CLIPPER MONTHLY 電子月刊



September 2025 九月

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Questions or Content for CLIPPER? 能夠幫忙翻譯嗎?

Email: newsletter@cusdclipco.org

Calendar 日曆

September 九月

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FKI
1 No School (Labor Day)	2	3	4 Miller BTSN 6-8 PM	5
8	9	10 CLIPCO Board Meeting Starbird Fundraiser	11 CUSD Board Meeting	12
15	16	17	18 Miller Back to School Bash	19
22 No School (staff learning day)	23	24	25 CUSD Board Meeting Brunch on Us 5th grade	26 Minimum Day Muir @12:10pm Miller @12:03pm
29 Miller picture day make up	30			

Calendar events and times subject to change.

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Calendar 日曆

October 十月				
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
		1	Book Fair / Pa Conference / E	
6	7	8 CLIPCO Board Meeting (virtual)	9 CUSD Board Meeting	10
Muir Boo	ok Fair / Parent Tea	cher Conference /	Early Dismissal @	1:10pm
13	14 Muir CLC written portion	15	16	17 Muir Fall Picture Day
20	21	22	23 Brunch on Us 4th Grade Minimum Day Muir @12:10pm Miller @12:03pm Muir Trunk Or Treat	24 No School (staff learning day)
27	28	29	30 CUSD Board Meeting	31 w Muir Halloween Parade





Starbird & Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community Organization

Thank you to the Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community
Organization community for visiting Starbird in Cupertino.

Please find fundraiser details below!

Where: Starbird Chicken in Cupertino, CA 20080 Stevens Creek Blvd Suite 100, Cupertino

When: Wednesday, September 10 10:30am-10pm

Ordering Details: 15% of sales on Wednesday, September 10th, will be donated to the Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community Organization

Please present a printed or virtual copy of this card with your purchase at the cashier. Orders can also be placed at the kiosk, on <u>StarbirdChicken.com</u> or via our mobile app. Guests are required to provide an email address at the time of online purchase. Orders can be pick up or delivery, no order minimum. This fundraiser does not apply to third party delivery apps or catering orders.

For online or kiosk orders use code **CLIPCO** at checkout and 15% of your purchase will be donated to the Cupertino Language Immersion Program Community Organization. Note: if code is not used, donation will not be applied.



2025 - 26 Volunteer Opportunities at Muir

- Room Parent Coordinate classroom activities for your teacher using Konstella - Reach out to your teacher.
- CLIPCO Kindergarten Grade
 Reps Serve as the liaison
 between CLIPCO and your Grade For more information, contact
 newsletter@cusdclipco.org
- Project Cornerstone Read to and teach social-emotional learning in your child's classroom. Commitment 2-3 hours per month.
- Hospitality Show appreciation to teachers and staff by organizing monthly snacks, meals, and the "Brunch on Us" event.
- After School Enrichment
 Program (ASEP) Support the
 ASEP program / Be a Class Lead
- Investment Assist in managing CLIPCO reserves.
- CLIPPER Contribute to monthly CLIPPER newsletter.
- Website Maintain CLIPCO website.

Project Cornerstone



project.cornerstone
@cusdclipco.org

Yearbook



<u>yearbook</u>
occusdclipco.org

- Community Events Help with an event / join the planning committee!
- Yearbook Creation of Muir yearbook / layouts / take pictures.
- Chinese New Year Parade -Support practices and annual CLIP San Francisco CNY Parade.
- Traffic and Safety Patrol (4th / 5th grade) - Daily morning Safety Patrol.
- Science Fair Help with the Science Fair.
- Book Fair Help with the Scholastic / Chinese Book Fairs.
- Math Kangaroo Help with Math Kangaroo event.
- Community Outreach Help set up "Give Back" events (Donation Drives).
- Lost and Found Help reunite lost items with their owners.
- Bylaws CLIPCO Bylaws review / update
- Sponsorship Get Sponsorships from Businesses

All Other Committees | Volunteer Interest Form



newsletter @cusdclipco.org





Crosswalk Safety Flags Information for John Muir Families

For families who drive or cross the street at the Hanover and Alderbrook intersections, you may have noticed the safety flags on the sign posts. Girl Scout Troop 62748 identified a need to improve safety and, in partnership with John Muir Elementary School and CLIPCO, installed the crosswalk flag holders and flags over the summer.

