a BANG!



## The PTA President's Message

Hello Friends:

At this time I would like to thank each of you for being an important Partner of Public Education. Your support of the PTA this year, and over several years has been tremendously appreciated. As you know, this is my last year here at Sutterville, and I have enjoyed serving on the PTA board, being involved in so many terrific events, and meeting so many wonderful people. I will truly miss you all.

Your new PTA president Dinorah Hall is a very dedicated leader, and next year's board remains a strong and cohesive unit that is ever at the ready to assist where needed and help the principal, teachers, and staff maintain Sutterville as a school of excellence.

Time flies by quickly, and before you know it your little ones will be off to middle school - and then the clock will be counting down the years towards their leaving for college. I encourage you now to keep up your great volunteer spirit, as the time remaining is short, but your children will look back and remember your efforts in the years to come.

I wish you all the happiness life can bring!

Have a most enjoyable summer,

- Denay

## Sutterville Art Show

Hope you did not miss the PTA-sponsored Sutterville Art Show at Open House. The works displayed throughout the Courtyard and in the lobby included drawings, paintings and 3-D articles produced by classes and by individuals.

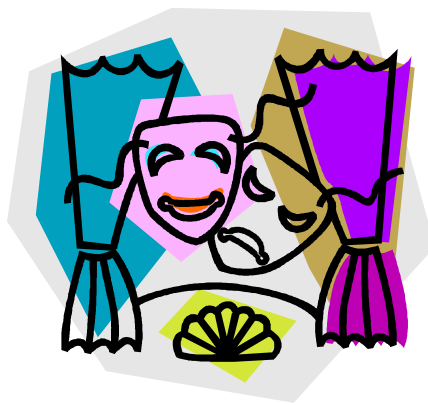
A highlight this year was the display of puppets made during Spring Art Day in May. On that day the whole school participates with each grade level making its own type of mask.

The K-1 students made paper plate puppets; the second grade, camouflaged frogs; third grade, people puppets on card stock; fourth grade, cornhusk puppets; fifth grade, paper bag figures; and sixth grade, shadow puppets.

If you were there that day, you could not ignore the well directed energy and sense of enjoyment and pride felt by the students and the many parents that helped.

Special thanks to Jac O'Casey, Alice Fong, Becca Gonzales, Susan Yee, Denise Modar, Mona Sindle, Karen Uyeno, Dinorah Hall and Claire Hurni for organizing each grade level activity. Thanks to Katy Spanos for organizing the event.

This event is a grand Art hurrah for the end of the year. It complements the in-classroom teaching given by our Artists-in-Residence, Alice Fong and Jeris Baker. Mrs. Fong and Ms. Baker teach six, ninety-minute sessions to the second, third, fourth and fifth grade classes throughout the year. Alice will not be returning next year – primarily because she will be preparing for a show of her work in San Francisco in 2007. We are fortunate however to have Ms. Baker agree to fill in the gap.



## Student Assembly Recap

This has been a great year for PTA-sponsored events. We started out the year with a local group called InterAct to entertain students during Back-to-School night.

In October, Phil Tulga taught math through music. Many of the parents participated at the Family Night in October where they made a drum from pipe and snappers from newspaper. Also in October, Mothers Against Drunk Driving gave a multi-media presentation with contemporary singers, which warned against using tobacco and drugs and urged students to observe safe behavior such as wearing seatbelts and helmets.

Jim Jaynes and his puppets made a last minute performance when we found out that Jim (now living in Minnesota) had an opening for Sutterville during his Sacramento tour in November.

Fantasy Theatre showed some pretty zany history in December and EthNo-Tec performed in January. We took a break until April when Jim Gamble gave a great puppet/marionette performance of Carnival of the Animals. This assembly was the lead-in to our May Art Day where all the students will make their own puppets.

Tim "T-Bone" also got our students warmed up for the Sutterville Stampede. We will end the year with several local groups performing for the End-of-the-Year Picnic on June 10. Performing will be the Sutterville Orchestra and Band and three dance groups – Irish, Hawaiian and Mexican. Come and enjoy this special event.

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## The Principal's Office

The 2004-05 school year is coming to a close and we have many accomplishments. Sutterville's strong family commitment to the school continues to be one of our biggest assets. The PTA has provided many enriching activities for our students with assemblies, art classes, library and computer furniture, and classroom supplies. Family members have gone the extra "mile" to complete the volunteer procedures that have been implemented this year. We now have a large number of volunteers that are cleared to drive students on field trips and work with small groups of students in the classrooms and on field trips.

The School Wide Support model (SWS) that was implemented this year has demonstrated student success in Open Court language arts assessments as well as student attitude and comfort level during the STAR testing time. It is quite evident to staff that our targeted instruction in reading (grades 1-6) and math groups (grades 3-6) makes a difference.

