

Cunha Connection

SPECIAL DATES OF INTEREST:

FEBRUARY

- 1 AVID TO USF
- 2 FRESHMAN 2012-13 PARENT MEETING 6:00 PM HMBHS MU
- 6 8TH COURSE SELECTION FOR HMBHS 2012-13 DUE TODAY
- 7 MINIMUM DAY— STU DENTS DISMISSED AT 12:33 BAND BOSOTERS 3:30 CUB BOOSTERS 5:45 LIB
- 10 DANCE 6:30-9:00 PM GYM
- 13 ED FUND 4 PM PTA 6 :30 PM
- 16 SSC 3:30
- 20-24 PRESIDENT’S WEEK-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 8TH GRADERS TO WASHINGTON D.C.
- 29 SKYDOME MU

MARCH

- 1 ELAC 6 PM
- 6 BAND BOOSTERS 3:30 CUB BOOSTERS 5:45 LIB
- 12 ED FUND 4 PM PTA 6 :30 PM
- 15 SSC 3:30
- 16 END 3RD QT.
- 19 CONCERT @ HMBHS 7 PM
- 20 MINIMUM DAY— STU DENTS DISMISSED AT 12:33 CONCERT @ HMBHS 7 PM
- 21-23 CUNHA COUNSELORS VISIT 5TH GRADE CLASSROOMS
- 26-30 BOOK FAIR IN LIBRARY
- 27 5TH GRADERS VISIT CUNHA CAMPUS
- 28 OPEN HOUSE 6:30 PM MU EVERYONE IS INVITED!

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PROMOTION CEREMONY-ADVANCE NOTICE

This notice is for you advance planners who like to be well prepared. The 8th grade promotion ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 6th, 2012, at 6:30 PM on the high school football field.

Entrance will be by ticket only and they will be distributed on a limited basis per family in June. Appropriate attire for the 8th graders for the evening include clothing that one might wear to an

evening meal in the city or to church, please no tuxedos, or evening gowns (nothing strapless) or limousines. We want to continue with our tradition of presenting a dignified occasion for students. In addition there may be some who become ineligible to participate in the ceremony due to academic difficulty (low grades in their 8th grade year) or continued unacceptable behavior.

As in the past, we will publicly recognize those students who have earned outstanding academic honors with the Presidential Academic Achievement Award. To receive this distinction, a student must fulfill all of the following criteria: GPA - An overall 3.3 (B+) average during the three years at Cunha including the fall semester of the graduating year and scoring at or above 85% on the Reading and Language Arts portion of the STAR test.

OPEN HOUSE AT CUNHA

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 28 @ 6:30 for the annual Cunha Open House. This evening will begin at 6:30PM. The classrooms will be open from 7:00 PM for you to venture through, meet staff members and view the many fine products of our students.

We will conduct a new student orientation at 6:30 PM in the M.U. for our incoming 5th grade students. The parent orientation will be prior to Open House. This provides an opportunity for incoming parents to come and learn about the school and programs and then be able to go out to

the classrooms and meet Cunha teachers. Incoming 5th graders will have already visited our campus during the month of March.

We hope these activities will help ease the transition from Elementary to Middle School. Please join us for this most enjoyable evening.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Cunha heroes. Each week a select group of students are nominated by members of the Cunha staff for their recent accomplishments on a test, project, assignment, improvement, extraordinary cooperation, outstanding assistance or contribution to a Cunha staff member.

