

2011-2012
PARENT / STUDENT HANDBOOK



The Mission of John Muir Elementary is to provide every student with the highest quality education. We will create a learning environment which offers educational enrichment to each student. Our goal is to prepare every child to be an informed decision maker and a lifelong learner.



Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at John Muir Elementary. To those returning, welcome back. To those who are new to our school, a heartfelt welcome to our community of learners. New or returning, you are encouraged to be an active member of our community and to participate in the joy and excitement of watching our students grow and develop academically and socially. Muir is a fabulous school because of the incredible dedication of our staff, the strong support and cooperation of our community, and of course, our wonderful students.

The purpose of this handbook is to give you important information about Muir Elementary. Please read it completely so that you are aware of the many policies and procedures that are necessary to make our school operate smoothly. It is also important that you review many of the documents with your children so that they can be aware of our expectations for them. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's teacher, the office staff, or myself. We look forward to another great year working closely with you to promote the strong partnership between home and school that is critical to helping each child achieve their best.

This year promises to be filled with many new challenges, great achievements, new friendships, unknown disappointments, and significant growth. Join us on this exciting journey.

Sincerely,

Jeff DeGallier
Principal
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HISTORY

HISTORY: John Muir Elementary was completed in the Fall of 1970, opening with a population of 312 students. One hundred thirty of these were sixth grade students from Robert Frost who were assigned for one year only. From this small start the school has grown steadily to a high point of 780 students in 1975. About 50 students were reassigned to other schools in the area. Growth since that time has leveled off and is consistent at around 400 students. John Muir has had seven principals in its 30-year history and, in 1990 and 2010, received national recognition as one of the outstanding schools in the United States. Since the school is named after the famous naturalist, John Muir, who was active in the National Park movement, all the clusters are named after National Parks or Monuments.

Our new school will open sometime after the 2011 school year begins as a K-6 school. In the Fall of 2012, John Muir will become a K-5 school.

SCHOOL COLORS: Red, White & Blue

SCHOOL MASCOT: Mountie the Mountain Lion