A School Plan for the 2005-06 school year is in the final stages of approval. This plan was developed to help us in our goal to provide the best education possible for all students at Sutterville. One key area that we have added to the plan is a focus area in Science. We are planning staff training in this area and we have had a former teacher, Mr. Kremer, developing science lessons that connect to Open Court units for each grade level.

It is always a bittersweet time at the end of a school year. We look forward to summer vacation and starting a new year in September, but we also are sad to say goodbye to our sixth grade students and families. We hope they will have fond memories of their years at Sutterville just as we have fond memories of them.

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September.

Diane Shada

## Support Sutterville All Summer!

It's the Loungechair Lady's favorite time of year—summer! That means lots of time for relaxing, vacations, reading, entertaining and of course, shopping. Even though school's out, you, your family and friends can still support Sutterville with very little effort and at no cost to you! With minor changes in your shopping habits, Sutterville can benefit from shopping rebates from retailers where you regularly shop anyway. Here's how:

**Raley's Quality of Life Card:** Right after you pull into the check-out stand, whip out your Raley's Quality of Life Card and make sure they scan it before you pay for your purchases. Don't have a card? Check the school office or Raley's customer service booth at the store and ask for one. You'll need to go on-line ([www.raleys.com](http://www.raleys.com)) to activate your card and designate Sutterville as your beneficiary.

**Safeway and E-Scrip:** Have you patronized the new Safeway in midtown? Don't let your switch in grocery stores prevent you from benefiting Sutterville. Safeway's store card can be linked to e-scrip ([www.escrip.org](http://www.escrip.org)) and a percentage of your purchases, again, head Sutterville's way. Ask for a store card application at the customer service center in the store (the card also entitles you to discounts on grocery items). You'll need to go on-line to activate the card and designate Sutterville. In addition to Safeway, you can register credit, debit and store (such as Macy's) cards and earn even more.

**Mail-Order Scrip:** If you haven't already, it's time to stock up for summer with mail-order scrip. Check with Kim Woodruff in the office if you need to replenish your supply or give it a try for the first time. Scrip makes great gifts for summer wedding, birthdays, end-of-year teacher gifts, and more.

**School Cents:** If you like spending a day strolling Arden Fair Mall, you can register your purchase receipts at the customer service counter on the first floor outside JC Penney's and earn points for Sutterville. We've raked in thousands of dollars in the past and all it takes is a few minutes of your time.

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**Schoolpop.com:** Are you enthralled with shopping on the Internet? Use Schoolpop.com as your portal to hundreds of online retailers and Sutterville earns a percentage of your purchase. Everything is there from large on-line retailers to smaller merchants.

**Target:** Use your Target store card or Target Visa and earn rebates for Sutterville from this trendy big box retailer. You'll also earn rebates when you make purchases at other retailers using the Visa card. Pick up an application for either or both the next time you visit Target. Make sure you designate Sutterville.

Have a great summer. Enjoy the relaxing pace and sun-filled days. And don't forget to get in lots of lounging time.

## Stampede

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Best of all, EVERY class contributed something. All the participants did really well out on the field, and they are all to be congratulated. The high-lap runners did especially well, running five and nearly six miles in the 45-minute time period. Great job!

### Intermediate Boys

- 1st: Ryan Nevis (23)
- 2nd: Ryan Uda (22), Nick Modar (22)
- 3rd: Andrew Noseworthy (21)

### Intermediate girls:

- 1st: Madeline Pado (19), Juliana Blue (19)
- 2nd: Hannah Neville (18), Maggie Hitchings (18), Jasmine Barba (18)
- 3rd: Nkauj Thao (16)

### Primary girls:

- 1st: Eleanor Hunts (19)
- 2nd: Casey Shannon (17)
- 3rd: Deja Ballard (16)

### Primary boys:

- 1st: Chad Riley (21)
- 2nd: Noah Tait (20)
- 3rd: Anthony Alehandrez (19)

A very special thanks to the organizers, John Blue, Laurie Hensley Roy Modar and Jenny Hitchings. This wonderful and profitable event is a tribute to all your hard work!

## Celebrating Spring Art Day

Thirty tables spread through the Sutterville campus. Five hundred plus students engrossed in making their own individual puppet. Lots of happy involved voices. Lots of parent help and support. This was Sutterville's Second Annual Spring Art Day.

Earlier in the year, students had seen performances by two well-known and respected puppeteers – Jim Jaynes and Jim Gamble. Just a month before art day, Jim Gamble presented the Carnival of the Animals, showing a variety of puppets and marionettes.

This year's theme was Celebrating Ourselves Through Puppets. The day itself was the culmination of much work by Sutterville parents who developed the ideas for each class and were there to provide encouragement and help for the students. Each grade level had its own style of puppet – paper plate faces, camouflaged frogs, card stock figures, cornhusk figures, paper bag puppets and shadow puppets. Last year's theme was Masks.

