



The Mulberry Buzz

May 28, 2017

Important Dates in May:

- 29:** All School Closed for Memorial Day
30: Summer Session Preschool Begins!
Have you signed up yet?

Important Dates in June:

- 4:** Retirement Party for Leslie Barr – 1 to 4pm
6: Last day of JK
7: Last day of K-7th – **noon release**

Teacher Leslie's Party:

After 30 years at Mulberry School, Teacher Leslie is retiring. Please help us honor her on:
Sunday, June 4, 2017
Open House
1 PM to 4 PM
At the Andersen home in Willow Glen

Email celebrateleslie@mulberry.org for address and more information



Steppin' Out!

Thank you for joining us at Steppin' Out last Saturday. Together as a community we raised **over \$110,000** for our school! Our fabulous alumni photographer, Doug Fairbairn, has provided a link to the pictures. All may be downloaded for free by clicking the arrow icon at the top of the picture. You may access the pictures [here](#).

We will be placing gift certificates and small items in hanging files, for larger items please stop by the office. We are billing all items through FACTS accounts, unless you request another payment method. If you would like to pay by check or credit card, please stop by the office.

Please email steppinout@mulberry.org with any questions.
Thank you to all of you who came out to bid and support Mulberry School!

Celebrating a Huge Victory for the Climate!

The Green Team would like to thank all the students, staff and parents who supported Community Choice Energy (CCE) for San Jose.

Last Tuesday, the San Jose City Council voted - unanimously! - to establish San Jose Clean Energy, becoming the nation's largest city with a Community Choice Energy program. This will give residents and businesses a choice in energy providers and significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions: equivalent to removing one gas-burning vehicle per household!

We thank everyone in our community who took the time to sign [Mothers Out Front](#) postcards, send emails and letters to your City Council members, and attend City Council meetings. We especially want to give a shout-out to the middle school students who wrote letters to the Mayor and Council members and the four brave students (Aiden, Angela, Emma & Karina) who gave public comments at the March 21st City Council meeting. The huge, visible show of support from the community - especially from our youth - made a deep impression on the Council members, which many of them mentioned just before the unanimous vote. You made a difference!

Watch this inspiring [video](#) to see how a small but mighty team of parents and kids mobilized community and Council support for Community Choice Energy. Hope you enjoy it: you'll recognize some familiar faces! :)

Thank you! The Green Team

Family HEART Camp this July 1-6!

The Hutchins-Knowles family invites Mulberry families to join us in the beautiful redwoods near Mt. Madonna for a unique family camp based on principles of Compassionate Communication, also known as [Nonviolent Communication](#) or NVC. We're returning for our fourth Family HEART Camp because it is a magical experience of having fun with kindred spirits while strengthening our communication skills, conflict resolution skills, and emotional intelligence. The HEART in the name stands for harmony, ease, authenticity, respect and trust. Wouldn't it be sweet to have more of those in your family? :)

Oh, and the kids want you to know that there's also an Olympic-sized pool and fun activities on the 4th of July, plus delicious meals accommodating special needs. People are flying in from as far away as Japan to attend, so we feel blessed to that it's practically in our backyard! See [this link](#) for more information and feel free to ask me any questions.

Hope to see you in the redwoods!
Linda Hutchins-Knowles

Paid Substitutes:

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- **Mindy Kajikami** - bkmak@comcast.net