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# Faria Falcon

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Faria Academics Plus School



A California Distinguished School 2010 •

Back to Basics • Traditional Setting

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Cupertino Union School District  
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## Calendar

Tonight	6:30 p.m.	Written Spelling Bee Test in GLC
Nov. 18	Friday	School Spirit Day - Twin Day
Nov. 18 & 28	Friday & Monday	Kindergarten Conferences
<b>Nov. 21-25</b>		
Nov. 28	Monday	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Wednesday	
Dec. 2	Friday	
Dec. 8	Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	Wednesday	6:45 p.m.
Dec. 19-Jan. 2, 2012		Winter Break

### Thanksgiving Break

SSC Meeting  
Picture Re-take Day  
Report Cards Go Home  
Oral Spelling Bee  
PTA Board Meeting  
FEEF Board Meeting  
Winter Break



## Principal's Message

### Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving is a time for family and friends. It is a time to appreciate one another.

Here at Faria, we have much to be thankful for. We are thankful for our wonderful students who come to school every day eager and ready to learn.

We are thankful for FEEF, PTA, SSC and all our supportive parents who volunteer in a myriad of ways at school, and sponsor fundraising activities. We also appreciate our parents working as a team with our teachers and staff to support our students.

We are thankful for our dedicated teachers who spend countless hours preparing a quality learning experience for our children. We appreciate our support staff for their dedication to helping us educate our students, keeping the school functioning smoothly and doing these tasks with a smile.

We thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to Faria.



The Faria Staff sends best wishes to you and your family for a very happy and memorable Thanksgiving.

*Mrs. Tsolinas*

## Written Spelling Bee Tonight

Tonight is the Written Spelling Bee in the GLC. Only those who have signed up and paid the \$5.00 may attend. **Please arrive at 6:15 p.m.**

## Geography Bee at Faria



FEEF is proud to sponsor the first ever Geography Bee competition here at Faria. The National Geographic Bee is a nationwide competition for children in grades four through eight, to encourage the teaching and study of geography, and promotes a better understanding of international relations, economy, cultures, environment, etc.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National\\_Geographic\\_Bee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Geographic_Bee) describes a typical format for holding the GeoBee at the local level. Please look for the GeoBee registration forms in your child's

Thursday Weekly Folder in the following weeks. It will contain more information about the format of our local competition here at Faria.

The local level competition at Faria is to be held in the second week of January. Specific dates and timelines will be provided in the registration packet. The packet will also contain pointers to study material for the local competition.

There are other study materials as well. Please explore the GeoBee website, at <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/study-corner> for more details.

If you have any questions, feel free to send an email to [geobee@faria-feef.org](mailto:geobee@faria-feef.org).

Your hosts: Paru, Ashwath, Sanjay.

## Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) Talent Search

Each year, the Talent Search gives bright students the opportunity to challenge themselves academically. Qualified students take an above-grade-level test that assesses their mathematical and verbal abilities and provides valuable information for educational planning. Resources available through this program include regional family programs, a magazine, a science website for the students, a parent book club, and summer programs and online courses for the students. Students in grades 2-5 who scored at the Advanced Level in language arts and/or math on the STAR test are eligible to participate. If your child has not been tested, you may indicate "Parent Nomination" on the form. See <http://cty.jhu.edu/bin/o/e/nomination.pdf>.) If you are interested in this program, you may pick up a packet of information, which includes the application form, in the Faria School Office.

For Qualifying Test, indicate "State Test." The school code for the form is 9501428. If you have questions, you may contact Karen Petti-

bone at [Pettibone\\_Karen@cusdk8.org](mailto:Pettibone_Karen@cusdk8.org) or (408) 252-0706 ext. 139.

## PTA Membership

The 1st membership drive ended on September 17. Faria PTA would like to thank you for your generous donations and extend a warm welcome to all its new members.



We are beginning our 2nd membership drive today. For those of you who didn't get a chance to become a member yet, the form is available in the office. Please take a moment to fill it out, attach the check (\$17 only per membership) and send it in your child's folder.

And, stay tuned - in the next week's Falcon, we will be disclosing which room was the winner of our 1st membership drive!

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## **2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR**

The Board of Education just approved the 2012-2013 school year calendar during the board meeting held on November 15, 2011. The full calendar is available on the District's website at [www.cusdk8.org](http://www.cusdk8.org). Here are the important dates for the District and Murdock-Portal Elementary School for next year:

	2012-2013 District Calendar (All schools except Murdock-Portal)	2012-2013 Murdock-Portal Calendar
Students Return	August 20, 2012	August 13, 2012
Labor Day	September 3, 2012	September 3, 2012
October Break	(Murdock-Portal only)	October 8-19, 2012
Veterans Day Observed	November 12, 2012	November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Recess	November 19-23, 2012	November 19-23, 2012
Winter Recess	Dec. 24, 2012-Jan. 4, 2013	Dec. 24, 2012-Jan. 4, 2013

