## **CLIPPER MONTHLY**



## November 2023

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## Calendar

November				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2 CUSD Board Meeting	3 Muir Sports Day: Dress in sports gear Parade Meeting
6 Communitea @ Muir 8:30am Muir Pick up Science Fair Posterboard	7 Muir Chinese Language Contest @ 2:15pm	8	9 CLIPCO Board Meeting - 6pm @ Muir GLC Miller Veterans Day Assembly	10 No school (Veterans Day)
13	14	15	16 CUSD Board Meeting Miller Turkey Trot Muir Pick up Science Fair Posterboard	17
20	21	22	23	24
No School - Thanksgiving break 🦃 🖃				
27	28	29	30	



#### **Social Media**



**CUSD Clipco** 

Calendar events and times subject to change.

## Calendar

December				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
				1 Muir Spirit Day – Pajama Day
4	5	6	7 CUSD Board Meeting Grade 4 Brunch on Us	8
11	12	13 CLIPCO Board Meeting - 6pm @ Muir GLC	14 CUSD Board Meeting	15
18	19	20	21 Non-student day (no school)	22 No school
			See you	January 8!!

#### **Social Media**



@CUSDCLIPCO



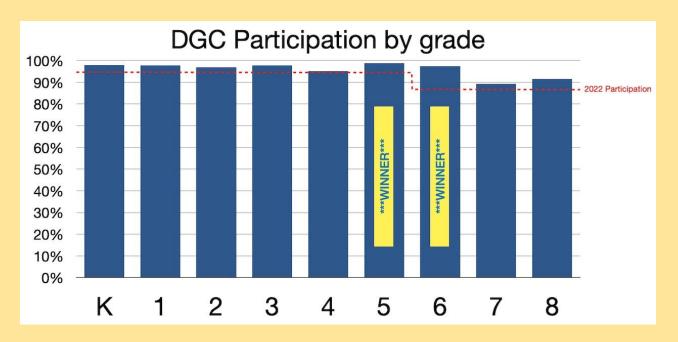
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## **Direct Give Campaign (DGC)**

**THANK YOU!** The DGC has come to a close, and we want to extend our sincere thanks to each and every one of you for your inspiring support.

**PIZZA WINNERS** – Congratulations Grade 5 and 6 for winning the pizza party! Your grade reps and/or room parents will be in touch soon.



**RESULTS** – This year, we raised \$442,652, just shy of our goal (\$468k), and we expect to see \$138,025 in company matches. Thank you for your diligence to ensure your donation is matched by eligible employers.



**HOW DID WE DO?** Please take this survey to provide your feedback so we can continue to make our community stronger. All responses are anonymous:

https://forms.gle/4N2bbPHMtnbuP1SeA

#### **Meet the First Grade Teachers**

Mrs. Judy Chen 楊老師 Room 3



#### What's the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is seeing my students smile when they have solved a problem by themselves. It is the great aha moments that make me feel happy.

#### What's a special memory you have of the kids?

A special memory I have of the kids is sharing my room with them while they are eating lunch. Besides eating, they shared their thoughts and stories. It was the time spent together with the kids that made it special.

## Anything else you'd like to share with the CLIP community?

To the CLIP community, thank you so much for your support and help, it means so much for your child that we are working together to help them grow. Thank you, and you are the best!

Ms. Juiling Sung 宋老師 Room 4



#### What's the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is the privilege to connect with a lovely and lively community where I can work with like-minded staff, be appreciated by supportive parents, and be surrounded by students who look up to me.

#### What's a special memory you have of the kids?

One of my cherished memories is from a former student who approached me at the end of his 5th grade, saying, "Ms. Sung, you are my favorite teacher!" Another touching moment was when a parent confided in me, "My daughter had thought of quitting Chinese until she met you." I value all the positive feedback, whether expressed in words, smiles, or through cards adorned with drawings or writings from students and parents. I hope that the time I've spent with students will leave behind fond memories in each young heart.

## Anything else you'd like to share with the CLIP community?

I am very proud to be a part of the CLIP community and appreciate all its support! I would love to see it grow even better and stronger!