We welcome families to use these flags as they cross these intersections, even if there are fewer cars during non-commute hours. These flags improve visibility and increase safety for pedestrians crossing the road, especially smaller kids. Parents are encouraged to pay attention while driving and to use use the flags when crossing the street which will teach and model behavior to children.



As part of our Girl Scout Silver Award, we are conducting a survey for parents' input on crosswalk safety, your experience, and your opinion on the flags. Please scan the QR code below to complete a 2-minute survey.



https://forms.gle/5sCWH1NYTa8Cm7Sm6

Your support in embracing and using the safety flags for their intended purpose is greatly appreciated.

We'd like to also thank Dr. Lashier and Mr. Mach for sponsoring the project and mentoring us, CLIPCO for funding the project, and Ms. Ann Nagamatsu for managing the Safety Program at John Muir and providing the flags.

Thank you for your support!

Sara Chen, Madeline Siripoke, Isabelle Rust, Naomi Guo (CLIP 2025)



CLIP News 快報

Congratulations to Muir's newly tenured teachers:



Elizabeth Fang



Yujia Ji



Sharon Shen



Jing Xu

New Muir Principal!

Jonathan Mach 麥校長, John Muir Principal



At the US Open Grand Slam Tennis tournament over Labor Day weekend

- My dream job after retirement is to be a hot dog vendor in New York City, specifically in Times Square!
- I renamed my car EDNA after the character from the Pixar animated movie the incredibles.
- I truly believe we have something real special here at John Muir Elementary, and so happy to be apart of it!



New Muir Teachers!



Mrs. Stephanie Wan - 萬老師 Kindergarten - room 6

- I grew up in the U.S., South Africa, and Taiwan.
- I have a super friendly German shepherd who loves making new friends!
- My absolute favorite treat is boba tea — I could drink it every day!
- I'm expecting a baby girl this October and couldn't be more excited!

Ms. Nicole Jaramillo - 4th Grade English - room 32

- I am excited to expand my role as a CLIP parent/volunteer/IA to becoming a full-time teacher.
- I taught at the same public elementary school in Gilroy for over 10 years. This is my fourth year teaching 4th grade.
- I am happiest when visiting an art museum or thrift shop.
- Over the summer, my family and I went to Yellowstone and Grand Tetons National Parks. It was incredible!





New 4th Grade Teacher



Mrs. Chan 陳老師

About Me

Believe it or not, this is my 16th year with CLIP. I started as a first-grade teacher and then spent 9 years teaching kindergarten. I am excited that I got "promoted" to fourth grade this year.

My Favorites

- · Reading Chinese books
- Playing boardgames with my family
- · Going to movies
- Experimenting new dishes that I learned from watching reels

My Family



Fun Facts

- 1.1 have a "brown thumb," someone who is good at killing plants.
- 2.1 can speak 3 Chinese dialects: Mandarin, Cantonese, and Fuzhounese.
- 3. I watched K-Pop Demon Hunter this summer to prepare myself for fourth grade.



ASEP



After

School

Enrichment

Program

2025-2026 John Muir Elementary

Link to ASEP 25-26 Schedule (Subject to change)

Registration will be sent out mid-September.

All classes will start in October (except for Robotics)

We will offer one free class for anyone who can volunteer for all classes for a given day for the school year. Please view schedule for more details.



Summer Pictures 暑假照片



Chiu family at Redwoods National Park



Leung Family at Yosemite



Left-to-Right: Jim, Olive (3rd), Nan, and Chloe (K) Pacella at Gulfoss waterfall in Iceland



R Summer Pictures 暑假照片



The Wan family petting real capybaras in Izu, Japan

The Borshch family met up with the Kesy family in Poland.



Do you have summer pictures to share with the CLIP community? Send them to: newsletter@cusdclipco.org



Zang family in Santorini during their Mediterranean cruise

Meet Your CLIP Teachers!



Ms. Sharon Shen 沈老師 Rm 1 (K)



Ms. Juiling Sung 宋老師 Rm 4 (1st)



Ms. Louisa Liang 梁老師 Rm 15 (1st)

Ms. Li-Chin Chiang

江老師

Rm 2 (K)



Ms. Fei Deng 鄧老師 Rm 5 (K)



Mrs. Stephanie Wan 萬老師 Rm 6 (K)



Mrs. Judy Chen 楊老師 Rm 3 (1st)



Mrs. Jane Lee 李老師 Rm 7 (2nd - E)



Ms. Catherine Huang 黄老師 Rm 8 (2nd - M)



Ms. Xue Yang 楊老師 Rm 9 (2nd - E)



