

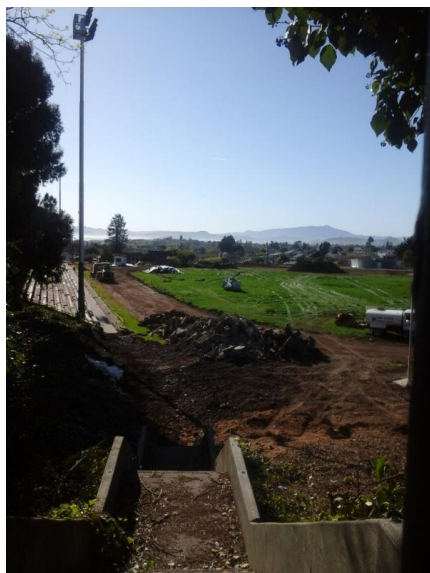
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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- October  
2014

Welcome to Fall! If you have children or grandchildren in school, you know Fall is like a new beginning. It's a return to "early-to-bed, early-to-



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rise," homework, and lots of school activities.

The Archiving Project is supporting the next Hall of Fame induction event on Sunday, November 9th. We hope many of you will be able to attend. It's a wonderful event honoring past athletic stars from ECHS and an opportunity to meet old friends and have a tasty meal. Hope to see you there. Don't forget to buy your ECHS license plate frame and get your holiday shopping started early.

Sincerely,  
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## Welcome to the Fred T. Korematsu (formerly Po El Cerrito Middle School Name Change

RICHMOND -- Portola Middle School in El Cerrito will be renamed Fred T. Korematsu Middle School in honor of the civil rights leader.

The decision was made by the West Contra Costa School District board. A committee, including Ramsey, board member Randy Enos and El Cerrito resident Jim Ghidella, recommended the name change. Ghidella gave testimony at four community meetings and two school board meetings. Korematsu, who was convicted in 1942 for defying the order to transport residents of Japanese ancestry to internment camps after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Korematsu's conviction was overturned by a federal court in 1983, and he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton in 1998. Ghidella said the idea to rename the school after Korematsu was first brought up before the full board in April. Ghidella said he embraced the name change because of the community, many of whom were active in the flower growing industry in El Cerrito and who had suffered from internment. The new name will present an opportunity to teach about a regrettable part of our history, he said.

"Two out of seven El Cerrito residents are Asian," he said. "This is a whole side of U.S. history that is not taught in school."

The proposal had generated some division and controversy, but at a recent meeting, Superior Court Judge Joni Hiramoto, favored the name change.

"Fred Korematsu stood up for the Constitution and due process under the law," Hiramoto said. "The school is operating in portable classrooms on the same site it has occupied since it was built."

## Upcoming Events

- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, November 9, 2014.
- Grand Opening for the Athletic Stadium - TBD

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## **Coach Quirico's Corner**

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Hall of Fame  
2014 Inductions  
Sunday, November 9,  
2014

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### **Gauchos!**

Help the girls' volleyball team  
get much-needed new  
volleyballs and nets! The  
team is trying to raise \$6,000  
via crowdfunding website  
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Cerrito-Volleyball.](http://www.gofundme.com/El-Cerrito-Volleyball)

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Go Gauchos!

Scott Bishop  
Head Coach

[Gauchos Volleyball Website](#)

scheduled for completion in October 2015, is being built about four blocks away at 712! Some name change critics have argued that the board violated rules it established that under extraordinary circumstances and after thorough study."

Ramsey and board member Todd Groves have said they think the relocation of the school Drive constitutes a clear opportunity to revisit the name. The board's guidelines for renaming a school are "strictly enforced," Ramsey said. "The board is not renaming a school in honor of a deceased, who have made contributions of state, national or worldwide significance."

Opponents of the name change also weighed-in with emails to the district citing the historical significance of Gaspar de Portola and the fact that the school's first cohort of students allegedly chose the name. Opponents suggested naming the school after people with local ties, including Don Victor Castro, a San Pablo resident who included present-day El Cerrito, community benefactor Sundar Shadi and Japanese Americans who were local residents.

By Rick Radin, Correspondent

## **Moving Forward with the new Stadium**









For more information about the Grand Opening of the  
please contact Roddy Lee at ECArchProject@



Athletic Hall of Fame Class 201

**The Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner is Sunday, ]  
are \$30 per person. Please contact Coach Larry Quiric  
information at (510) 222-1835 or bquirico@comcast.ne**

INDUCTEES 1944 - 2000

Steve Werren Student Supervisor & Coach  
Chris Huber Basketball Coach

Ken Butler	1947	Football, Basketball, Track
Sal Tedesco	1947	Football, Track
Eurael Bell	1957	Football, Basketball, Track
Charles Booth	1962	Track
Craig Lusiani	1967	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Rose Aguilar	1975	Tennis, Softball
Marc Covert	1979	Football, Soccer, Track
Ted Perkins	1979	Football, Baseball
Tom Purvis	1982	Football, Track
Terry Brown	1983	Baseball
Thomas Gary	1985	Football
Karryl Smith	1985	Basketball, Softball
Marissa Gardella	1988	X-Country, Track
Sam Bernstein	1989	Football, Baseball
Quentin Youngblood	1989	Basketball
Will Petzel	1990	Basketball, Baseball
Jamir Miller	1991	Football, Track
Jennifer Smith	1992	Volleyball, Basketball, Softball
Raymond King	1995	Basketball
Donnie Davis	1997	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Lamont Thompson	1997	Football
Terrell Roberts	1999	Football
Andrew Gooden	1999	Basketball
Haley Jones	2000	Volleyball, Soccer, Softball
David Rose	2000	Football, Baseball

1955 Baseball Team  
 1962 Boys' Track Team  
 1987 Girls' Basketball Team

First Championship in the History of  
 Northern California Champs  
 League Champions, 29-2 Record,  
 Most wins in Girls' Basketball His

The HOF Committee is looking for the following athletes: Jennifer Smith-1992, the 1962 Track Team, and from the 1955 Baseball Team, Bob Lonestar and others. If you know about these athletes, or want more information about the Hall of Fame, please contact (510) 222-1835 or bquirico@comcast.net.

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**1959 55th YEAR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

Date: October 4, 2014.

Our event is planned to be fun, easy-going and in  
Cost: \$59.00 per person.Hilton Concord Hotel, Hospitality Suite, 6:00 p.m.  
Both Friday, October 3 and Saturday 4 at the HiltContact Lyn (Martinez) Kelly at drmakelly@comcast  
for further information and to make your reservat1994 20th Reunion

Save the Date: Sept 27, 2014

Location: Lake Chalet, Oakland

Website: <http://www.echsclassof94.com>

Facebook group for Class of 94: ECHS Class of 94

Please contact Nancy Quick for more information.

1670/nequick@yahoo.com

1964 50th REUNION!

Save the date! Oct. 11, 2014

Mira Vista Country Club, El Cerrito

Please send your current email to: [elcerrito1964@gmail](mailto:elcerrito1964@gmail.com)

or call Jackie Arnold Olson 510-527-2872

Stay tuned for more info!

1969 45th Reunion

September 13, 2014

Richmond Country Club

Contact Bill Morris...[wmorris@actransit.org](mailto:wmorris@actransit.org)

(510) 741-7147

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El Cerrito High Archiving Project Mission Statement:

*Support the development of a strong El Cerrito High School alumni body - Collect, preserve and celebrate the history of*

*Develop connections to current students and the El Cerrito community.*

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