November Happenings

October’s meeting was well attended and the Reflections Arts Reception went well. Many thanks to Arcadia Conrad, Andy Aron, and Alice Cunningham for speaking about the performing and visual art programs that we offer and Jenny Martin for arranging the reception. Ms. Conrad’s handout is attached for those who would like more information about the drama program and information about the school musical is located at the end of this newsletter.

Congratulations to the winners of our Reflections Arts Program! 12 Entries were selected to move forward. They are listed at the end of the newsletter and more information is on the Reflections page

November meeting is on Tues Nov 29 at 7pm in the Cafeteria. Social time is 6:45-7pm. We will have 3 guest speakers

Terry Hannigan - Science Dept Chair - She will speak about the science dept program and give us an update about the new AP Environmental Science Class.
Polly Bove (FUHSD Superintendent) and Bill Wilson (FUHSD Trustee) will speak about the FUHSD news.
Please RSVP here: https://cupertinoptsanov2016.eventbrite.com

Grant Program and Special Association Meeting
Our Grant Committee is currently accepting Grant request on projects or purchases that would benefit students school wide. If you are interested in submitting a request, the last day to do so is Nov 18, 2016. Further enquiries should be directed to our Grants Committee Chair Benaifer Dastoor (bddastoor@yahoo.com) The special association meeting to approve the grants will be on Tuesday, December 13 at 7pm in the Cafeteria.

Staff Appreciation Events
Parents are sponsoring a Diwali lunch, which is totally funded by the parents and organized by parent volunteers. Rakhi Mathur is organizing this event and requests parents to donate cash to help purchase the food. Donating cash gives a chance for everyone to participate. We need your help in making this day a memorable and successful event. So please donate generously and suggested donation amount is only $25.

For convenience, you can send funds thru PayPal (please send as family/friends only to avoid service fee)
Pay by PayPal @ rakhimat@gmail.com
Pay by Check: Name on check: Rakhi Mathur Address: Drop off at Cupertino High school admin office.

Many thanks to the Korean PTA for sponsoring their lunch on Oct 26th. The staff and teachers loved the annual event. The photos on our website.
How can you help and become more involved?

*To get more frequent updates please join and like our FB page*
https://www.facebook.com/CupertinoHighPTSA/

*Join the TinoParents google group! Keep up-to-date on upcoming PTSA sponsored parent education events, student programs and opportunities to volunteer at school. Contact:*
michelle.riess@comcast.net

*Donate!*

**Urgent - our membership and donations are down** this year as we moved to the electronic form system. We wanted to save funds on the mailing and help save some trees. But it seems to have impacted us negatively…
We currently have 347 members and our goal was 450.
We have $26,326 in donations and our goal was $35,000.
PTSA has given **tens of thousands of dollars of grants** to the school
PTSA supports the school with **countless hours of volunteer work** for the education, health, and safety of our children.

**This year, we are hoping to raise money for additional bike racks, student programs, grants for teachers, and other programs.**
The membership form is located [here](http://www.chs.fuhsd.org/ptsa.) and you can **donate online** via
We have also attached the form for your convenience if you prefer the paper form and you can submit your donation via check. If your check has not cleared, please email our VP of Memberships as we may not have received your donation. Her contact information is Anna Weber - TinoPTSA.Membership@gmail.com.

**Sign up to Volunteer – “Give 2 Hours”**

We encourage parents to also “Give 2 Hours” to support the school and keep the excellent programs going for our students. (And of course we gladly accept more.)
This is a great way to meet other parents and learn more about school, plus it’s very rewarding as well. Let us know the types of volunteering that interest you and we will contact you throughout the year when those opportunities are available.

Please fill out the [2016-17 PTSA Volunteer Online Form](http://www.chs.fuhsd.org/ptsa), or if you prefer a printable version [2016-17 PTSA Volunteer Printable Form](http://www.chs.fuhsd.org/ptsa).

**Other Events at school:**
School Musical Love theater? Then you don't want to miss Cupertino High School's production of "The Drowsy Chaperone." You can purchase tickets for their upcoming shows on November 4, 5, 11 & 12 by visiting the link below: http://Bit.do/CATDrowsy

Grad Night will be meeting on Nov 21 at 7pm at the College and Career Center. We currently have 200 students registered to attend and will need many people to help with making this a fabulous party.

Sport Award Night Our fall athletes will be honored at the fall sport award night on Monday, Nov 21 at the Theater.

2016 Reflections Art Contest

The judges selected 12 entries to move forward to the next level of competition at the Cupertino, Fremont, Sunnyvale Council PTA, as follows:

LITERATURE
1st place Until We Meet Again Ryan Sun
2nd place My Story Hilary Oglesby
3rd place Rose Sydney Liao

DANCE
1st place Mrs. Potato Head Raychel Hatch

FILM
1st place Being Human Nico Chilla

VISUAL ARTS
1st place Unwritten Gargee Khaparde
2nd place The Golden Moments Kavya Bellam
3rd place The Journey of Life is a Storybook Gina Pai

PHOTOGRAPHY
1st place Leaving a Silhouette Etched by the Sun Aditya Bhatt
2nd place Lighting Up the Darkness Bryan Choy
3rd place To the Unknown Sumayya Syeda

MUSIC
1st place Drums: My Love, My Life Divya Rao

Because the Visual Arts category included so many excellent entries the judges chose to highlight a few that showed mastery in a particular category, as follows:

Honorable Mention for Creativity Independent Vidhi Bhargava
Honorable Mention for Technique Balance Catherine Seok
Honorable Mention for Theme Trapped Peisen Lee