#### **Meet the First Grade Teachers**

#### Ms. Louisa Liang 梁老師 Room 15



#### What's a special memory you have of the kids?

One of my favorite memories from last year is watching my students feed Peanut. I enjoyed bringing her and making my students excited about school. To our surprise, it seemed that Peanut was able to tell my students apart. During feeding time, she remembered and liked to approach the ones who had been very gentle with her. My students last year loved Peanut and often included her in their literature and artworks.

Mrs. Anna Tsai 蔡老師 Room 16



#### What's the best thing about your job?

What I find enjoyable about my job is that it often doesn't even feel like work. I love what I do; it brings me joy to be with a new group of children each year and witness their growth and development. The constant elements of excitement and unpredictability guarantee that there's never a dull moment in my day.

#### What's a special memory you have of the kids?

I have many fond memories of my students. Every year, on the first day of school, one of my former students, now in high school, visits me on campus to wish me a happy start to the school year. It deeply touches me to see a former student who still holds a special place for her first-grade teacher. Of course, she holds a very special place in my heart.

One recent memory is also especially significant. A former student sent me an email the other day, expressing that I had played a significant role in her early school experience. While she couldn't pinpoint the specific reasons she enjoyed first grade, she distinctly recalled that she enjoyed being in my class and because of me, she liked school. Knowing that I had made a positive impact on a student's life is what truly gives meaning to this profession.

Anything else you'd like to share with the CLIP community? The unexpected treats we get from CLIPCO from time to time are really appreciated by us teachers.

#### **Meet the First Grade IAs**

#### Ms. Chiao-Ju Liu 劉老師 IA in Room 3 & 4



#### What's the best thing about your job?

The best thing about my job is witnessing the children's learning and growth, establishing connections, and nurturing positive relationships with them. Each child is unique, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to get to know each of them and make a meaningful impact on their lives.

#### What's a special memory you have of the kids?

I have a cherished memory of assisting a student in understanding a difficult math concept. The joy and excitement that showed on her face was an unforgettable moment for me.

Anything else you'd like to share with the CLIP community? Learning two languages simultaneously is a remarkable challenge, and I am continually amazed by how well our students handle it. Achieving this success takes dedication, trust, love, and the support of everyone in our CLIP family. Let's cherish our

#### Ms. Liang-Hui Lee 李老師 IA in Room 15 & 16



#### What's the best thing about your job?

achievements and remain committed.

The best thing of my job is to know all the teachers and staffs working toward the same goal to cultivate our next generation to be fluent bilingual citizens.

#### What's a special memory you have of the kids?

When I work here, it is very special to see children grow and improve everyday in every aspect.

#### Anything else you'd like to share with the CLIP community?

I have been an active parent and a staff member in this CLIP community for 16 years. I appreciate that both of my children grew up in this community and are fluent in both Mandarin and English. The most impactful program for my daughter in CLIP is ASEP. She has learned Dizi since 3rd grade and is still an active Dizi performer now. I want to express my appreciation to our unique program. I am so honored to be one of the community members.

## **Meet the First Grade Reps**

Jim Pacella

DGC Chair

CLIPCO Auditor



Introducing Jim "The iDad" Pacella, the man who can transform everyday moments into extraordinary adventures! When he's not managing his operations team at Apple, Jim's busy ruling the kingdom with his lovely wife, Nan, and their two pint-sized princesses, Olive (Grade 1, Rm 15) and Chloe (Kinder 2025).

You might think that Jim's tech-savvy skills are his most impressive achievement, but there's so much more to this captivating character. His secret to maintaining a Zen-like balance between work and family? Well, it's no secret at all: it's his love for a good glass of wine. They say an apple a day keeps the doctor away, but Jim's motto is "a glass of wine a day keeps the stress at bay." When he's not busy raising funds for DGC or parenting his adorable astronaut-unicorns, Jim can be found in his kitchen, channeling his inner artisanal baker and toiling away on his next batch of homemade sourdough bread.

So, whether you need advice on corporate donation matching, a top-notch wine recommendation, or a lesson in breadmaking (complete with some fantastic dad jokes on the side), Jim is your go-to guy. He's not just an expert in technical operations, but he's also the "yeast" you can count on for a "raisin"-able laugh or two at your PTA meetings!

