



Tiger Newsletter

October, 2026



A Message From Principal Evans

Hello John Still Families,

I hope you are continuing to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, John Still Families!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first Coffee Chat and ELAC meeting recently. I appreciate the opportunity to connect with you, hear your ideas, and strengthen the partnerships that help our students thrive. I look forward to more conversations with our families throughout the year!

As we welcome October and National Bullying Prevention Month, we are renewing our commitment to a safe, welcoming school where every student feels valued and supported. Please talk with your children about kindness, standing up for others, and telling a trusted adult when they experience or witness bullying. Help them understand that bullying involves intentional, repeated behavior and an imbalance of power. Together, we can make sure our students know they are heard and that help is available.

October also brings Red Ribbon Week, an opportunity to talk with your children about healthy choices and staying drug-free. Your encouragement helps them build the confidence to make positive decisions and seek support when they need it.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping make John Still a caring neighborhood school for our Meadowview community. I look forward to seeing you at the Halloween Parade on our Elementary campus and of course, at Boo Fest!

Joanna Evans
Principal
John Still TK-8

October School Events

October 2

Panda Fundaiser, Delta Shores, 9 AM - 11 PM

October 7

School Site Council Meeting, 2:30 PM

October 8 - 16

Scholastic Book Fair, West Library (hours vary)

October 9

Kona Ice After School

October 12

No School, Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 15

Great Shakeout, 10:15 AM

October 20

PTO Meeting, West Library, 5:30 PM

October 23

Picture Day

October 26 - 20

Red Ribbon Week

October 28

Fresh Produce Drive-Thru 9:30 AM

Boo Fest, East Campus, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

October 30

Principal's Coffee Chat & TUPE

Presentation, 8:15 AM

Halloween Parade, West Campus

In the Spotlight



October is Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and at John Still, it is an opportunity for all of us to think about how we can help make our school a place where every student feels safe, welcomed, and included.

Preventing bullying is a shared responsibility. Students, families, teachers, and staff all have a role to play by treating others with kindness and respect, speaking up when something doesn't feel right, and making sure others feel that they belong.

We encourage our John Still families to talk with your children about what it means to be a good friend, how to respond when they see someone being treated unkindly, and when to ask an adult for help. If your child has a concern about bullying or another student's behavior, please reach out to your child's teacher or a member of our school staff. We want to work together with families to address concerns and support our students.

Throughout the month, we will be reminding our students that kindness, acceptance, and inclusion help our entire school community ROAR!



The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming Soon!

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to the John Still east campus this month! The Book Fair will be held in our middle school library and is a great opportunity for students and families to celebrate books, reading, and the joy of discovering a great story.

Stop by, browse the selection, and find something new to read!

Book Fair Dates:

Thursday, October 8 – Friday, October 16
John Still Middle School Library

Shopping Hours:

- Thursday, 10/8: 1:30–4:00 PM
- Friday, 10/9: 12:30–6:00 PM
- Wednesday, 10/14: 4:00–6:00 PM
- Thursday, 10/15: 1:30–6:00 PM

Thank you for supporting our students and helping us build a community of readers!

Community School Updates



John Still Parent Teacher Organization

Board Members

President: Lori "Froggie" Nixon

Vice President: Eleni Arreola

Treasurer/Secretary: Katie Burns

- **Next Meeting: October 20, 2026**
- 5:30 PM
- Elementary Campus Library

Thank you to everyone who joined the John Still PTO last month! We're looking forward to a great year of events and activities for our students and families.

A special congratulations to Ms. Froggie's and Ms. Landrum's classes, which brought in the highest percentage of PTO memberships during our September membership drive! Their classes celebrated last month with a pizza party.

Coming up, the PTO is partnering with Panda Express for an all-day fundraiser on Friday, October 2. Later this month, we'll also be selling Boo Grams on the elementary campus to celebrate Halloween. And, we're getting ready for our first annual Walk-a-Thon, taking place on November 13th.! We're excited to make this a fun event for our students and families.

Thank you for supporting our PTO and helping make these activities possible!

Questions? Contact the PTO at johnstillpto@gmail.com.

