

January 31, 2012

Quarter 3, Week 4

CPSC Weekly Update

...words of wisdom from John and important dates to remember

From the Director...

Dear CPSC Families,

Saturday night's Save Our Arts (SOA) fundraiser was electrifying! The student rock musicians were tremendous, and in many ways a rocking example of the power of a project based school. CPSC is guided by the principle that when you allow students' passions and interests to guide learning, wonderful things are created! Learning at CPSC has many qualities, and four were demonstrated during the student rock band camps: learning in the real world, personalized learning goals, family engagement, and authentic assessment. How we carry out these characteristics of learning defines our school culture. While the Strawberry Festival displays CPSC commitment to service learning, Save Our Arts exposes our commitment to creating an environment that allows people to develop their distinctive human capacities. The last song performed, "Shout" by Chemical Reaction, should be a theme song for our school's commitment to developing our students' communication skills, social reasoning, and personal qualities.

Megafaun band member Phil Cook began the night wondering who could have imagined being in a rock band in fourth or fifth grade, performing in front of a sold out crowd. We have his wife and our librarian, Heather Cook, to thank for making this a possibility for our student performers! CPSC is so fortunate to have on staff Heather Cook and Paula Januzzi-Godfrey, the creative forces behind SOA. This was Heather's fourth SOA but her first as a librarian and mother! Heather's vision of a student-centered fundraiser for the arts gets better in every way each year. And Paula's classroom-centered fundraising efforts make everyone feel they have contributed to the success of the event. Hats off to Heather and Paula!

Lastly, we appreciate everyone's support during Friday morning's unfortunate break-in. Thankfully the losses were minimal, and as a few of our students commented, we're grateful that none of the "important and valuable" things (student work) were destroyed or stolen.

John

Important Dates to Remember

Wed., Feb. 1	Early Dismissal , After School Program begins at 1:30PM
Tue., Feb. 7	CPSC Elmo's Diner Day/Night (<i>Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner</i>)
Tue., Feb. 14	Parent/Child Make It-Take-It Night 6:45-7:45PM
Thur, Feb. 16	School Council Meeting 4PM in the Art Room
Fri, Feb. 17	ALL SCHOOL SOCIAL: FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30-8:30PM