\*\*\*Written by ChatGPT\*\*

# May Wong ASEP co-chair Book Fair co-lead

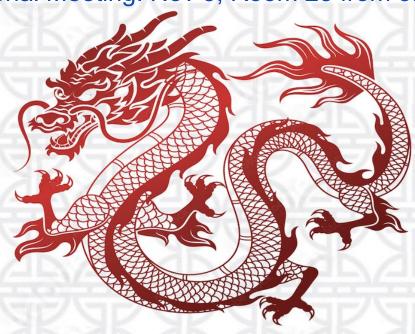


- 2 kids London (6) and Zoe (3).
- Executive assistant by profession and have worked in multiple financial and technology companies along the way, currently at Google.
- Originally from Hong Kong, grew up in N. Carolina, did
   5 years in NY and has been in CA since 2016.
- Huge Swiftie, loves to karaoke.
- Enjoys cooking, desserts are her specialty. Is an avid baker.
- Spends her free time on puzzles, crafts, and binging k-dramas.

Ever dreamed of being in a parade? Here's your opportunity!

# Join in the fun ...MUIR/CLIP MILLER San Francisco Lunar New Year

Informational Meeting: Nov 3, Room 28 from 3:10 - 3:30PM



## PARADE IS IN SAN FRANCISCO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 Rain or Shine!

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS: This Friday Nov. 3 at 3:10-3:30 in room 28 (where Cuperdoodle use to be)

Open to Muir students K-5 and CLIP Miller students 6-8

Participants must register through Chedderup.

**Practices dates**: Nov 17, Dec 1,8,15, Jan 12,19,26 Feb 2, 9, 16. Practices are once a week from 3:10-4:45pm

**Parent Assistance** is mandatory, Help is needed with costumes, props, running practices, and parade-day chaperones.

(Please note: fingerprinting and TB clearance for all chaperones and on-site volunteers are required.)

**Donation Request:** \$50 to cover the cost of costumes, materials, & bus transportation. (Insufficient funds may result in the parade team being cancelled.) Paying by credit card will incur a 3.5% additional cost. We suggest paying by e-check.



GETHER and build Communi-tea!

**Monday November 6th** 

8:30-9:30 AM @ John Muir front office courtyard

John Muir has a wonderful parent community! CLIPCO would like to create an opportunity for CLIP parents to meet and mingle over some small pastries.

RSVP on Konstella by Thursday Nov. 2

#### **CLIP Pets!**



Ms. SuPing Lee (4th/5th grade IA as well as Upstanders United Club mentor)'s miniature Pomeranian **Mochi** and Call ducks, **Blue** and **Cheese** 



Thai family with **Boba** the labradoodle



**Kona**, our sweet chocolate lab will be 14 years old this December. We rescued her when she was 1 1/2 years old. For the last 12 1/2 years she has loved running on the beach, taking naps in the sun and giving dog kisses to all who enter her home.

- Lynn Plecque (Muir office)



Mrs. Tsai (1st grade teacher)'s cats **Munchy** and **Scrappy** 

## **CLIP Pets!**



Leung Family Dog **Roxy** (12 years old), ready for "Howl"-oween





Chan family (See-Eng and Claire)'s **Bubble Tip Anemone** & Lizard class



This is **Berry the Dog**, who is very well-behaved (mostly).

- Amy and Adam Chen



Fori Wang (kinder grade rep)'s cat **Yuki** patrols the neighborhood every night before sleep. He enjoys quiet and sunny afternoons when the little humans are out at schools.





Lane family cat **Cookie**, a very sweet girl at 1.5 years old

#### **CLIP Pets!**



AJ and **Cider** plotting for world domination together.



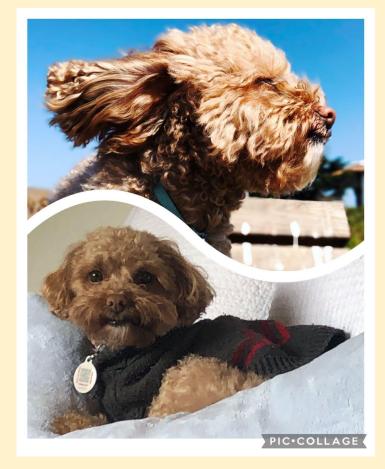
**Peanut**, Ms. Liang (1st grade teacher)'s pet rabbit, with Husky



May Wong (1st grade rep)'s cat **Addy**. He's 15 this year!



