

TO: FUSD Elementary School Teachers
FROM: Moina Shaiq, Chair, Celebrate Fremont 50th Anniversary Education Team
RE: Participation in Fremont 50th Anniversary events
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A year of celebration

The City of Fremont was incorporated in January 1956. Hundreds of individual community members and organizations already have begun planning a yearlong celebration for the 50th anniversary next year. The festivities will begin with a kickoff event in January and culminate in a Celebrate Fremont @ the Park festival at Central Park on Sept 9-10, 2006.

The celebration will feature a series of artistic, academic and community events at sites throughout the city. The Celebrate Fremont-50th Anniversary Education Team is responsible for encouraging the participation of students from preschool to adults in all public and private schools in the city.

Special grants available

Fremont Education Foundation

To help stimulate interest in Celebrate Fremont 50th among FUSD teachers, the Fremont Education Foundation is offering \$3,000 in special Innovative Education Grants focusing on the 50th anniversary theme. The grants may relate to the past, present or future of Fremont. Projects and activities may be completed any time during the 2005-06 school year. **Applications for the grants are due May 27, 2005.** For more information, visit the [FEF's Website http://www.fremont-education.org/](http://www.fremont-education.org/) or call 659-2561.

Celebrate Fremont

The Celebrate Fremont 50th Anniversary Education Team also will provide a number of \$100 grants for teachers to purchase supplies and materials for projects involving the 50th anniversary theme.

Suggested activities

Many teachers already are planning to tie the 50th anniversary theme to curriculum and projects they have planned for the 2005-06 school year. Though the possibilities are endless, Education Team members have suggested a few ideas for activities throughout the year:

- Young authors' contest around the 50th anniversary theme.
- Recording personal histories outside the family (students can learn about other cultures by interviewing neighbors or community members.)
- Local history tour bus field trips. (Visit historic sites in Fremont with a trained guide.)
- Dramatic re-enactments of historical events in Fremont.

Prizes for Projects

In addition to continuing projects, the Education Team plans to sponsor three contests for specific categories of projects:

- **Fall 2005:** Art projects. Visual representation of Fremont history. Fremont then and now; drawing painting, or photos of students' favorite things or places in Fremont.
- **Winter 2005:** Writing contest. Interviews, essays or poems about Fremont's past, present and future.
- **Spring 2006:** Oral histories or video interview projects.

Cash prizes up to \$100 will be awarded for the best projects in each category.

Projects will be accepted from individuals, classes or schools.

The best student work will be displayed during the year at locations throughout the city and at the Celebrate Fremont @ the Park festival.

For more information, visit the Celebrate Fremont 50th Anniversary web site at www.celebratefremont.org, e-mail the Celebrate Fremont Education Team at educationteam@celebratefremont.org or call (510) 657-7465. To arrange a field trip or to learn more about creating oral histories, contact the Celebrate Fremont Heritage Team at heritageteam@celebratefremont.org.