Ms. Yanan Tao 陶老師 Rm 10 (2nd - M)



Mrs. Anna Tsai

蔡老師

Ms. Ying Yi Zhong 鍾老師 Rm 11 (3rd - M)



Ms. Yii Wen Chuah 蔡老師 Rm 12 (3rd - E)



Ms. Pam Wu 吳老師 Rm 13 (3rd - E)



Ms. Jing Xu 徐老師 Rm 14 (3rd - M)

English, M - Mandarin

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Ms. Elizabeth Fang 方老師 Rm 17 (4th - E)



Ms. Yujia Ji 冀老師 Rm 18 (4th - M)



Ms. Nicole Jaramillo Rm 32 (4th - E)



Mrs. Connie Chan 陳老師 Rm 33 (4th - M)



Ms. Grace Lin 林老師 Room 21 (5th - E)



Rm 22 (5th - M)



Ms. Erica Cheung 張老師 Ms. Phoebe Yan 楊老師 Rm 19 (5th - M)



Mr. Alex Smedile Rm 24 (5th - E)



Mr. Richard Kuan 管老師 (6th)



Ms. Sheng-Yin Lin 林老師 (7th)



Ms. Ling-Ling Chern 陳老師 (8th)

Meet Your Instructional Assistants (IA)!



Jenny Chu 朱老師 (K)



Ivy Lin 林老師 (K)



Sonia Liu 劉老師 (1st)



Deborah Lin 林老師 (1st)



Helen Lin 林老師 (M) (2nd)

Coming Soon!



Jennifer Liu 劉老師 (M) (2nd)



Jin Huang 黃老師 (M) (3rd)



Ann Nagamatsu (E) (3rd)



Vivian Lee 李老師 (E) (3rd)



Susan Yu 余老師 (E/M) (4th)



SuPing Lee 李老師 (M) (4th-5th)



Kara Gennis (E) (4th-5th)



Amy Li 李老師 (M) (2nd-5th)



Zoe Peng 彭老師 (M) (K-5th)

Meet Your Non-IA Personnel! CLIP Art



Ms. Jennifer Liu Kindergarten 劉老師



Ms. Grace Liu 1st & 2nd grade 劉老師



Ms. Helen Lin 3rd grade 林老師



Ms. Sarah Zhang 4th, 5th, 6th grade 张老师



Ms. Shufen Cho 7th grade 卓老師



Ms. Ching Lien 8th grade 連老師

Other Personnel



Ms. Patricia Chen Western Art 陳老師



Ms. Cynthia Lee Librarian

New Teacher! Coming Soon!

Coach Michael Recess 101



CLIP News 快報

Minimum Day 9/26

September 26 is a minimum day. Both breakfast and hot lunch will be provided, but there will be only 20 minutes allocated for lunch, which takes place just one hour after recess (Muir). Students are required to finish their lunch on campus and are NOT allowed to take any food home.

Muir dismissal: 12:10pm, ***Miller dismissal: 12:03pm (change from last year)

Useful links

Konstella, CUSD calendar, CLIPCO webpage, DGC webpage, Muir, Miller, MCEF, Miller PTA, Miller calendar

September Lunch Menus for Muir and Miller.





Sponsored by CLIPCO

August 14 - Parents met our new principal Mr. Jonathan Mach (麥校

長) in the GLC as he introduced himself and met families for the first time.





August 21 - CUSD school board trustee Ava Chiao makes a speech to parents with Muir teachers behind her at Back to School Night.

Not pictured: the teachers were treated to a dinner by CLIPCO that evening so that they could stay at school and prepare to meet the parents of the students in their class.







Miller News 米樂校園

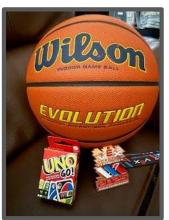
Ms. Lin Room 45/7th-graders had a Show and Tell and shared three items about themselves





























Brunch On Us!

To show our gratitude & appreciation to our wonderful CLIP Muir teachers and staff, we are planning to host six "Brunch on Us" + one "Dinner on Us" for the 2025-26 school year.

We have had great success with "Brunch on Us" in the past – thanks to the amazing support from parents of all grades. We will also have a "Dinner on Us" on the Open House day as many teachers work tirelessly throughout that special day to showcase our children's work in the classroom. Having dinner on site will help them save precious prep time for this special event.

We would like to ask each grade to bring in snacks for their designated month. Please mark your calendar.

