

# CLIPPER MONTHLY

# CLIPCO

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*April 2024*

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# Calendar

## April

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
1 Muir spring picture day	2 Miller SEL Connect Tuesday	3 MiCAC	4	5 Muir Spirit Day – Movie Character Day  Musical 4/5 - 4/6
8	9 Miller Super SEL Assembly  Miller PTA meeting @ Library 8am	10	11 Kindergarten Brunch on Us CUSD Board Meeting	12
15	16	17	18	19
No School - Spring Break				
22	23	24 CLIPCO Board Meeting - 6pm @ Muir GLC  Chipotle dine out	25 Kona Ice @ Miller CUSD Board Meeting	26
29	30			

### Social Media



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# Calendar

## May

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	2 RAFT night at Muir	3 Minimum Day Muir @12:10pm Miller @1:34pm Muir Oreo Day
6 No school - Staff learning day	7 Miller SEL Connect Tuesday	8 MiCAC	9 CUSD Board Meeting	10
Staff Appreciation Week				
13	14	15	16 CLIPCO Board Meeting - 6pm @ Muir GLC	17 Kona Ice @ Miller ASEP showcase
20	21 Miller SEL Connect Tuesday	22	23 CUSD Board Meeting	24 CLIPCO volunteer appreciation breakfast
27 No school - Memorial Day	28	29	30 Dinner On Us for Muir staff  Muir Open House	31 Miller CLIP Promotion

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# Calendar

## June

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
3	4 Miller SEL Connect Tuesday	5 5th Grade Day	6 Kona Ice @ Miller	7 Muir Aloha Day - wear Hawaiian themed clothing  Muir Family Picnic
10 Minimum Day Muir @12:10pm Miller @1:34pm	11 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	12	13 CUSD Board Meeting	14

6/11  
Chuck E.  
Cheese  
Fundraiser

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# CLIPCO Finance Update



“Hi everyone! It’s your friendly, neighborhood DGC chair, Jim, and don’t worry, I’m not asking for money this time :)”

One of the most common questions I’ve received is ‘why does CLIPCO raise money when we have so much in the bank?’ I’ve put this article together to raise awareness of our financial reserve, how it’s used, and why it’s so vital to the future of CLIP. Please enjoy!”

## CLIPCO Financial Reserve

### What is it?

The reserve is a set amount of funds put aside each year take care of future obligations and unexpected costs.

### How much \$ do we need in reserve?

Our treasurers and investment committee have analyzed the budget - we recommend a **MINIMUM** reserve of:

**\$711,000**

### Where are we today?

Our FY24 reserve projection is

**\$729,500** (1.03x budget)

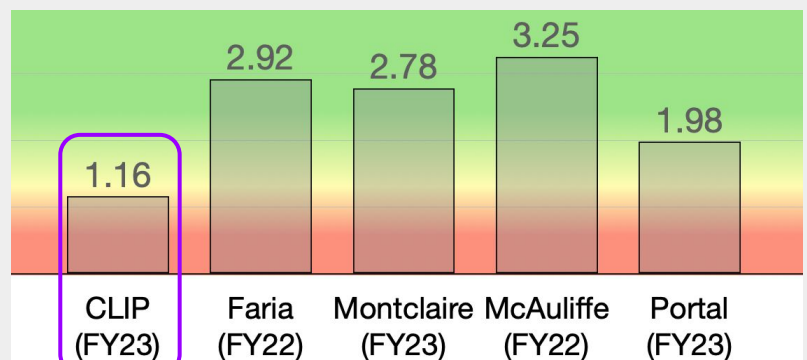
### Why is it important?

CLIPCO spends ~80% early in the school year, before DGC and corporate match donations are fully realized. Our reserve also helps CLIP accommodate fluctuations in expenses throughout the year until next year’s DGC.



