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Rampaging Stampede Raises Bucks!

Rod Beale, *Slate Reporter*

On Friday May 8, the Sutterville Stampede took place on the Sutterville soccer field. This jog-a-thon was divided into primary grade and the intermediate grade groups. This wonderful event was put together to help fund various school programs including music and art.

Every year, the runner with the most laps in the amount of time given wins a prize, usually a book store gift card. Every lap around the field is about ¼ mile. This year, the first place student in the intermediate boys group was Noah Tait. For the intermediate girls, the first place person was Jamie Seaton. For the primary boys, Amos Karlson came in first, and for the primary girls Leeza Wong, Sophie Minter, and Maya McCarley tied for first. Congratulations to all of them!

Amazingly, this year's run raised \$3800! The Stampede is a fun-filled exercise and fundraiser that happens annually. Everybody should donate to this worthy event. It takes a lot of work to organize it and many people worked hard to make it happen. Thanks go to all of those who made this year's Stampede a wild success!

Sutterville PTA Financial Review

Laurie Hensley, *PTA President*
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As we approach the end of the school year, we are able to see that Sutterville's PTA has weathered this year of financial insecurity pretty well. Of course, all of the credit for that goes to our wonderful and generous Sutterville families and staff. Thank you!

Some events were down, as was spending. Some events were up, which made the final outcome far less painful. On the following page is a recap of some of our larger events and activities.

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School News

Heads Up for Our New Head Teacher

Rachel Turney and Alexa Selby
Slate Reporters

Sutterville has a new head teacher following the departure of Ms. Leblanc. The head teacher is the substitute principal for when the principal is gone. *Slate* had a chance to interview the new head teacher, Mr. Rolleri.

Slate: How do you feel about having to be head teacher now that our old head teacher is not here at this school?

Mr. Rolleri: I'm looking forward to it. It will help me when I become a principal. It's good practice.

Slate: What do you like and dislike about having to look after students when the principal is gone?

Mr. Rolleri: I enjoy working with all students, even when bad things happen. I dislike it when students are sent to my class and it disrupts my kids' learning time, but I do like solving problems.

Slate: How long to you get to be head teacher?

Mr. Rolleri: As long as I am at the school, I am head teacher, unless Ms. Aoun fires me.

Slate: What does someone have to do to get your job?

Mr. Rolleri: To get my job you have to have Ms. Aoun's trust.

Slate: What does Ms. Aoun expect from you?

Mr. Rolleri: Get all sides of the story and to have a consequence that matches the action.

Piano Power

Kean Brock
Slate Reporter

Mr. Doolittle organized a piano recital that was held on April 1st. Many Sutterville kids played piano songs, such as "Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Heart Club Band," "Take Me Out To The Ball Game," and "Oh Suzanna." The concert lasted about 40 minutes and included more than 20 performers, including Louis Cashatt, Kean Brock, Shaina Zuber, Rod Beale, Lani Lo, Inga Manticas, Kevin Feng, and Dmitriy Naumenko. Dmitriy played some complicated songs very well. Mr. Doolittle organized the concert to get little kids interested in music.



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	Budgeted	Actual
Fall Festival	\$2,100	\$7,400
Innisbrook Gift Wrap	\$4,500	\$5,375
PTA/Direct Donation	\$3,500	\$5,510
Sutterville Stampede	\$6,000	\$3,800
Cookie Dough	\$3,200	\$2,300

We are left in a strong position for the 2009/10 school year, but we certainly plan to be prudent as we move forward. We have some strong areas of potential growth, notably the e-scrip and Q-card programs, which cost nothing to use and provide a rebate to the school on all purchases. Even in a down economy, we still have to eat!

Sutterville Students Make History at History Day

Kean Brock, Noah Cruz, and Shaina Zuber
Slate Reporters

On March 7, the 2009 Sacramento County History Day competition was held at American River College. This year's theme was "the Individual in History: Actions and Legacies." History Day is a competition for students in grades 4 through 12. They chose an historic figure and made a poster, PowerPoint presentation, website, or play to show how that person changed history.

This was a great year for Sutterville! In addition to winning "School of the Year" at the Sacramento County competition, there were many student winners. From Mr. Donachy's 5th-grade class, Christine Bonilla, Lani Lo, Inga Manticas, and Shaina Zuber won top honors and made it into the State competition. Kyle Fuji, Aaron Wong, and Kean Brock were their alternates.