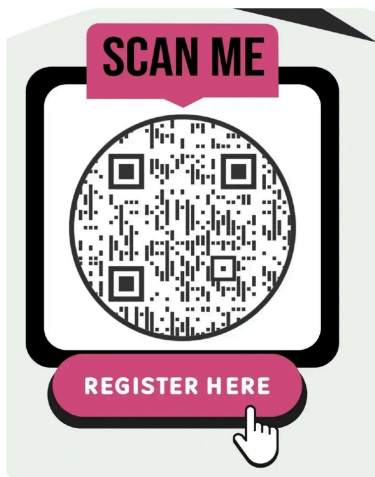
Welcome Back to John Still, Diego Olvera!

We are happy to welcome back Diego Olvera, our School Community Liaison!

Diego will be on campus helping build strong connections between families, students, and staff. He'll coordinate with our Student Support Center and other staff to connect families with school activities, programs, and resources, while helping families feel informed, supported, and welcomed at John Still.

You may see Diego connecting with families, helping address questions or concerns, supporting student attendance, and connecting families with school and community resources when needed.

We're glad to have Diego back at John Still and look forward to the many ways he will help strengthen our school community!



Monthly Fresh Produce Giveaways

John Still TK-8 is partnering with Molina Healthcare and Bienestar is Wellbeing to bring monthly fresh produce giveaways to our campus!

About the Program:

- Fresh produce donated by local farmers and grocery stores helps reduce food waste.
- Each giveaway features a variety of seasonal fruits and vegetables.
- **Everyone is welcome!** You do not need to have a student at John Still to participate.

Save Time in Line!

Use the QR code above to pre-register on the Bienestar Community website. Registration also provides access to the Bienestar Community app, which can speed up drive-thru check-in, and the produce giveaway calendar for other local giveaways.

Stay Connected:

Check ParentSquare and John Still's social media for upcoming giveaway dates and updates.

Interested in volunteering?

We could use help during future giveaways with produce sorting, bagging, and boxing. Please contact Diego Olvera at diego-olvera1@scusd.edu for more information.

Boxtops for Education

Did you know you can help raise money for John Still TK-8 simply by scanning your grocery receipts?

Box Tops for Education is an easy way to earn funds that can help our school purchase school supplies, equipment, and other resources for our students.

Here's how it works:

- Scan the QR code above to download the Box Tops app.
- Shop for participating products at your favorite stores.
- Use the app to scan your receipt after you shop.
- Your Box Tops earnings will be credited to John Still!

It's an easy way to support our school while doing your normal grocery shopping. Every Box Top adds up!

Looking Ahead to October



October 12th is Indigenous Peoples' Day

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, we honor America's first inhabitants, their histories, and the Tribal Nations that continue to thrive today.

The holiday began in Berkeley, California, in 1992, marking the 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival. Santa Cruz adopted it two years later, followed by many cities and states.

In 2021, President Joe Biden became the first U.S. president to formally recognize the holiday with a presidential proclamation. It is now celebrated nationwide on the second Monday in October.

Source: USEmbassy.gov



October is Filipino American History Month

Filipino Americans are the second largest Asian American group in the nation and the second largest ethnic group in

California. Filipino American History Month in October commemorates the first recorded presence of Filipinos in the continental United States, when Luzones Indios, native sailors in the Spanish navy during the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade, came ashore from the galleon Nuestra Señora de Esperanza at what is now Morro Bay, California, on Oct. 18, 1587. After years of advocacy,

Congress recognized October as Filipino American History Month in 2009. Since then, various states, counties, and cities have issued proclamations declaring its observance.

Source: fanhs-national.org/filam/

Show Your Tiger Pride



Order Your John Still Yearbook!

Yearbook pre-orders are now open through **October 31!**

Yearbooks are **\$30**.

Click [HERE](#) to order your copy today!



John Still Spirit Wear

Cooler weather is here, making it a great time to grab some **John Still spirit wear!**

Choose from sweatshirts, sweatpants, long-sleeve shirts, and T-shirts to show your Tiger pride on our school spirit days.

Every purchase helps support our John Still Athletic Department!

Click [this link](#) to shop online.

Orders are expected to ship within 3–5 business days.

**Visit our website for the
latest updates and
information.**

John Still TK-8 Website

**Check Us Out on
Social Media!**



John Still TK-8 is now on Facebook and Instagram.

While Parent Square remains our official platform for important announcements and updates, you can now follow us on social media for extra stories, event highlights, and celebrations of our amazing students and staff.

You can find our **[Facebook page here](#)**,
and our **[Instagram page here](#)**.