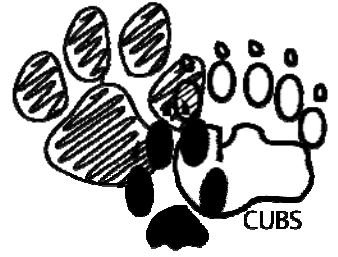


# Don Callejon

## Weekly News



Principal Debi Bodenheimer's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, February 28, 2007

### Minimum Day Reminders:

Don't Forget... Friday, March 9, Monday, March 19 and Tuesday, March 20 are minimum days for all students. March 19 and March 20 are set aside for conference days. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher.

### Students staying on campus after school:

Parents, it is very important that your child is picked up right after school or has a reliable way to get home. We do not have after school supervision, and unless your child is involved in an after school activity or supervised by an adult, he/she must leave campus as soon as the school day is over. This is for safety reasons. Students who are continually hanging around after school, or who are picked up late on a regular basis, will have a letter sent home and placed in their file. We appreciate your help with this.

### Next year teacher requests policy:

Parents, we do not honor requests for specific teachers for next year. If you have a request, please specify your child's strengths and weaknesses and the type of teacher who might work best with him/her. We will do our best to then match up your child to the appropriate teacher.

### Middle School Dance:

We will have our next middle school dance on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be from 3:30 to 5:30, and we will have a late bus at 5:30 on that day. Parents, we need chaperones! If you are available to chaperone, please call the office and let the principal know, or email her at [dbodenheimer@scusd.net](mailto:dbodenheimer@scusd.net). Thank you for your help.

### Dear Parents:

Unfortunately, we have not yet had enough parents register to hold Pat Belvel's Family Leadership Workshop; we only have 17 parents signed-up as of this afternoon. We need 25-40 parents in order to offer the class at no cost. Because of our holiday break last week, we've decided to try one more week to recruit parents before we cancel altogether. We have therefore **postponed starting the class until Thursday, March 8 and April 5**). My sincere apologies; I truly hope that we are successful in starting next week. Please invite your fellow parents to join us! Please email or call Laura Werner at (423-2051) if you have any questions.

### Science Faire judges:

Parents and community members. We need science faire judges to help judge student science faire projects. The science faire will be held April 3rd at Buchser Middle school. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact Debi Bodenheimer.

## First Annual Talent Show:

It's time to show off your talents for the Don Callejon School community! We are looking for the most talented students in every grade to entertain us for about 3 minutes each.

**Information sessions were held this week.  
Tryouts will be held on 3/6 – 2:30 – 3:45.**

## Walkathon information:

The first annual Don Callejon Walkathon is coming up on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. It will go from 1:00 to 4:00 (approximately). Your child should have brought home a pledge sheet. If you need more information, please contact the office.

## Project Cornerstone Parent Education Series:

Attention Parents...

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Are there things I can do at home to make sure my teen does his/her best academically?

Curious??? Don't miss the Don Callejon Middle School Parent Education Series with Project Cornerstone!

All parents and community members welcome.

**Don Callejon School Library: 7 to 8:30**

Tuesday, March 6, Tuesday, March 13  
Tuesday, March 20, Tuesday, April 3  
Tuesday, April 10

## A Good Friend:

Our children may sometimes need our guidance in choosing good friends who have a positive influence. Use the checklist below with your child to evaluate each friend. Discuss with your child what each word means:

Responsible, Fair, Sharing, Sensible, Loyal, Trustworthy, Encouraging, Open-Minded, Confidential, Caring, Reliable

Quick Tip: Do not judge your child's friends by what they look like!