Wiseman Turtles: Mr. Big and Mr. Little



Dr. Lashier (Muir Principal)'s Supreme Princess **Mochi** 

Going on a trip for Thanksgiving? Making an elaborate home-cooked Thanksgiving meal from scratch? Just relaxing at home and catching up on sleep? **Share your Thanksgiving pictures with CLIPPER! Email your pictures to:** <a href="mailto:newsletter@cusdclipco.org">newsletter@cusdclipco.org</a>



## **Muir Fall Decor**





Moon Rabbit Visits Muir

## Fall Pumpkin decor around Muir



## Happy Halloween from Muir Office Staff!





## **Safety Patrol**





Safety Patrol passing out Stickers and Pencils for Walk to School Day.

Please join <u>Traffic Safety</u>
<u>Patrol Konstella</u> if you are interested in helping.

Thank you, Safety Patrol Team: Kas, Kar, Keale, Coco, Megan, Oliver, Celine, Abigail, Sophie, Illyana, Nellie, Nathan and Nolan.

Thank you Safety Patrol Parent Lead: Christine Wong Kaahaaina

Safety Patrol hard at work.















## **Trunk or Treat**

Thank you for attending Trunk or Treat at Muir!
The Community Events Team has narrowed it down to Top 4 Trunks,
Please <u>VOTE HERE!</u> Winner announcement in December
CLIPPER!

























## **Trunk or Treat**





















#### **Muir News**

10/19: Disaster Preparedness Drill



Congratulations to Room 17, CLIP DGC Husky winners! Room 17 was the first class to reach 100% in donations.





#### **Muir News**

We now have <u>a store for Muir Wear!</u> Let's start shopping so that we can sport our Muir Wear on Wednesdays. Kids and adult sizes available. Go Huskies!





Oct 16 - Happy National Bosses Day, Dr. Lashier! from the CLIP Teachers







### **Kindness Week**

#### Kindness Week Assembly







Making Cards for Friends / Teachers











## **Kindness Week**















## **Muir Art**

#### CLIP Art - Kindergarten Kites









Art - Moonlight Kittens / Silhouette 3rd Grade







#### **Muir News**





10/10: Students going back to class after a fire drill.

10/6: Husky high fives during morning announcements on the blacktop.

Room 6 students playing bucket drums with Mr. Daniel.



10/26 - US Air Force band came and played several songs, including Super Mario Bros. and Star Wars





A parent tidies up the Muir Lost and Found. Please remember to check here if you are missing a jacket, water bottle, etc.



## **Project Cornerstone**



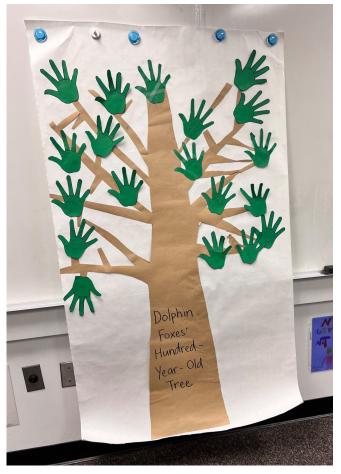
Room 6 Kindergarten - *Join In and Play* - the students are figuring out what common interests that have.



Room 11 Third Grade - I Wish You Knew



Room 7 Second Grade - I Wish You Knew





Room 12 Third Grade - I Wish You Knew

Room 14 Third Grade - I Wish You Knew



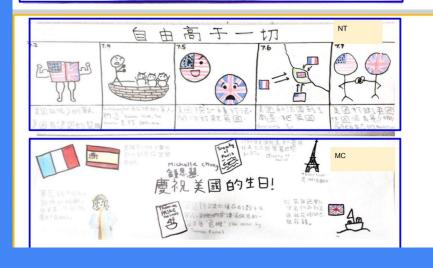
#### **Miller News**

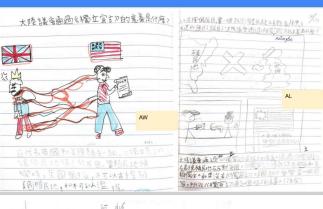
#### **Grade 8 Chinese Social Studies**





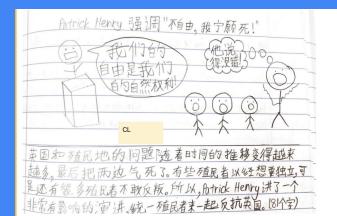
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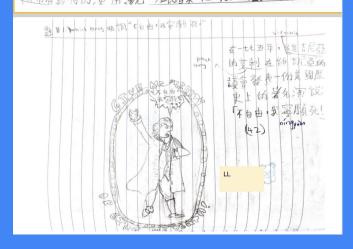