The puppets created were part of the annual Sutterville Art Show that takes place during Open House. This non-competitive show presents student artwork, whether created at school or elsewhere. An observer listening to students looking at the Art Show is struck by the pride of a student showing their work to friends and family and the appreciation of other students for the work they are viewing. The colorful display of the puppets created by all the classrooms were striking to the parents and friends visiting at Open House.

Principal Diane Shada and teachers welcome the opportunities to bring art to the school. They recognize the value of art to complement curriculum and to expand and enhance the knowledge of the world outside of the school. We are also fortunate to have an artist-in-residence program for grades 2-5. We thank local artist's Alice Fong and Jeris Baker for enriching our student's lives.

All the art activities are sponsored and funded by the Sutterville PTA. The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Council helps fund the Artist-in-residence program.

## Sutterville Thanks Alice Fong

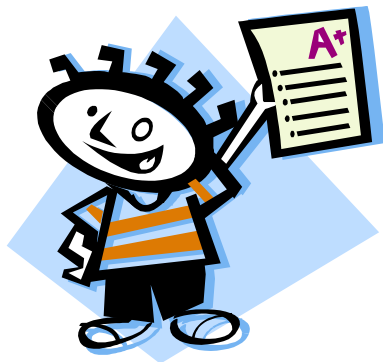
During our Spring Art Day, we bid goodbye to Alice Fong, one of our Artist in Residence. Mrs. Fong will be preparing for a show of her work in San Francisco in 2007.

Several hundred students, parents and teachers gathered together to say thanks and present her with flowers and cards. We surprised her with this outpouring of appreciation, but she also surprised us by presenting us with a piece of her art. Look for it in the lobby the next time you are there. You will see it as you exit the building towards the cafeteria. The artwork is a serigraph, or screen print, in six colors titled "Caring Hands".

On the back of the print there is a lotus that symbolizes the gift of purity and love and a pearl, which symbolizes the gift of wisdom and beauty. These gifts she says "are attributes of all who give with their Caring Hands". On the front, she recognizes the Caring Hands of Sutterville's Teachers. Also in the lobby, on the left as you exit towards rooms 1-5, you can see the mural that Mrs. Fong did with Mr. Carnie's fifth graders last year. The mural illustrates the environmental theme that we all live downstream.

## Apple iPod Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Cindy Riegert, winner of an iPod at the recent Open House raffle. Several other families won gift cards, movie tickets and a gift certificate from Freeport Bakery. Thank you to the nearly 100 families who turned in their surveys. The PTA is currently compiling the information you provided and will use it to craft our budget and calendar of events for next year. We will also use input obtained from a spring teacher survey as part of our planning process. Your efforts will ensure that our next school year will be an exciting and enriching one for our children.



## Assemblies

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Other special activities included Song and Poetry, with John Cann and Ken Cooper presenting a different musician and poet after which the students write their own poems. This year we also expanded Science Night – a hands-on event started by Ron and Delva Kramer to the daytime so that each classroom had the opportunity to try out the different activities.

PTA also funds several grade specific assemblies. The fourth and fifth grades enjoyed Jim Sorenson, the Mountain Man and Ken Cooper lead the students in Songs of California and the West. Ken also does the Kindergarten Sing.

Studies show that students learn better when the lessons they learn, whether related to the classroom, personal safety or tolerance, are reinforced in other ways. We are fortunate indeed to have the opportunity to present so many good local and out-of-town performers.

We are also lucky to have had the great duo of Linda Ching and Katy Spanos booking assemblies for the last four years. This is Linda Ching's last year at Sutterville but we still have a year with Katy Spanos. We are looking for a new team to go forward for the next four years so if you are interested in helping, please contact Katy Spanos (395-8045) or any PTA board member.

## Meet the New PTA Board

Elections were held at the Open House and we are proud to announce the PTA Board members for the 2005-2006 school year.

- § Dinorah Hall, President
- § Lindsay Nevis, Vice President
- § Kate Spanos, Vice President
- § Mary Whisten, Vice President
- § Becca Gonzales, Vice President
- § Susan Yee, Treasurer
- § Karen Uyeno, Secretary

We would like to thank the members of the 2004-2005 school year on a job well done. Every year brings positive additions to the enhancement of our students experience and this year was no exception.

The Sutterville Board is a working board. These volunteer members all head committees and work the events. Without their efforts, none of these activities or events would happen.

We would like to thank you all! For you new Board members, we welcome you and thank you in advance for your efforts.

## Your PTA Funds at Work

Income - Tamale Dinner	\$1,340.50
Preorder Tamale	\$180.00
Subtotal	\$1,520.50
Change fund	- \$200.00
Total	\$1,320.50

Expenses –	\$650.53
La Esparanza	\$485.70
Beverages & paper products	\$148.53
<u>Tortillas</u>	<u>\$ 16.30</u>

<b>PROFIT</b>	<b>\$669.97</b>
Breakdown - Profit from Dinner	\$597.97
Profit from Tamale order	\$72.00

