

## Our School Needs a Sun Shade

Our school, Bay Meadows Elementary, really needs a sun shade. The reason our school deserves a sun shade is because we live in one of the sunniest states in the U.S.A. and we do not have an indoor gym or any inside place to play. Our school has P.E. and recess outside but we do not have the ability to apply sun screen every 30 minutes like we do at home. Our state probably has the highest incidence of the people getting skin cancer or moles. Even when the sun is not shining the U.V rays are still strong enough to burn your skin and cause freckles, moles and skin cancer.

My family has had a bad history with skin cancer. My uncle got skin cancer and had to have some of the skin from his forehead removed, and replaced with a skin graft from another part of his body. My mom did not know as a child that the sun was very, very dangerous so as a child living in sunny California she never put on sun screen and now as an adult she has to go every month and get moles removed that could be cancerous. I do not want that to happen to me or any of my friends, family, or any of my fellow students at my school. ☹

The children at our school deserve to have a place where they can play and have fun at a great school without worrying about getting skin cancer, moles and freckles.

A sunshade would not only provide protection from skin cancer, it would also protect us from the heat.

Ever since kindergarten our school has always wanted a sun shade. I am now in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and we still don't have one. The sunshade may not arrive in time to protect me, but it will still protect my sister in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and my brother in kindergarten. I hope that our school will win the sun shade so all the students in the years following will enjoy the coolness from the sun shade.

In the end I just hope that our school wins the sun shade. Our students will have a great school with a sun shade to keep us cool.