From Ms. Apperson's and Mrs. Donachy's 6th-grade classes, Gregory Olivia, Ashley Dong, Chloe Del Duca, and Guillemma Subia-Smith made it to State, as did Connor Daniels in the individual website category.

The State competition was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Sacramento April 30-May 2nd. Two Sutterville students were honored as alternates in the 4th/5th grade group poster competition: Inga Manticas and Shaina Zuber for their poster on Joseph McCarthy.

Congratulations to the student winners, and to all of the students and teachers who participated—everyone put a lot of effort into their work.

B Street Theatre Play

Inga Manticas
Slate Reporter

This year Fantasy Festival Number 23 came to Sutterville. The Fantasy Festival includes performances of plays written by students from elementary and middle schools in California that are acted out by five actors from Sacramento's B Street Theatre. This is an annual event at Sutterville, but the plays are always different. The four plays were "Pixie World," "Lost and Clueless," "Freddy the Time Traveling Hamster," and "Alien Invasion."

"Alien Invasion" was written by Dmitriy Naumenko and Wei Ou from Ms. Apperson's SWIS class. It was about two skater dudes who rescue the president from outer-space aliens.

"Freddy the Time Traveling Hamster" was also a student-written play. It was broken up into segments and a segment was acted out between the other plays. "Freddy" was about a hamster that travels to different time periods to find his owner's show. It took place in the future, so one time period was 2009, which was in the past!

All of the plays were well-written and performed!



Sutterville students dressed for success at Sacramento County History Day

Pennies Help Peace Prevail

Shaina Zuber
Slate Reporter

This year, Ms. Cann decided to raise money for the charity Pennies for Peace. Pennies for Peace is an organization founded by Greg Mortenson, an American man who climbed a mountain in Pakistan and got lost. While he was lost, some people in a small village took him in. In return, he promised to build them a school. After he got home to the U.S., he began raising money to build schools and buy school supplies for schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Ms. Cann's students went to other classes and asked students to bring in pennies, and only pennies, to contribute. In the end, the class raised an amazing 125,566 pennies, or \$1,265.66. Contributing to Pennies for Peace helps show people in the Middle East that Americans want to help them. Ms. Cann has one final message: people should think about doing random acts of kindness.



Upcoming Events

May

- 25 Memorial Day Holiday
- 27 Open House
- 28 Sutterville Showcase

June

- 2 Multi-Cultural Night
- 3 Orchestra Concert
- 11 Last day of school
- 12 4th R closed
- 29 Summer school begins

September

- 8 First day of school

Tobacco is Wacko

Rod Beale and Isabella Riddell
Slate Reporters

This year marks the third year of the annual anti-tobacco plays performed by Sutterville's 5th grade students. These plays send out a good message: Don't get in the habit of smoking!

The plays are, amazingly, all student work. They wrote the scripts, made the props, and act them out. The five-week process includes grouping, choosing the topics, writing the plays, rehearsing, and performing. The students in each class are divided into seven groups. Each group is assigned a topic: addiction, peer pressure, stinky breath, no money, poison, "I can't breathe," or "Hey, wait up!" Each group is then free to write about whatever they want as long as it is related to one of the topics and tobacco.

All of this took hard work and help from Mr. Alexander, who is an actor, director, and writer for the B Street Theatre. Performances will be on Friday May 22 in various classrooms.

They've Got the Beat

Rachel Turney
Slate Reporter

Room 16, Mr. Rolleri's class, went to the Mondavi Center to see Ladysmith Black Mombazo, a group of singers who came all the way from Africa. People from all around the globe came to see them work their magic. The group of eight to ten performers did dances to match the songs. Although most of their songs were in a different language, they were still cool to hear. The songs were about their home and beliefs. At the end of the performance, they brought up people from the audience to teach them their dances. The best part was when the teachers came up and danced and sang. It all ended with a loud bang!

Out and About



Sly Park 2009

Noah Cruz

Slate Reporter

The 6th Grade students went on the annual trip to Sly Park during the week of April 20th. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. At Sly Park, there were four girls' cabins, four boys' cabins, and one teachers' cabin. The girls' cabins were named after trees: Douglas Fir, Manzanita, Black Oak, and Incense Cedar. And the boys' cabins were Raccoon, Fox, Rattlesnake, and Porcupine.

The students went on many fun hikes on mountains, through creeks, and to lakes. During the time we were on the hikes, we learned a lot while still having fun and exercising. Some hikes were brutal, but most were not that hard. For me, the best hikes were to the creek and lake. At the lake, my group saw a snake and other creatures.