Questions: Contact margaret@cusdclipco.org or may.wong@cusdclipco.org

#### **Monday**

Instruments: (Erhu, Dizi, Zhong Ruan) - \$350

#### **Tuesday**

Wushu - \$300

#### Wednesday

Percussion - \$300

#### **Friday**

- Crystal Choir \$250
  - Level 1 & Level 2

ASEP Info & Registration Link



- Please read all ASEP information & terms before registration
- Class offerings are subject to change and cancellation. For each class, we guarantee a minimum of 16 classes per school year, except for cooking, where we guarantee 8 classes per session.



#### XXVII Math Kangaroo Competition in USA

For students in grades 1 through 12

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024



Please find Konstella Group "Math Kangaroo Committee" for all updates.



# 2023-2024 John Muir SCIENCE FAIR!!

#### **OPEN TO ALL GRADES K-5!!**

**What:** Working as an individual or team of 2 or 3, your child can show a display, demonstrate experimental results or reveal their research.

When: Posters to be displayed the week of December 4, 2023 in the GLC. Students will bring projects to school on Monday, December 4 before the start of school and pick up projects on Thursday, December 7 at the end of school.

How: Go to <a href="https://cusdclipco.org/special-event/">https://cusdclipco.org/special-event/</a> to find links for both steps below by November 17, 2023 at 9am.

- 1. Each project must register by submitting a <u>John Muir Elementary Science Fair Entry Form</u> You do not need to finalize your science project idea before you register.
- 2. Join the Konstella Science Fair Group. Konstella is the only way to get further instructions and updates.

Free to participate. CLIPCO will be giving away poster boards to the first 150 applicants/groups who properly register first. Pick-up display board in front of the office during drop off ~8:20-8:30 or pick up ~2:25-3:05 on November 6, 2023 and November 16, 2023.

Foster the spirit of scientific inquiry and sign up!

A great learning opportunity and chance for you to engage with your child! You don't have to be a scientist to help your child learn. No child is too young to have fun with science & math!!

The first 200 applicants will receive a participation medal with new Husky Logo. Register to participate in the Science Fair by November 17, 2023 at 9am.

Questions? Please ask in the Konstella Science Fair Group.

# 2024 Muir Chinese Language Contest (CLC)

## Paper-Based Events 2024年沐愛小學靜態中文學術比賽

**2024 Chinese Language Contest will be held IN PERSON.** There is a new change for our competition structure this year. We will split the competition into two segments which will occur on different dates: Paper Based Events and Speaking Events. The contest registration for each part will be rolled out separately as follows:

- The CLC-Paper Based registration is closed. The contest will be held at 2:15pm on 11/07/2023 (Tuesday).
- The CLC-Speaking registration will be sent out by the end of November and the contest will be held at 2:15pm on 1/23/2024 (Tuesday). More information will be sent out after Thanksgiving holiday. Stay Tuned!

Questions? Contact Ms. Lee <a href="mailto:lee-liang-hui@cusdk8.org">lee liang-hui@cusdk8.org</a>

Students can choose only ONE of the seven categories to enter the contest. Please check the grade eligibility of the following categories. All contests will take place at John Muir Elementary School.

#### **Academic Contest Categories / Time Limit**

- 1. Zhuyin Phonetics (Grade 1-3)
- 2. Pinyin Phonetics (Grade 4-5)
- Reading Comprehension (Grade 1-3)
   Reading Comprehension (Grade 4-5)
   Group B 45min/ Group C 30 min/ Group D 20 min

## 2024 Muir CLC (more info)

#### **Art Contest Categories / Time Limit**

Topics for the Art Contest will be announced and paper will be provided during the competition. Contestants need to bring their own tools.