### How much is too much?

The general rule-of-thumb for non profit organizations is to maintain 1-2x operating budget in reserve, but many local PTOs hold more (based on public data):



# CLIPCO Nominations for Grade Representatives



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## GRADE REP RESPONSIBILITIES



Attend Board Meetings (Once a month for 2 hours) and vote on where CLIPCO Funding goes

Help Spend Your Grade's Social Funds

Be the liason between your grade and CLIPCO

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**TO APPLY, SEND AN EMAIL TO  
MARGARET@CUSDCCLIPCO.ORG &  
EDISON@CUSDCCLIPCO.ORG WITH A  
SHORT BIO ABOUT YOURSELF**

**ELECTIONS TO BE HELD END OF APRIL**



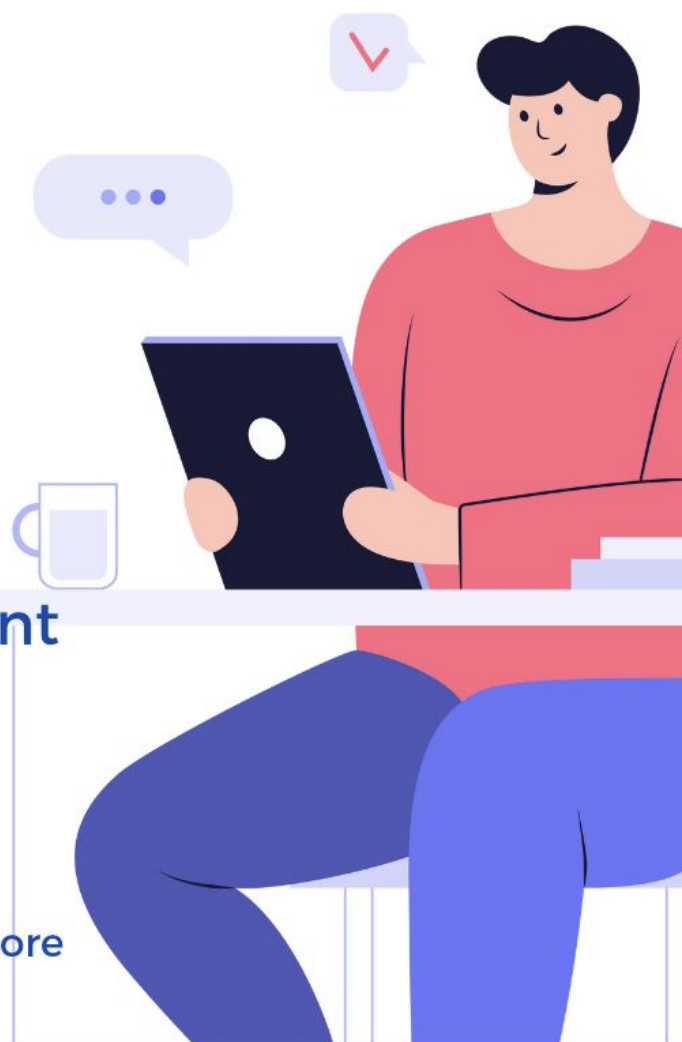
# WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU!

CLIP Committees needs Co-Leads.



- Yearbook
- Math Kangaroo
- Science Fair
- Project Cornerstone
- After School Enrichment Program
- CNY Parade

Email [newsletter@cusdclipco.org](mailto:newsletter@cusdclipco.org) for more information or to join!





COME SEE THE  
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CLIP MUSICAL



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**COST**  
\$15 per person  
(including  
children)



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an original musical script performed in Mandarin, based on the  
Ballad of Mulan, brought to you by **CLIPCO**, in partnership with  
Chinese Performing Arts of America (CPAA)

# Meet the Principals

**Dr. Jenn Lashier 許校長**  
**John Muir Principal**



- I am so happy to be continuing the path of global exploration with my family. We are looking forward to trying the various convenience store eats during our upcoming trip to Tokyo.
- We are already spinning the globe to find our next adventure....I welcome suggestions.
- As a parent of 2 High School students, we are cherishing the opportunities to travel as a family as they will be wanting to travel without their parents all too soon.

**Ms. Anu Iyer**  
**Miller Principal**



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

Going into classrooms and supporting teachers and students. Hearing all the things students are learning and seeing their excitement in the process.

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

So many - the CLIP lunar new year gala talent show and activities showcasing the creativity of our students, my first LNY parade seeing the students persevere through 2 hours of walking the streets of SF, 8th grade promotion ceremony where students performed live music in front of families. CLIP is an extended family for our students and appreciate the community CLIP has built for our students over the years.



# Lunch with the Principals

A few lucky kids won "Lunch with the Principal" at the Lunar New Year Gala Silent Auction and got to invite some friends to eat lunch with Dr. Lashier at Muir and Ms. Iyer at Miller.