GRADES TO SEND IN SNACKS

Thursday, September 25, 2025	Grade 5
Thursday, October 23, 2025	Grade 4
Thursday, December 4, 2025	Grade 3
Thursday, January 22, 2026	Grade 2
Thursday, February 12, 2026	Grade 1
Thursday, March 12, 2026	Kindergarten

<u>Please drop off your treats at the staff lounge (near GLC) before 8:30am on the designated date.</u>

Special "Dinner on Us" Thursday, May 21, 2026

All grades

Please drop off food by 3:05pm at the staff lounge

Suggested items include (we recommend about 20-24 servings):

- Finger food: trail mix, meat jerky, nuts, crackers, mini salads, egg bites, small sandwiches, muffins, danishes, pastries, healthy home-made finger food, cookies, granola bars, individually packaged items
- Fruits: apples, oranges, bananas, grapes, blueberries, strawberries etc
- Drinks: yogurt, fruit juice, sparkling juice/water, canned coffee
- For "Dinner on Us," e.g. entrees, fried rice, noodles, salads, soup, bread, desserts; will send out a spreadsheet for sign-ups closer to date.

If you have any questions, please contact Christina Thai or Christine Wong Kaahaaina via the messaging feature on Konstella. Thank you for your support!





PYT's School Play in a Box

John Muir Elementary is teaming up with Peninsula Youth Theatre to offer after-school drama! Students will learn the basics of acting, character development, storytelling, and theatre terminology while having fun and rehearsing a play. Parents will be responsible for providing their child's simple costumes and helping with memorization.

Class Information

Mondays from 2:40 – 3:40 pm

Starting Monday, September 15th – Monday, December 8th

The final performance will be an Monday, December

The final performance will be on Monday, December 8th at 3:15 pm

No class on 10/6, 10/13, and 11/24 \$340 per student

Class is open for students 1st - 3rd grade
Class will be held in the Muir GLC

Registration coming soon!



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Class Information

Thursdays from 3:10 – 4:40
Starting Thursday, September 11th – Thursday,
December 4th
The final performance will be on Thursday, December
4th at 4:15 pm
No class on 10/2, 10/9, and 11/27
\$450 per student
Class is open for students 4th – 5th grade
Class will be held in the Muir GLC

Registration coming soon!

Questions? Join the Muir PYT group on Konstella and post your questions there!



Girls on the Run of Silicon Valley



NEWSLETTER BLURB

Help empower the girls at CLIP at John Muir Elementary!

We're looking for Girls on the Run coaches for the Spring 2026 (March 2 - May 16) season. Girls on the Run is an after-school social-emotional and physical activity program for 3rd-5th graders that creatively uses a research-based curriculum to teach critical life skills such as: developing healthy friendships, managing emotions, standing up for yourself and others, setting goals, and making intentional decisions. As a coach, you'll lead a small team of participants through 10-weeks of scripted programming, all while training to complete a 5K at the end of the season.

You don't need to be a runner, athlete, or have prior coaching experience. Coaches can be anyone 18-years old or older. As a perk, all coaches will receive discounted registration for their child(ren) and a guaranteed spot(s) on the team.

Applications are now open for <u>NEW</u> and <u>RETURNING</u> coaches! If you'd like more information, please go to <u>www.gotrsv.org/coach</u>, email Head Coach Ginger and Coach Kimberley at gotr@cusdclipco.org, or <u>register to attend a Virtual GOTR Information Session</u> with the GOTR Program Team.

Girls on the Run is SO MUCH FUN!

Join the Yearbook Team!





OUR ACTIVITIES

- Take photos at school events
- Assist with page layouts and design
- · Share ideas and creativity
- Connect with other parents

FILL OUT THE INTEREST FORM HERE:



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*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

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GRADES 2-12

Get Ahead This School Year with AoPS Academy

Advanced Math and Language Arts



Top students meet weekly with expert instructors to discuss challenging ideas and develop problem solving skills in math and language arts.



How Students Build Confidence at AoPS Academy

Explore complex topics now, not later with world-class curriculum

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Collaborate with motivated peers to discover creative solutions

Sending my child to AoPS Academy was one of the best decisions I've ever made. His skills have improved dramatically, and I'm very impressed with everyone who works there. I'd recommend AoPS Academy to any parent wanting to help develop their child's potential.