Uriel Morales

Alexis Núñez

Ian Goldback

Olivia Lovewell

Michael Parks

Geraldo Peñaloza

Leila Snyder

Sam Walker

Alyssa Longaker

Ronaldo Acosta

Jean Howell

Antonio López

Rudy Bravo

Josh Mutto

Adam Syme

Saúl Cacho Plancarte

Ysabella Co-Chein

Dulce Pérez

Anna Piccolotti

Kimberley Quiroz

Michele Ahumada

Jonathan Valencia

Nicole Laughlin

Emilio Bautista

Lane Wills

Grace Hagy

Ryan Yerby

Cesar Covarrubias

Anahi Quevedo

Claire Messina

Hugo Plancarte

Kristina Arella

Kimmie Odasz

Brenden Shull

Julia Nauman

Brittany Gutiérrez

Haley Anderson

Katherine Dioli

Andrew Pantera

Leslie González

Betzy Vega

Haley Hatcher

José Sarabia

Andrea Alvarado

Gavin Cooke

Ricky Camacho

Lily Ruiz Aguilar

Nicky García López

Bryant Nah

Hannah Giles

Danielle Brazil

Olivia Abramson

Tristán Madayag

Addison Walling

Sophia Pintarelli

Drew Zioncheck

Andrew Olivero

Jared Mansukhani

Lupita Conde-Sánchez

Madison Barmore

Cendi Sarabia

Lia Verlander

Kendall Freeburg

Ryan McLarty

Haley Anderson

Jazmin Velasco

Shane Cunningham

Melissa Acosta

Daniela Castro-Corona

Freddy Herrera

Megan Boling

Rodolfo Etchart

Alma Murguía

Dominic Padua

Alegra Spano

Robert López

Fabiola Villegas

Hayden Von Almen

Ricardo Camacho

Rebecca Ramírez

Polet Garduño

Molly Jenkins

Héctor Moreno Rico

Natalia Jones

Allison Hawkins

Felipe Patiño

Alfonso Ortiz

Musa Syme

Federico Weigold

Silvia Navarette

Alex Dennison

Sarah O’Keefe

Julia Neal

Amanda Nelson

Hart Ayooob

Kailey Cline

Christian Martínez

Sam Walker

Amanda Stockwell

Luis Galindo

Eduardo Montalvo

Alyssa Heinzman

Alma Munguia

Katarina Ellis

Nayeli Villanueva

Joel Luis

Chanti Murphy

Víctor Altamirano

Shannon McMillian

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH Congratulations to:

Please take notice of the following list of very special students. They have been selected as Cunha's Students of the Month. They receive head-of-the-food line privileges, a letter sent home to parents and recognition via the P.A. system to peers as rewards. The students are nominated by a teacher and the final selections are made after careful review by a committee.

Carly Bunuan

Ana Cordes

Austin Fotinos

Molly Jenkins

Alexandra Boville

Shenoa Satterlee

Yohana Conde-Cocoletzi

Sam Treanor

Rodolfo Bravo

Jean Howell

Laurel Hinshelwood

Keynin Ramirez-Ruiz



CUNHA BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

The Cunha Book Fair is coming to our School Library on March 26-30th, 2012. Our Library see an average of 250 –300 students per day, providing resources and books for teacher and students, computers for school work, a place to do homework or even a movie on a rainy day. Our

Library has a constant flow of students and staff. We supplement the resources needed to provide these services, books and materials by holding a Scholastic Book Fair. Please think about how you can help with our book fair. Come support our library by pur-

chasing books and other great merchandise, email Jill Impink at jil-limpink@yahoo.com to help staff the fair.

NEWS FROM THE CUNHA ED FUND

To those who have donated- Thank You. We do it for the kids! If you haven't received your thank you/ IRS note please call me at .

To those who haven't donated yet, we need your support. This is our only request for money and it helps every student at Cunha School. Any amount is graciously accepted.

Here is how our program works:

1. You can make your donations either as a lump sum or via monthly contributions. Your tax-deductible donation will go directly to **Cunha Intermediate School.**

2. Your donations can be paid by check (payable to the Cunha Intermediate School Ed Fund), credit or debit card (Visa/ MasterCard) Or via direct debit from you bank account.
3. **Please mail it to us** (see address below), or **drop it off at the school office.**

4. Please see if your place of employment participates in a "matching donation" program; this option is an effective way to increase the impact you can have on school funding. Also, if your employer has donations through United Way, designate Cunha as a recipient.



Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks for helping us to help our kids.

Marion Lacey
President
Mailing Address:
Cunha School
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Half Moon Bay 94019

EXPANDING YOUR HORIZONS

The 32th annual San Mateo County Expanding Your Horizons Conference will take place at Skyline College in San Bruno on Saturday, March 17th, 2012 from 8:30 AM to 3:15 PM. This conference is for 6th to 12th grade young women and inter-

ested adults to learn about career opportunities at Skyline College. More information: Your math teacher or <http://skyline.edu/eyh>.



{ *Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.*
 —Abraham Lincoln }

WELL KNOWN AUTHOR VISITS CUNHA



On Friday, April 27, 2012 6:30PM in the multi-use room, Cunha School & the HMB Library is honored to present a visit from **Author Guadalupe Garcia McCall**. She will be presenting her first book for young adults "**Under the Mesquite**". A book written in verse.

Under the Mesquite is a story about Lupita, a young teenager, and how she and her family deals

with the illness of her Mami, who has cancer. "Suddenly a high school student, Lupita deals with difficult friends, starring in the school play and realizes that even writing becomes less important than doing whatever it takes to save Mami's life."

Ms. McCall was born in Piedra Negras, Coahuila, Mexico and immigrated to the U.S. when she was six years old. She grew up in

Eagle Pass Texas. Guadalupe went to Sul Ross State University to become a teacher. She lives with her husband Jim, their three sons, a dog and two cats.

This presentation is open to everyone and is free of charge.

CUNHA SCIENCE FAIR 2012 FINALISTS!