# Meet the Muir Office Staff

**Diane Kaufman**



- I started working at Meyerholz when my son was in kindergarten and my daughter was in 2nd grade. Worked for CUSD for 46 years. 44 years at Meyerholz and 2 years at Muir. I worked with 13 different principals over the years.
- Love working in the office. Everyday is a new adventure! Also enjoy learning new technology as it evolves.
- My favorite pastime is hanging with my 2 dogs, Roxy and Chloe. Chloe was Meyerholz mascot for many years.
- I love watching sports especially baseball, football and tennis. I played softball and tennis back in the day!
- Met so many wonderful people and made lifelong friendships working for CUSD over the years!

**Lynn Plecque**



- Proud mom and new grandmother
- Attended CUSD schools Kinder - 8th grade
- Celebrating 40 years married this year
- Love sports-mainly SF Giants, professional and college football
- SF Giants season ticket holders for 24 years
- This is my 22nd year working at Meyerholz/John Muir

# Meet the Muir Office Staff

Ann Nagamatsu



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

The best thing about my job is that I get to work with every third grade student at Muir!

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

Something that touches my heart - when students, especially the ones I recently met, go out of their way to greet me in the hallways and playground.

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

I feel extremely grateful and lucky to be working with so many aspects of our school. I have the opportunity to work with our teachers and IAs, our parent volunteers, and so many of our students.

Cindy Wen



I've been working at Meyerholz/Muir now for over 20 years. All three of my adult children went to Meyerholz which is where I got my start back into the "work world" starting as a volunteer/IA/Tech Instructional Specialist (SSITS).

I have always enjoyed artwork/projects that challenge me to create and paint most of my life. This is what helped me most when I did volunteer work for my elementary-aged children while providing set designs and props for our musicals for over ten years. I have since tried to document as many of [my art projects](#). My husband Paul and I are very compatible as we thrive on home repair/improvement projects that allow us to spend time together being productive as it is very rewarding to see the efforts put in.

I feel incredibly blessed to have an amazing husband of 39 years, a parent to three wonderful married children and a grandmother to three adorable grandchildren. Life is to be cherished and celebrated always.



# Recess 101: Meet Coach Darleen

Recess 101 is the leader in providing and creating a welcoming, supportive, healthy and enriching school environment that inspires change not only in the recess yard but also inside the classroom.

Coach Darleen provides a "lesson of the week" to each class grades K-5. Coach Darleen presents behavioral objectives at the beginning of the lesson, and then provides immediate feedback at the end of the lesson. The activity component of the lesson teaches the students various recess games and activities including but certainly not limited to wall ball and four square.

**Darleen Patton**  
**Recess 101**



Hi CLIP community!

I'm Darleen, or as the world of Muir knows me, Coach Darleen. When not working, you can find my dog Roxy and I on a hike, or I'll be over at SJSU, slowly yet steadily garnering my English degree. Before Recess 101, I've been a swim instructor, an after school program director, a daycare teacher, and had a brief stint teaching art. I spend my summers in Pennsylvania where I work at a summer camp with high school aged students. This will be my sixth summer there!

Everyday I am grateful to be in this position and make connections with our Muir students & the all adults who support their success.

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25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH | 4-8PM**  
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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **PVZKXV6**  
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**2024 ALASKA® AIRLINES CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE JUDGING RESULTS**

**ADULT MARCHING BANDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Cal Poly Mustang Marching Band
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place UC Davis Marching Band
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band

**HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BANDS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Phillip Burton High School Marching Band
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Richmond High School Marching Band
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Archbishop Riordan High School Marching Band

**DRILL TEAMS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place St. Mary's Chinese Language School Drill Team/Drum and Bell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Oakland Military Institute

**DRUM AND BUGLE CORP**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place San Francisco Renegades Drum and Bugle Corp
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Troop 12 of San Francisco, Boy Scouts of America

**COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Pacific Bridge Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place We Are One
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place WWII Pacific War Memorial Hall

**SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Garfield Elementary School  
Alamo Elementary School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Commodore Sloat YMCA After-School Program
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Starr King Elementary

**SAN FRANCISCO INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Chinese American International School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Presidio Knolls School

**GREATER BAY AREA SCHOOLS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Friends of the Mandarin Scholars
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Cupertino Language Immersion Program - CLIP
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place West County Mandarin School

**SPECIALTY UNITS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Shaolin Temple USA
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Asian Performing Arts Program (APAP) of San Francisco
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ma Tsu Temple