## Calendar dates:

Tuesday, February 27 – Friday, March 2:

- ❖ 5<sup>th</sup> Graders at Science Camp

Friday, March 2:

- ❖ Mega Skills Assembly 10:30

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- ❖ Middle School Dance 3:30 – 5:30

Tuesday, March 6:

- ❖ Talent Show try outs 2:30 – 3:45 D11

Friday, March 9:

- ❖ Second Trimester Ends – K-5  
Minimum Day – All Students

Monday, March 19 – Friday, March 23:

- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences –  
Minimum Days on 3/19 & 3/20 - All  
Students

Tuesday, March 27:

- ❖ First Annual Talent Show

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## Atención Padres

¿Mientras que nuestros niños crecen a la adolescencia, qué necesitan de nosotros como padres?

¿Debo darle a mi adolescente "su espacio"?  
¿Qué significa eso en realidad?

¿Cómo puedo proteger a mi niño/a contra comportamiento de riesgo?

¿Hay cosas que puedo hacer en casa para asegurarme de que mi adolescente hace lo mejor académicamente?

### ¿Curiosos???

¡No falte a la Escuela de Don Callejón a las series de juntas Educativas para los Padres con el Proyecto Cornerstone!

Todos los padres y miembros de la comunidad son bienvenidos.

En la biblioteca de la escuela Don Callejón de 7pm -8:30pm

Martes 6 de marzo

Abril 3 de marzo

Martes 13 de marzo

Abril 10 de abril

Martes 20 de marzo

¡Los Veremos allí!

## Are you interested in taking ninth grade English Honors at Santa Clara or at Wilcox High School for 2007-2008?

We want to accept all students interested in taking English Honors.

If you're interested in taking ninth grade English Honors, type some of your best work and include it in a manila folder, labeled with your name, current school, current teacher and student # on the manila folder flap.

### 1. The portfolio of student work includes

- A. A list of books you read for school and for pleasure in the last year. Provide a brief annotation for three of your titles (Simply a sentence or two that reflects your evaluation of the text). Please type.
- B. A short essay describing what you are like as a reader, a writer, and a thinker
- C. An original piece of your writing (essay, script, poem, literary analysis essay or short story)
- D. A completed honors application form, which includes a student checklist, student grades, short-answer questions, and a teacher recommendation section (to be completed by your teacher after you turn in your application).

### 2. Take a timed writing test.

The district-wide Language Arts timed writing assessment (Performance Based Assessment) taken in April at the middle schools will be read and scored as part of your application process. Your scores will be forwarded to us electronically.

## When is your folder due?

Please turn the folder in to Buchser, Cabrillo, Don Callejon, or Peterson's English Department by **Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

The SCUSD district-wide Language Arts timed writing assessment (Performance Based Assessment or PBA) you write the first week in April will be part of your application.

If you miss the Santa Clara Unified PBA or attend a school outside the district:

A one hour timed writing will be administered on **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 p.m.** in room 109 at Wilcox High School and in room B-8 at Santa Clara High School. If you have taken all of your English classes outside the Santa Clara Unified School District, please add a letter of recommendation from one of your teachers to your portfolio. Bring your portfolio with you to Santa Clara or to Wilcox when you take the timed writing test.

## Questions?

At Santa Clara High School contact Ms. Molnar (408) 423-2719 ([emolnar@scusd.net](mailto:emolnar@scusd.net)) or Mr. Carson ([jcarson@scusd.net](mailto:jcarson@scusd.net))

At Wilcox contact Mrs. Guttadauro (408) 423-2527 ([rguttadauro@scusd.net](mailto:rguttadauro@scusd.net)) or Ms. Gebbie (408) 423-2561 ([jgebbie@scusd.net](mailto:jgebbie@scusd.net))



3. What do you hope to contribute to your ninth grade English honors class?

4. What do you like to learn about on your own?

**For Official Use Only**

Teacher Name/Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ (print)

\_\_\_\_\_ (sign)

1. How would you rate this student? (please circle one)

1  
(low)

2

3

4

5  
(high)

2. Would you recommend this student for a high school honors English class? (please circle one)

Not at all

Moderately

Highly

3. Comments? (optional)