
CPNS News

Alumni Issue



Cooperative education is alive and well at CPNS

There was a time when many wondered whether cooperative education could still exist in our ever busier society. I am happy to report that the co-op spirit is still alive and well at CPNS. All of our classes are full, we have wait lists, and the school is abound with creative energy. Parents gather in class and outside of school to share highs and lows. They learn and laugh together while developing relationships which support them

through these demanding times. It is rare that a job goes undone, it seems there is always someone asking "how can I help?" or saying "let me do that."

Together we are strong. Today's parents are building on the legacy you left behind. Thank you for loving CPNS, sharing information about our school and supporting us for all these years.

I look forward to celebrating CPNS's 50th birthday in 2011. I hope

you will come to our reunion. Please contact me if you would like to be on the planning committee for our big 50th bash!

Teacher Nancy
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Nancy Rahimi

New Playground Coming Soon

This year is the year for a new CPNS playground! Our current equipment has been around for almost 20 years and needs to be replaced to make it safer and to comply with various outside regulations. Don't worry,

we won't be getting rid of the beloved sandbox! Bill Enloe (a current CPNS dad) and Nancy Rahimi (our fearless director) have been working hard to get feedback from the community, to survey the health of our

trees, to meet with playground companies and to draw up a plan. Our goal is to have a new playground in place by the end of spring break. Wish us luck, and make sure to come by and try it out when it's done!

Carlmont Parents Nursery School

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Calendar: Fall 2009
Registration

- **In-house/Alumni Priority Registration** begins Monday January 26, 6.30pm (ends February 2)
- **Open House and New family registration** For parents and children - Saturday February 7, 10am-12 noon

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From the President

It is difficult to not mention the momentous events that have recently occurred, and the spirit of change that has undoubtedly affected us all. Whether it is a feeling of hope or the belief in oneself that anything is possible, I feel a new sense of confidence not only amongst our member families, but perhaps most surprisingly, in our children. As my family sat glued to the television watching the inauguration of our first African-American president, it was once again in the words of my now five-year-old daughter that I found the most encouragement of hope for our future. She

asked why it had taken so long for "us" to have a young president. For her, seeing someone with darker skin than her own is something not even worth mentioning. It's the same for her as saying that some of us have blond, brown or black hair, or blue, brown or green eyes. What she noticed, based on her limited experience with our past presidents, was the fact that he appeared younger than the others. It was truly refreshing to think that hopefully our next generation will grow up in a world without racism, and that all of us have the potential to accomplish our dreams.

In the spirit of caring for our families and community, CPNS continues to be a place where all children can learn and grow amongst all the change that is constant around us, providing a wonderful foundation for their future...perhaps even one as president of our country. As alumni, I thank you for all you do and will do in the future towards making this a better world for children and their families.

Happy New Year and all the best!
Andrea Kirk, Board President



A bit of CPNS History passes

On a sad note, we received word from Andy Noceto about the passing of his mother Barbara Noceto, aka Teacher Barbara. Barb started as a parent at CPNS in 1965 when her son Tom was a student of Teacher Eileen (Smith). Shortly after Tom graduated, Barb became one of

the teachers. She continued to teach at CPNS until around 1985 when she retired and moved to Stockton to take care of her mother.

Barb told Andy that when she died he should let CPNS know

and that if there were anyone who still remembered her, to tell them how deeply they touched her life. There will be a memorial in January. If you would like to attend or send your regards, please contact Andy at noceto@sbcglobal.net.

Community Events

This year I am so excited about being the Community Chair at CPNS.

I strongly believe it takes a 'village to raise a child' and that a strong community builds self-esteem and provides a support structure to families. In this fast paced, diverse and busy world, CPNS is the village that I had been seeking. It is a safe and warm place where families know and trust each other. My goal is to enrich this warm and loving environment. I wish to encourage families to create even stronger bonds in their community by getting to know each other better. This year, in addition, to Spooky



Social and Pizza Nights, we have had a fun-filled family hiking event along the Bay trail. The scenery was beautiful and the parents got some gentle exercise. The kids had a blast too as there were some playgrounds along the way! A big thanks to Justine Walsh, our Event Team Lead, for organizing this.

At our Winter Celebration this year, I had the honor of playing accordion with a new Parent Band called 'Mistletoe Jam'. We provided live music entertainment at our Winter party. Mistletoe Jam is a motley crew of 6 musicians (3 Dads and 3 Moms). We had guitar, keyboard, accordion, percussion

and vocals. Popular Holiday Hits like 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Feliz Navidad' and 'Drummer Boy' were played. It was a pleasure for me to see children, parents and teachers dancing to the familiar tunes. I would like to especially thank Wes Chang, our guitarist and vocalist, for his part in the creation of this group and for giving it the direction we needed.

Big thanks also to:

Ray Lin, keyboard and vocals

Katie Lipka, vocals

Ruth Bennett, vocals

Bill Boynton, percussion, vocals and 'comedy'

Thérèse Dunne, Community Chair



CPNS Enrollment

Our school is fully enrolled in all classes with a growing wait list for a couple of core classes. For Fall 2009/2010, alumni families are invited to submit applications beginning on Monday January 26, at 6:30pm. Priority registration for current and alumni families will end on February 2. Please check our web site

(www.carlmontparents.org) for the enrollment forms.

Our Open House will be held on Saturday February 7 at 10am-12 noon. This year, we will be taking applications from new families during the Open House. Our alumni families are our best recruiters. So if your friends and family are looking for a fabulous

preschool, please let them know about CPNS and our Open House!

Please contact Mei-Hsia Tan at (415) 819-5890 or

membership@carlmontparents.org for more information.

Online Auction Update

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First, I would like to thank all of our alumni (old and new) who contributed to our first ever online auction last year. It was great to feel your presence in support of our happy little pre-school! With your help we cracked the 10k mark, helping to put the wheels in motion for the playground renovation and to give a little extra back to our fabulous faculty.

Save the date! Friday, March

13th the online auction will go live at 8pm and will run on ebay for 7 days. Keep an eye on the CPNS website for auction details, we will post a link to a list of all our items once the auction goes live!

This year's online auction is off to a fabulous start, lots of new and interesting items are coming in every day. We will still have a portion of the auction (you know, with all the really cool CPNS-centric items) that is restricted to members of the CPNS com-

munity, so if you run across one of these, just drop us an email and we will get you on the privileged bidder's list! If you have any questions about the auction, would like to donate, participate or just watch the numbers fly, feel free to email our auction team

at: cpns_auction@yahoo.com

Happy Bidding!
Kimberly Unger
CPNS Fundraising Chair

Dear Alumni

As you are contemplating your not for profit giving, we would appreciate it if you could keep CPNS in mind—"the place where friends meet!"

Yes, our family would like to donate to CPNS! We would like to help by contributing:

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 Other: \$ _____

Please apply this donation to the following fund:

Scholarship Capital Improvements Reserve Fund
 Site Improvement Unrestricted

Please mail check to CPNS, 751 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA 94002 in the envelope provided.
Thank you!