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

West Portal Elementary - Chinese Performing Arts Program (WPE-CPAP)



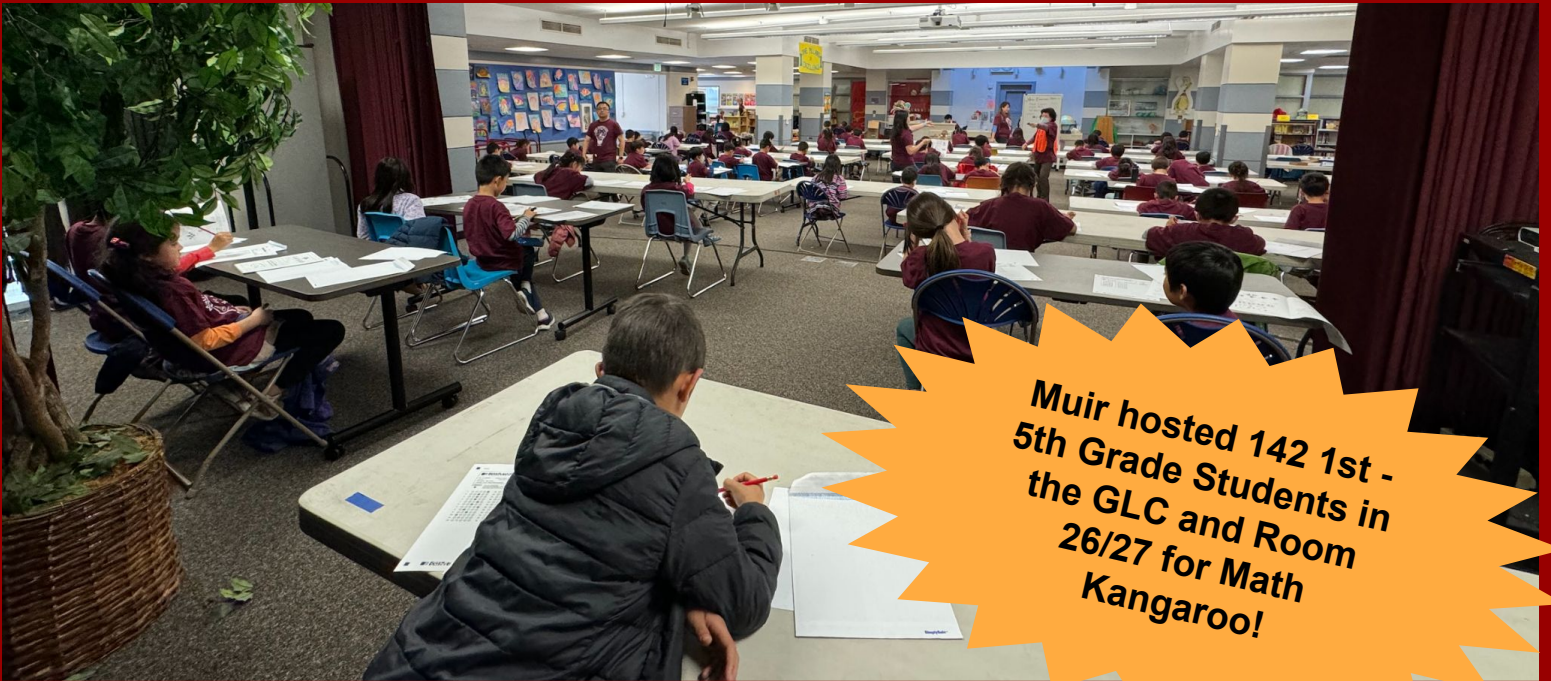
**Congratulations to our  
CNY Parade Team for  
winning 2nd Place in  
Greater Bay Area  
Schools!**

*This event is sponsored in part by the San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund.  
San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce is a 501(c)(6) Organization.*





# Math Kangaroo - March 21



Thank you, Volodymyr Borshch for leading the Math Kangaroo effort this year!

Please reach out to [math@cusdclipco.org](mailto:math@cusdclipco.org) if you would like to help.





