

CAMBRIDGE STREET UPPER SCHOOL

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Parent Caregiver Organization (PCO) Meeting -TONIGHT - 6:30-8:00 PM

School Site Council Meeting - Wed. Oct. 9 - 6:30 -8:00 PM

NO SCHOOL - Oct. 14 (Columbus Day) and Oct. 15 (Eid Al-Adha)

October 8, 2013

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

There are two very important meetings taking place this week that would benefit greatly from your participation.

Tonight we have the PCO meeting at 6:30 p.m. The PCO is the primary caregiver group organized to build community, conduct fundraising activities and support teachers. The agenda includes the election of the PCO Vice President and the Treasurer, the development of a Fall Community Event to bring families together, identifying this year's Fundraising Activities and also a discussion about End of the Year Trips in the spring. Your input and assistance to the PCO is needed. I encourage you all to attend and to consider taking on some of the tasks needed to enable the PCO to be a vibrant and inclusive representative of our diverse school community.

Tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m., the School Site Council will host a meeting to discuss parent-teacher conferences, curriculum portfolios, and other methods for sharing student progress. You are invited to meet with staff and other caregivers to help shape the various formats we will deploy to keep families abreast with the CSUS teaching and learning program and how our children are progressing this year.

By now you should have received the results of your child's performance on the Spring 2013 MCAS Exam from Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). MCAS is a standards-based student assessment that aims to evaluate scholars, the school and the district performance. It is only one measure that we use to assess our performance as a school and our effectiveness in teaching our scholars. Our Accountability Status is Level 1 which means we are meeting the DESE goals. We are proud of the achievement and we will continue to strive to reach high levels in all areas.

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CSUS educators meet daily in various cohorts to increase the effectiveness of our instructional practices; to enrich our teacher to scholar engagement; and sustain a systemic team approach to teaching and learning. Our cohort sessions include professional development in Inclusive Practices, Cultural Proficiency, Content Focused-Coaching, Student Support and Response to Intervention. In addition, the administration and our content-focused teams are examining data from the MCAS and other annual assessments so that we may gain a critical understanding of what is working and what needs attention. We continue to identify improvement strategies and supports. We will keep you informed throughout the year as to our efforts and progress.

I hope to see you at one of this week's very important meetings. I hope that you will find ways this year to continue your active support of our Wonderful Work in Progress. A perfect way to extend your support is to join the PCO and to support the School Site Council. You do not have to show up for every meeting or attend every event but helping with efforts from your home or on the phone is just as valuable. I hope you will help us as you are able.

Thank you for your continued support!
Peace,

Manuel J. Fernandez
Head of School

Today is the deadline for all families to opt-in for the family contact books. If you want your family's information listed in the contact book go to <http://contactbooks.cpsd.us> and submit your information by 9:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.