- KIRAN H., AOPS ACADEMY PARENT





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School Mobile / Desktop App @ Muir



Parent Square: https://www.parentsquare.com/

 Teachers / Principal / Front Office / CUSD will send out school communications from ParentSquare



Parent Vue: https://parentvue.cusdk8.org/

Report Card (Every Trimester), Class List information,
 Standardized State Test Scores



Konstella: https://www.konstella.com/

 Connect with other parents and learn about CLIPCO events, After School Enrichment Program (ASEP), classroom events (Room Parent) and receive the newsletter (CLIPPER)



Clever

- Use your child's Clever Badge (provided by their teacher) to log in to all school applications for both in-class activities and homework.
- Use to access school applications: Seesaw, Google
 Classroom, Typing Club, Reading A-Z ("Raz kids"), etc.



ClassDojo

 Some teachers use this to share information about your child's day. (Access through Clever).



SeeSaw

 Some teachers use this to share information about your child's day or assign homework. (Access through Clever).



Level Learning (Chinese)

 Students can use this to read Chinese books (Access through Clever).

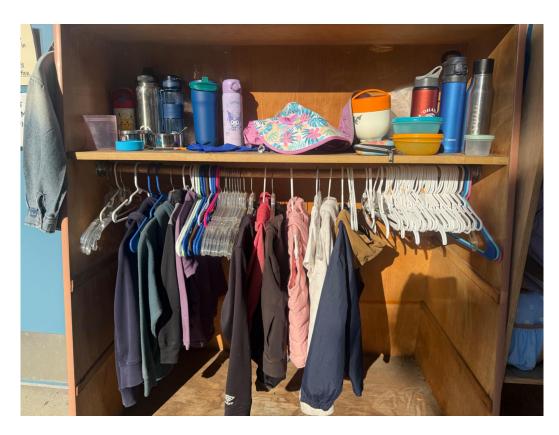


Muir Lost & Found 失物招領

Join <u>Lost & Found on Konstella</u> for semi-weekly pictures. We strive to return items that are clearly labeled. We also have a <u>Google</u> <u>Photo Album</u> with items.







August 2025 CLIPCO Board Meeting Voting Summary



Board Approvals	Yes	No	Abstain	Result
Approve May 28 meeting minutes.	16	0	0	Approved
Update decorations budget to \$1960 from \$1880 to account for the two new 4th grade classrooms.	12	0	4	Approved
Purchase of voice amplifier system for the three CLIP Miller classrooms similar to what Muir has.	16	0	0	Approved

August 20, 2025 - CLIPCO Board Meeting Notes

Upcoming Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 6 - 8pm Muir GLC

or Google Meet

All parents are welcome!

2025 - 2026 CLIP Board Members

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL
President	Margaret Leung	margaret@cusdclipco.org
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	TBD	Election in progress
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7th Grade	See-Eng Phan	see-eng@cusdclipco.org
	Diana Ong	diana@cusdclipco.org
8th Grada	Elly Park	elly.park@cusdclipco.org
8th Grade	Simon Chung	simon.chung@cusdclipco.org

2025 - 2026 CLIP Committee Leads

Book Fair Hospitality Christina Thai Ginger Perng May Wong Christine Wong **Bylaws Kevin Jung** Investments David Chen **CLIP ASEP** Edison Chiu Margaret Leung Simon Chung May Wong **Kevin Jung** Need Lead for ??? Jim Pacella Showcase / CNY **CLIPPER** Konstella Lalaine Chen Wendy Briggs Margaret Leung **Donna Manousos** See-Eng Phan Kenneth Liew Lost and Found CNY Parade Ch Wendy Briggs Need a Lead None **Decorations Committee** Math Kangaroo Sue Sun Volodymyr Borshch Liza Lim Tatiana Evstigneeva **DGC** Jim Pacella Fori Wang **Project Cornerstone** Tammy Wang Need a Lead **Events** Lisa Sung None **PYT** Girls On The Run

Room Parent Lead Lalaine Chen

Christine Kuo

Science Fair

Lalaine Chen Josh Bress Sheila Nguyen

Safety Patrol

Wendy Briggs Joyce Huang

Silent Auction

Wendy Briggs

Margaret Leung

Technology

David Chen

Website

Margaret Leung

Yearbook

Hannah Sun Carolyne Sohn Hsin Wang

5th Grade Promotion

TBD

8th Grade Promotion

TBD

Ginger Perng Kimberley Seok Hannah Sun



Calling all PokéMoms and Dads! Do you play Pokémon Go? Do you want to build CLIP community while playing?

Join our Konstella group!

Questions? Contact: newsletter@cusdclipco.org