# Project Cornerstone

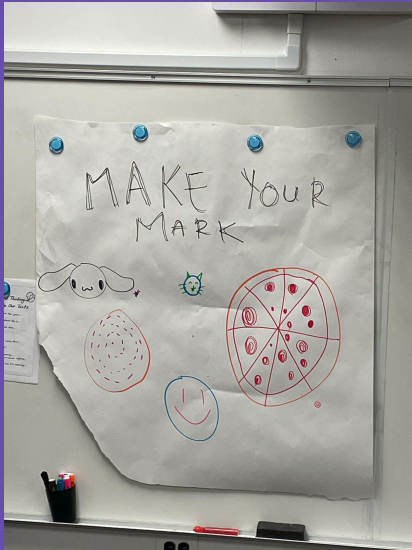
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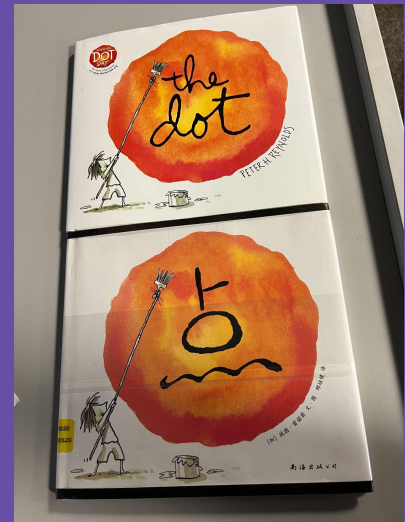
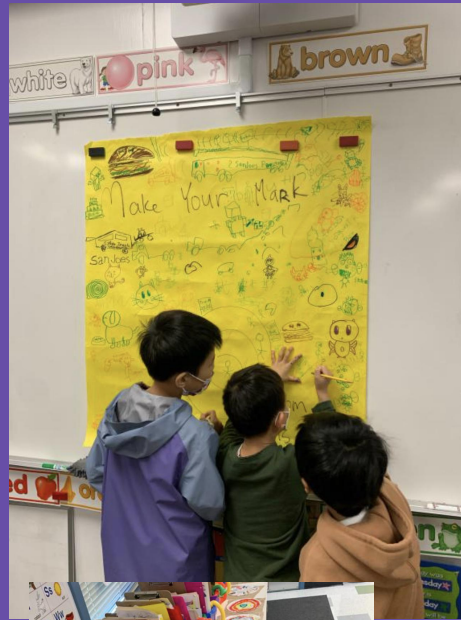
Room 14 - The Dot



Room 11 "Gratitude Tree" - Eyes that Kiss in the Corners



Room 11 - Make your mark



The Dot - Chinese and English



Room 7 - The Dot



Room 4 - The Dot





# Muir News

Happy, Helpful and Healthy Huskies - painted by [Ms. Wen](#) on the redwood from the fallen tree last year, they are now hung up by the kinder yard



Muir Boys Basketball



March 11 - Parents help load the bus for week-long 5th Grade Science Camp



Rainbow over Muir during a recent rainstorm.





# Muir News

## Lost & Found

The Lost & Found is located on the shelves behind the office. Join [Lost & Found on Konstella](#) for semi-weekly pictures. We make an effort to return items that are labeled. If we find a lost item of your child's in lost and found, you will be added to the Konstella group.





# Miller News

## Miller is a Distinguished School

On February 29, 2024, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced that Miller Middle school was selected for the 2024 California Distinguished Schools Program. Two other middle schools in the Cupertino Union School District were selected for this prestigious honor.

To select California Distinguished Schools, the California Department of Education (CDE) uses multiple measures to identify eligible schools based on their performance on the state indicators specified in the California School Dashboard (Dashboard).

The California Distinguished Schools is an annual school recognition program of the California Department of Education. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years. In 2023, fifteen elementary schools in the Cupertino Union School District were selected for this prestigious honor.

## Math Placement

Students and their families will find out about math class placement for next year some time in April or May. For more information about the general K-8 math curriculum or middle school math placement, check out the [CUSD math webpage](#).





## GOLDEN EAGLE SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

*Get \$20 off Golden Eagle Summer Sports Camp with \$20 matching for CLIPCO!*

*Promo code: **clipco24***

Golden Eagle Summer Sports Camp is a family run all-sports day camp for children K-8th grade. With a wide variety of sports and activities to choose from, including, basketball, field hockey, tennis, soccer, dance and more, it's one of the most loved camps in the Los Altos, Mountain View, and Cupertino communities. Camps this summer are running at both Homestead High School in Cupertino and Los Altos High School in Los Altos. Each time the CLIPCO promo code is used the school receives a matching donation of \$20. Visit their website [www.goldeneaglecamp.org](http://www.goldeneaglecamp.org) for more information.

