



Culverdale Elementary School



Koala News



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OPEN HOUSE TONIGHT!



6:00—7:00pm

UPCOMING DATES



Open House - Early dismissal @ 1:05	4/17/08 6pm
Kindergarten Round Up	4/24/08 6pm
CBET Class (Community-based English Tutoring)	4/24/08 6pm PAC
Jog-a-thon	4/25/08 8:15 - 11:30am
Koala Pride Ceremonies	
Grades 4-6 (8:10am)	4/30/08
Grades 1-3 (8:10am)	5/01/08
Kindergarten (11:00am)	5/02/08
STAR Testing	5/05/08 - 5/16/08

Principal's Corner

Dear Culverdale Families,

HELP NEEDED! The PTA is in the process of selecting a new board of officers for the 2008-09 school year. PTA is vital to the success of our school. Our PTA works hard every year to raise funds to support a full time Health Clerk, a full time Library Media

Assistant, classroom allowances for teachers, school assemblies, book fairs, fieldtrip scholarships and other wonderful projects that support the students here at Culverdale. With dwindling funds coming from the state each year, schools have relied on local PTAs to support the school with ongoing needs. Culverdale is truly dependent on the funds raised annually by our wonderful group of PTA volunteers. The PTA is searching for parents who can provide time and effort to support Culverdale by assisting with annual fundraisers and school events. If we don't have the parent volunteers to run these events, they just won't happen.

The loss in funding would be detrimental to our school. Please think about getting involved. SEE THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR A DESCRIPTION OF PTA POSITIONS AND A SIGN-UP FORM. If you are interested in being a board or committee member, please sign up at Open House tonight, send in the attached form or contact me personally at anixon@iusd.org. We welcome your expertise and ideas! Looking forward to seeing you tonight,

Allie Nixon, Principal

Jog-a-thon Update



The Jog-a-thon, which takes place Friday, April 25, 2008, is the biggest fundraiser of the year. Culverdale counts on the Jog-a-thon proceeds to help pay for our Health Clerk and Library Assistant as well as assemblies and other family events. Please show your support for your school by sending in the donation pledge envelope and encouraging your child to do his/her best running for Culverdale.

Please consider volunteering to help at this event. Each class needs adults to mark lap cards and count donations. Sign-up sheets will be available in each classroom tonight. You can also email tspitler@iusd.org or call the front office at 936.5600. Thank you to the many volunteers that have been planning this great day.

Each year the Jog-a-thon just gets better, and this year is no exception. We have a fun morning planned! Each child will receive a Jog-a-thon t-shirt so everyone can show their

school spirit and Koala Pride on the day of the Jog-a-thon. Congratulations to our t-shirt contest winner **Jessica Tsai** from Mrs. Smith's 6th grade class. Please stop by the outside of the principal's office to see all of the t-shirt contest entries. Students will also receive water during the run and popsicles after the event. There is even a special SURPRISE GUEST scheduled to make an appearance this year!

Following are the running times for each grade level in case you would like to cheer on our Koalas:

8:15 - 9:00am 3rd Grade, ELD and County Classes

9:00 - 9:45am Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

10:30 - 11:15am 4th, 5th and 6th Grades

Thank you for your support of this important event! It takes all of us doing our part to create a great place for kids!



CBET Classes Begin Next Week

If you are interested in developing better English skills and learning how to help your child perform better in school, you won't want to miss the CBET classes.

The FREE eight week session begins April 24th in the Culverdale PAC from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Babysitting is available. Contact the school office if you are interested.



Kindergarten Round-Up April 24, 2008

If you have a child that will be starting kindergarten next year, please plan to join us for Kindergarten Round-Up next **Thursday, April 24th at 6:00pm.**

This is an opportunity to hear about the kindergarten program, meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and turn in registration packets. This event is for parents only. Sorry, childcare is not available.