We also learned how to make paints with rocks we found by the creek. We wet the rocks and rubbed them together until color showed, and then we applied it to our faces, arms, and legs. In our free time we played ping-pong and basketball.

Overall, Sly Park was a great experience.

A Camp That's Out of This World

Inga Manticas

Slate Reporter

On Friday, April 24th, Mr. Donachy's 5th grade class attended Space Camp at the Challenger Learning Center. Space Camp is a one-day camp for kids, featuring a simulated spaceship ride and a session at Mars Control. The students' mission is to replace the crew already on Mars with a new team and get the old team home to Earth safely. Every student depended on his or her fellow students to keep them alive!

The students launched two probes to Mars' moons. There were eight teams of students on the mission and each team had a job. For example, Communication sent messages back and forth from the spaceship and Mars Control, and Remote studied rock samples from Mars. The Probe team was on a race against time to launch the probes before the end of the mission! The students had to figure almost everything out by themselves. The field trip to Space Camp taught Room 22 students about both space and teamwork.

Medical Museum

Gus Garvin

Slate Reporter



Do you have heart problems or a deadly fever? The fourth graders can help heal those and lots more after having taken a field trip to the Sierra Sacramento Valley Museum of Medical History. While the Beatles were singing in the 1960s, medical scientists were making artificial heart valves. Do you have smallpox? I doubt it, because Edward Jenner created a vaccine out of cowpox, and most people are now vaccinated against it. Lots of bed sores? You could have been in the Iron Lung, because of polio that people suffered from for 60 years. But polio is long gone now, because the polio vaccine was invented. Nobody likes to eat germy blood, right? Wrong! Leeches love it, and doctors use them to stop blood clots!

Wacky News and Views



Slate Reporter Abducted!

Andrew Summerell
Slate Reporter

Sutterville Slate reporter Gus Garvin was seen being abducted by (possibly) Plutonians! First, a tractor beam was activated on the field to run tests on the boy. The distraught journalist reported, “I can’t remember the tests well, but they took me to their planet and worked me as a slave.” He was later rescued by a top secret NASA probe, referenced only by its code name, Columbus. Is there an alien invasion coming our way?!

Sizzling Summer Sensation

Gus Garvin
Slate Reporter

This summer I am going to my beach house in the middle of a volcano. It’s on an island in the middle of a molten lava ocean. I will bring my family, my dog Rosie, and a couple of friends. My job would be a professional lava surfer. For fun I would lava surf and play weird volcano instruments. To go to my island, I would put on my lava-proof suit and swim. I would not have to do homework, go to school, or do chores. My big party at the end of my vacation would have a lot of weird music and volcano candy.

Brad Pitt Turns into the Octopitt!

Rod Beale
Slate Reporter

On Saturday March 14th, fishermen found Brad Pitt’s face on an Octopus off the coast of Japan. Brad had been missing since February 17th and his girlfriend, Angelina Jolie, confesses that they watched the old movie *Octo-man* the day before. She says “he wanted some alone time on the beach so I let him walk to the beach and I haven’t seen him since.”

Gratuitous Gossip

Inga Manticas
Sutterville Slate

Johnny Depp enters Marshalls with a new girlfriend. Fans and cameramen go wild. But why? America has become a celebrity-centered society, largely because of the popular, yet pernicious, culture of gossip magazines. Countless Americans read gossip magazines, like *People*, *Star*, and *US*, which spy and report on many celebrities’ personal lives and relationships. Stars are people just like us and they don’t deserve to be pestered and judged. Some might say the celebrities like it, but many of them probably don’t. Almost all of us dislike the idea of paparazzi, but we still read magazines that the paparazzi sell pictures to. Would you want the paparazzi photographing your every move? I sure wouldn’t!

Choconomenon

Shaina Zuber
Slate Reporter

“Ew!” comes cries from the table full of kids. “Not you, too!” a girl exclaims. A kid had just consumed carrots, mustard, and ketchup in chocolate milk! Putting food items that do not normally go with together in chocolate milk is becoming a familiar sight at the lunch table at school. These gag-worthy mixtures now include chips, wonka nerds (disgusting on their own), tomatoes, rice and carrots. Jackson Yoder of Mr. Donachy’s fifth grade class was where this all started. He says he has been doing it since kindergarten, when he noticed that cookies taste good in milk. Always curious, Jack decided to see what else tasted good with it. “I strongly feel that kids should do what they want,” Jack said in response to a question about whether he cared if others were using his idea. Who knows what crazy combinations kids will try next?