- 1. Western Drawing (Grade K-5) Group BC 1.5hr/ Group D 1hr
- 2. Pencil Calligraphy (Grade K-5) 1hr
- 3. Chinese Brush Calligraphy (Grade 1-5) 1.5hr
- 4. Chinese Brush Painting (Grade 1-5) Group B 1.5hr/ Group CD 1hr

#### **Contest Schedule**

Events	Date	Time
Zhuyin Phonetics (G1-3)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-2:45 pm
Pinyin Phonetics (G4-5)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-2:45 pm
Reading Comprehension (G1-3)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-2:45 pm
Reading Comprehension (G4-5)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-3:00 pm
Western Drawing (GK-5)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-3:45 pm
Pencil Calligraphy (GK-5)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-3:15 pm
Chinese Brush Calligraphy (G1-5)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-3:45 pm
Chinese Brush Painting (G1-5)	11/07/2023 (Tue)	2:15-3:45 pm

Group	Age	Birth date
Α	13 (included) and older	On or Before 2010/9/1
В	10 (included) - 13 (not included)	2010/9/2~2013/9/1
С	7 (included) - 10 (not included)	2013/9/2~2016/9/1
D	4 (included) - 7 (not included)	2016/9/2~2019/9/1

Please note that the Rules of our Chinese Language Contest Paper Based Event are based on the <u>2023 ANCCS Chinese Contest Rules</u>, please make sure you sign up for the correct age group based on the dates below:

The age group will match the cut-off date of American schools, based on 9/1



"Seasons of Our Lives: 25 Years and Counting"

2023-2024 THEME



Scan QR code to see the contest rules on the official entry Google Form. The winner of the contest will have their illustration appear on the front cover of the 2023 - 2024 Muir yearbook.

https://tinyurl.com/muiryearbookcovercontest



# October 2023 CLIPCO Board Meeting Voting Summary



Board Approvals	Yes	No	Abstain	Result
September 2023 Minutes approval	12	0	0	Approved
Create investment account with Fidelity instead of Schwab	13	0	0	Approved
Add Simon Chung to Investment Committee	13	0	0	Approved

October 18 – CLIPCO Board Meeting Notes

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 9, 2023 Muir GLC or <u>Google Meet</u> 6pm

## 2023-2024 Board Members

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL
President	Edison Chiu	edison@cusdclipco.org
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Jul Olade	Michelle Aiping Lee	michelle.lee@cusdclipco.org
6th Grade	Emery Kuo	emery.kuo@cusdclipco.org
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	Loretta Lu	loretta@cusdclipco.org
8th Grade	Kalila Spain Patty	kalila.patty@cusdclipco.org
our Grade	Kevin Jung	kevin@cusdclipco.org

## 2023 - 2024 CLIPCO Committees

Committee	Lead	
Basketball Coach	Alan Fong	
Basketban Coden	Kevin Jung	
	Joan Cheng	
Book Fair	Ivy Chien	
	May Wong	
CNY Parade Chair	Christine Wong	
CLIP Art	Helen Lin	
CLIP ASEP	Margaret Leung	
CEII AGEI	May Wong	
CLIPPER	Wendy Briggs	
CENTER	Margaret Leung	
Events	I Lin Chen	
Outreach	clipco@cusdclipco.org	
Decorations	Julie Siripoke	
Committee	Su Sun	
DGC Chair	Jim Pacella	
Hospitality	Christina Thai	
Hospitality	Diana Ong	
	Donna Manousos	
Konstella	Lalaine Chen	
	Loretta Lu	

Committee	Lead	
Math Kangaroo	Volodymyr Borshch	
Musical	Hannah Sun	
Project	Nicole Jaramillo Bress	
Cornerstone	Stacy Wong	
	Tammy Wang	
Promotion Chair	clipco@cusdclipco.org	
Room Parent	Lalaine Chen	
Noom Falent	Christine Kuo	
Safety Patrol	Christine Wong	
	Lalaine Chen	
Science Fair	Ivy Chien	
Science run	Phyllis Yang	
	Loretta Lu	
Soccer Coach	Coach Darleen	
Technology	David Chen	
	Margaret Leung	
Website	Wendy Briggs	
	Ivy Chien	
Yearbook	See-Eng Phan	
	Hannah Sun	