Golden Eagle also has a number of scholarships available for families who need additional financial support. Scholarship applications are [available here](#) or by reaching out to [carly@goldeneaglecamp.org](mailto:carly@goldeneaglecamp.org)

Note: CLIPCO does not sponsor or endorse any summer camps.

April Lunch Menus for [Muir](#) and [Miller](#).



## Kindergarten Wing to be Turned into Giant Aquarium

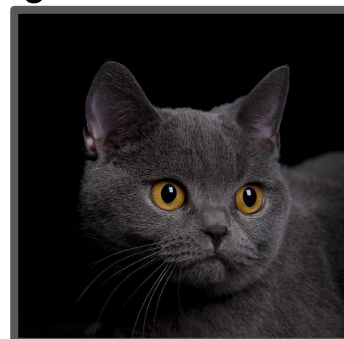
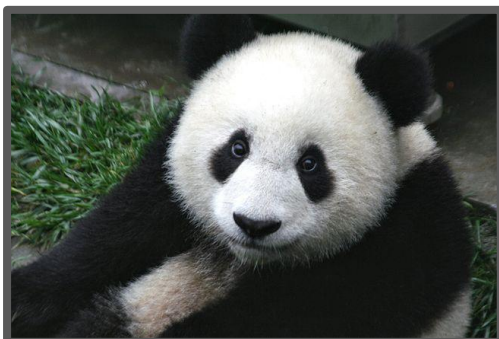
During the last CLIPCO board meeting, it was decided that the kindergarten classrooms would be converted into a giant aquarium. Work will begin during this summer, with plans to fill the 1000 gallon tank with water by next January. There are plans to put clownfish, starfish and even a few sting rays in the aquarium. Students will be responsible for cleaning it every month

When asked about it, an unnamed teacher said, "Well, all of my students would have to learn to swim, but now we can also have a lesson on the life cycle of sea plants". An unnamed kindergarten child said, "This is so awesome! I wish I could do kindergarten all over again when the aquarium is built". Another unnamed teacher said, "I can't wait to bring all of my snorkeling gear to school "

**Note: This is an April Fool's joke. Muir is keeping the kindergarten classrooms as-is.**

## Casting Call for Mascots

If you have a pet husky, mustang or panda, we are looking for you! Join our open casting call looking for our new mascots. Don't have one but you have a pet cat, donkey or polar bear? Dress up your cat as a husky, your donkey as a mustang, and dye some of the polar bear's fur black (or is it already black?). Does your pet have what it takes? We are looking forward to meeting them soon!



**Note: This is an April Fool's joke. We do not allow animals on campus with the exception of middle school students.**

# March 2024 CLIPCO Board Meeting Voting Summary



Board Approvals	Yes	No	Abstain	Result
February 2024 Minutes approval	14	0	0	Approved

March 21 – CLIPCO Board [Meeting Notes](#)

Next Board Meeting:  
Wednesday, April 24, 2024  
Muir GLC or [Google Meet](#)  
6pm

# 2023-2024 Board Members

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL
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	Kevin Jung	kevin@cusdclipco.org

# 2023 - 2024 CLIP Committee Leads

## Basketball Coach

Alan Fong

## DGC Chair

Jim Pacella

## Room Parents

Lalaine Chen

Christine Kuo

## Book Fair

Joan Cheng

Ivy Chien

May Wong

## Events

I Lin Chen

## Hospitality

Diana Ong

Christina Thai

## Science Fair

Lalaine Chen

Ivy Chien

Phyllis Yang

## CNY Parade Chair

Christine Wong

## Soccer Coach

Coach Darleen

## CLIP Art

Helen Lin

## Konstella

Lalaine Chen

Loretta Lu

Donna Manousos

## Technology

David Chen

## CLIP ASEP

Margaret Leung

May Wong

## Math Kangaroo

Volodymyr Borshch

## Website

Margaret Leung

Wendy Briggs

## CLIPPER

Wendy Briggs

Margaret Leung

See-Eng Phan

## Musical

Hannah Sun

## Yearbook

Ivy Chien

See-Eng Phan

Hannah Sun

## Decorations Committee

Julie Siripoke

Su Sun

## Project Cornerstone

Nicole Jaramillo Bress

Tammy Wang

Stacy Wong

## 8th Grade Promotion

Nikki Tan

Josephine Wu