Winner-Max Jenkins
Runner-up-Eduardo Acosta
Trenter Biology Award- Alexandra Boville
Ellis Ecology Award –Mika Weissenberger

Name	Project	Place
Andrew Goldbach	Effect of Light on Plants	1
Martine Nelson	Salty of Sweet	2
Kailani Bowers	Eco vs. Non-Eco Detergents	2
Alexandra Boville	Look Who's Coming to Dinner	1
Evan Marshall	Effects of different Sweeteners on Yeast	2
Zach Silverman	Hidden Bacteria	2
Emma Spaeth	Supersized	1
Michael Provencio	Bumps and Humps	2
Ellie Henretty	What's my Age Again?	2
Lukas Kelly	Manmade or Natural	1
Mika Weissenberger	Global vs. Local Burrito	1
Will Fullerton	Mushroom mania	2
Emma Reynolds	Salt Intrusion	2
Claire Messina	Our Ever Changing Ocean	2
Graham Faust	A Rainbow of Energy	1
Eduardo Acosta	Energy Alternatives	1
Olivia Hedding	Art of the Ace	2
Omar Droubi	Music and Energy	2
Aiden Wolk	Angles of the Whistle	2
Max Jenkins	To Dab or not to Dab	1
Hart Ayoob	Electrolyte Showdown	2
Helen Fisher	Invisible Soap Bubbles	2
Hannah Giles	Pain, Pain Go Away	2
Allegra Spano	Sugar Crystals	2

YEARBOOKS ARE STILL ON SALE!

Remember that you can still purchase your copy of the 2011-12 yearbook. Simply go online
www.jostensyearbooks.com

The cost will be \$45.00 and personalization will no longer be an option. This price will be valid only until May 2012.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As the year begins to wind down I would like to remind you to review the Cub Agenda with your child(ren), paying particular attention to our conduct and dress codes. I bring this up as a way of assuring continued safety at Cunha. We have had a great year, and expect it to continue. With your help, we will maintain a safe and secure campus, where the children are free to pursue their academic, athletic and social interests. Please remind your child (ren) to stay on task, be on time to school and stay focused.

Newly Enrolled Parents and Students: Please read the Cub Agenda and be familiar with the rules and review them together so there will be no problems at school. Please call Mr. Williams with any questions regarding any rules or dress code regulations. Thank you and have a wonderful rest of the school year.

CUNHA PTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Yes, it's only just February, yet amazingly, end of the school year is fast approaching! It is time for the PTA to prepare for the 8th Grade Promotion reception, on June 7th.

We are searching for parents to coordinate this even so that it is most enjoyable for the 8th graders and their parents. It is preferable that a 6th or 7th grade parents

coordinate this effort.

Do your part now so you can enjoy you own child's promotion in the future! Last year's coordinators were very organized and have provided us with excellent information to make the preparation and execution simple. If you're interested please contact Cunha School or leave a message in the PTA box. Thank You!

Friendship is a plant of slow growth and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation. -George Washington

IMPROVING COMPREHENSION-PREPARING FOR STANDARDIZED TESTS!

Reading comprehension is a part of most standardized tests. How can you help your child improve her understanding of what he/she reads?

Try a "paired reading" with your youngster.

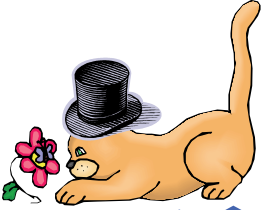
1. First, you and your child silently read the same part of a story, an article or a textbook. Try two or three paragraphs to start.
2. Next, listen while your youngster summarizes aloud what he/she has just read. He or she might say, "I learned that sedimentary rocks are made from pressure." After he/she is finished summarizing, offer your corrections or additions to what she heard. Example: "We also learned that igneous rocks come from cooling lava."
3. Then, each of you read another two or three paragraphs and change roles. Switch back and forth until the whole story, article, or chapter is read.

Note: This activity is a good study aid for subjects like science or history, and it builds listening skills.

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February Dance

Please note that we will have our Valentine Dance on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 6:30-9:00 PM in the Cunha gym. Cunha dances are open to all **current** 6th, 7th and 8th grade **CUNHA STUDENTS ONLY**.

They are chaperoned by teachers and parents, and complimentary refreshments are available, as well as slices of pizza for a nominal fee.

Because this dance tends to be heavily attended, I ask for your assistance with the following:

- * Students **must** be picked up **IN-SIDE** the gym and escorted out by a parent or responsible adult (car pooling is greatly encouraged). At

CABRILLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
498 Kelly Avenue Half Moon Bay, CA 94019
Regular Board Meeting -Junta Regular de la

Mesa Directiva

Calendar-Calendario 2012

Thursday/Jueves 9-February/Febrero

Thursday/ Jueves 8 March/Marzo

Thursday / Jueves 12 April/Abril

Thursday / Jueves 10 May/Mayo

Thursday / Jueves 31 May/Mayo

Thursday/Jueves 28 June/Junio

If you plan to attend these meeting and require an interpreter or would like a translated agenda please call 712-7149.

Si planea asistir a estas reuniones y necesita un intérprete o le gustaría tener la agenda en su idioma por favor llame a 712-7149.

the conclusion of the dance, parents will enter via Kelly Ave. and exit through either of the two doors at the rear of the gym, the door at the corner of Kelly and Church or the main door that you entered.

- * Your best parking will be on Church Street, near the M.U. room.
- * Please pick up your student or students **promptly at 9:00 PM.**
- * Students not picked up **by 9:05 PM** may be ineligible for the next dance.

Your cooperation with these procedures will help maintain an orderly flow of tired students and parents.