Martin Luther King Day	January 21, 2013	January 21, 2013
Mid-Year Recess	February 18-22, 2013	February 18-22, 2013
Spring Recess	April 15-19, 2013	April 8-19, 2013
Memorial Day	May 27, 2013	May 27, 2013
Last Day of School	June 12, 2013	June 25, 2013

## **IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Students must be residing in the District at the time of registration and be available for any necessary testing.**

**Registration and Open Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year is as follows:**

- Kindergarten Registration for all Attendance Area Schools: February 6 – February 16 at the respective attendance area school.** Any child who will be five years old on or before November 1, 2012 is eligible to attend kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year. Only parents/guardians may pick up a registration packet at their attendance area school beginning January 30, 2012. Registration packets are numbered sequentially **except at Stockmeir Elementary School as this school site will hold a Kindergarten Lottery.** The registration number on the packet is only valid for packets returned between February 6 through February 16, 2012. Packets returned after February 16, 2012 will not be eligible for the District's Lottery and registration will be on a first come first serve basis.
- A Stockmeir Elementary School Kindergarten lottery has been added to the 2012-2013 school year registration process as of November 14, 2011. A Kindergarten lottery for Stockmeir Elementary School will be held on March 1, 2012** for Kindergarten students whose parent/guardian registered during the Kindergarten Registration window February 6– February 16, 2012 only. Please visit the District's website at [www.cusdk8.org](http://www.cusdk8.org), for more information

regarding the Stockmeir Kindergarten Lottery for the 2012-2013 school year. At Stockmeir only, packets returned between February 6 – February 16, 2012 will be included in the Stockmeir Kindergarten Lottery. Packets returned after February 16, 2012 are not eligible for Kindergarten Lottery and registration will be on a first come first serve basis.

- Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Registration for all Attendance Area Schools: February 1 – February 3, 2012. (Satellite Sites: Regnart and John Muir)** • A child is eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if a child will have his/her 5th birthday between November 2 and December 2, 2012. You may register your child for Transitional Kindergarten at the District Office, Student Assignment Department, from 8:30-3:00 p.m. Please visit the District's website at [www.cusdk8.org](http://www.cusdk8.org) for more TK information.
- Open Enrollment Requests: February 10 - 16, 2012 at the School of Desired Attendance.** *All in-district kindergarten students must be registered at their attendance area school before requesting Open Enrollment to another attendance area school or an Alternative Education Program. Stockmeir Elementary School, however is a closed site and will not be available through the Open Enrollment process.*

The District's open enrollment process is a clear statement of the Board of Education's policy to offer parents choices to meet individual student needs whenever possible. If you would like your child to attend another school (except Stockmeir Elementary School) next year for any reason, Open Enrollment or Alternative Education procedures must be followed. Detailed registration information is available on the District website or by contacting the Student Assignment Office, (408) 252-3000, Extension 110.

During Open Enrollment/Alternative Edu-

cation Registration, requests may be made to **one school only**, and forms should be completed at the school of desired attendance. As district enrollment continues to increase, space for open enrollment transfers may be limited at some schools or specific grade levels. If your child is not selected for the school requested during the open enrollment period, parents may apply to other schools beginning April 1, 2012.

- **Alternative Education Program Registration (Faria and Murdock-Portal grades K-5; McAuliffe and Mandarin Immersion grades K-8): February 10-16, 2012.** Parents who do not already have a child in a particular alternative program are required to attend a program information meeting and school tour before applying for that program. Please contact the appropriate school for meeting/tour dates and other program information.
- **Registration for new students in grades 1 – 8 begins March 1, 2012**

## **CEEF'S 2012 GALA: "AN EVENING OF ALOHA"**

Saturday, January 28, 2012

5:30 p.m.

The Fairmont Hotel, San Jose



Please join the Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation (CEEF) for an "Evening of Aloha" on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the Fairmont San Jose (170 South Market Street San Jose, CA 95113).

This year we will be celebrating the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) Teachers of the Year with a special program in their honor featuring the vocal talent of Superintendent Phil Quon accompanied by Collins Elementary

School Teacher Shawn Davis, 'ukulele musicians, and the dancers of Hula Halau 'O Ku'uleinani. NBC Bay Area Weekday Morning Traffic Anchor Mike Inouye will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The purpose of the annual CUSD Teacher of the Year program is to recognize outstanding certificated staff members who are nominated by their peers for their exemplary contributions to their school community.

For tickets and additional information about this event, please visit [www.ceefcares.org](http://www.ceefcares.org).

CEEF works in partnership with the District, parents, and local businesses to provide educational opportunities for our students beyond what is possible through state funding alone. Since 1984, CEEF has invested more than \$16 million in our schools and teachers.

Additional information is available at [www.ceefcares.org](http://www.ceefcares.org)