

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Dear Don Callejon Families,

Can you believe we are just one and one half weeks away from Spring Break? It seems like we just started the school year a few weeks ago. Typically, this is a very busy time in the office at schools. Kids begin to smell the spring and teachers are getting very tired. Please talk with your students and encourage them to stay on track these next couple of weeks. We are certainly all looking forward to a much deserved Spring Break!

Next Monday, K-5 students will have a unique opportunity to meet a live cow. The Dairy Council will be sending a dairy cow to our school in their "mobile science lab." This should be a wonderful experience for your students. Our school is also participating in the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser this week. That activity will culminate next Friday with a whole- school event where students will jump rope for up to one hour straight!

Next Wednesday, April 9, DCSCO will be holding their nominations meeting in the Library. If you are interested in running for an office on the DCSCO Board, please attend that meeting to put your name in. The DCSCO Board makes crucial decisions on expenditures for our school! Please consider joining the Board!

Please remember- we **will** have school this Friday, April 4, but we will **not** have school on Tuesday, April 8, for a teacher inservice. As always, please let us know if we can help in any way.

Hans Barber
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Staff Development Day:

Tuesday, April 8th is a staff development day. There is no school for students that day.

5th Grade Science Camp:

5th Grade students will be going to Camp Costanowan next week for Science Camp. On Tuesday, April 8th, 5th grade students going to camp should be at school by 7:45 a.m. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. The students return to Don Callejon on Friday, April 11th at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Students will be dismissed from school upon their return from camp. Please make arrangements to have your 5th grader picked up at 12:00 p.m.

Any students not attending Science Camp will be attending Mrs. Raffetto's class for the week in Room E2. Students are not allowed to stay home that week. If your student is not at school or science camp, they will be marked as an unexcused absence.

For more information, please contact your child's teacher.

Science Fair:

Congratulations to our science fair participants! We had a great turn out at the District Science Fair and our students did a great job with their projects.

Human Race:

Join the Human Race on May 10 and support a great fundraiser for DCS!

This is a fun, healthy and easy way to raise money for the Arts Program at DCS. Join us for the Human Race 5K (3.1 miles) Pledge Walk at Shoreline Park in Mountain View (near the Google Campus) at 8:45 AM on May 10. If you raise \$50, National Semiconductor will match that amount which doubles what you raise to \$100! Everyone is welcome: students, parents, teachers, community member and even your dog can walk in the race! **DCSCO will cover the Registration Fee for everyone who raises \$50 (a savings of \$15 per adult and \$10 for ages 13-18 – students under 12 are FREE).** Get free t-shirts for participating and great refreshments from area corporate sponsors as well as pizza and drinks provided by National Semiconductor after the race! See this week's take-home packet for more information. Registration/pledges must be turned into the school by Monday, April 21. Elementary school and Middle School class having the most participants will win a pizza party for their classroom! Additional registration forms will be in the Main Office. For more information contact Karl Watanabe (karlw2000@sbcglobal.net) or Kathy Watanabe (kathleenwatanabe@yahoo.com). HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Important Dates and Details:

- **Staff Development Day:**
April 8 – No School
- **DCSCO Meeting (Nominations for Officers, Presentation from the 49ers, Bullying Presentation from Principal and Vice Principal:**
April 9 – Library, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Spring Break:**
April 14 – 18 – No School
- **Future 6th Grade Parent Night (for 5th grade parents):**
April 23 – MPR, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
April 24 – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Practice Makes Perfect: Don't Hit the Panic Button:

May 21st will be a district-wide Emergency simulation drill. SCUSD and Santa Clara Fire and Police departments will be practicing emergency procedures on all campuses. It is important for parents, students and staff to remember the activities on May 21st are a simulation so we can all be prepared in the case that a real emergency occurs in the future. Please let your principal know if you see methods or procedures that can be improved.

La Práctica Hace al Maestro: No Oprima el Botón del Pánico

El 21 de mayo habrá un ejercicio de simulacro en caso de Emergencia a través de todo el distrito. El Distrito Escolar Unificado de Santa Clara/SCUSD y los departamentos de bomberos y policía de Santa Clara estarán practicando procedimientos de emergencia en todos los recintos escolares. Es importante que los padres de familia, estudiantes y personal escolar recuerden que las actividades que se llevarán a cabo el 21 de mayo son un simulacro para que todos estemos preparados en caso que en un futuro ocurra una verdadera emergencia. Por favor comuníquese con su director/a si usted observa métodos o procedimientos que se puedan mejorar.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Callejon Day. Wear your school colors. Go Cubs!



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DCSCO President's Message

Happy Spring, Families!

Thanks to all who attended Magic Night. It was a great family time and it was wonderful to see you all there.

As you know the Spring Fling is next month, **May 17th**. We need your support to make it a success.

Please mark your calendars for **April 9th** when the San Francisco 49ers will have a presentation and Mr. Barber will make a presentation on "Bullying."

On **April 29th** we will have a Fundraiser night at Red Robin. Red Robin will donate back 10% for all families that purchase dinner that night. I hope you all have a Fantastic Spring Break!

Lori Garmany
DCSCO President

Congratulations to Permanent Principal Hans Barber

DCSCO congratulates Hans Barber on being named the permanent principal at Don Callejon School. As Steve Stavis, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, wrote last week, "At last night's meeting of the Board of Trustees, Hans Barber was appointed the permanent principal of the Don Callejon School. Last year's appointment was interim in nature, and with the endorsement of the teaching and classified staff at Don Callejon School, the School Site Council, and the Don Callejon School Community Organization, the Board voted unanimously to make the appointment permanent."

Spring Fling – Saturday, May 17

It's officially spring and the 3rd annual Spring Fling Festival at Don Callejon School is almost here! The festival will be held on Saturday, May 17th, from 11am to 5pm at the school's campus. We are all very excited because it's not just a huge fundraising event but a wonderful school community event open to the public.

To make the day of the festival run smoothly, it requires many, many volunteers. If you have one or more hours to spare the day of the festival, please contact me at melinda.razon@dcsco.org or call me at 408-506-2059. The general tasks include staffing Kids Zone activities, serving and selling food and drinks, assisting at silent auction, and setting up and cleaning up.

Also, if you have high school kids or know of any of them who could use community service hours (which is required for them to do before they graduate), they could volunteer at Spring Fling. If your company or group at work is also looking to do a community service, volunteering at the festival could be a fun and wonderful way to get involved with the school and in the community.

Golf Tournament

DCSCO hosted its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Santa Clara Golf & Tennis Club on March 8 during a fun-filled sunny day. Three teams shattered the tournament record with eye-popping scores of 49 each. In the end, Chuck Callejon's team won 1st place vacation packages for each player, by virtue of tie-breaker over the "best-dressed" team, which included DCS teachers Mr. Dungan and Mr. Keegan. Robert Wolf captured the popular Putting Contest and narrowly missed a \$2500 bonus putt. Overall, there were 102 players that tee'd off and with the support of a strong group of volunteers, generated approximately \$3,600 in donations to DCSCO.

You Are DCSCO!

The Don Callejon School Community Organization (DCSCO) is the parent group for Don Callejon School. Please consider making a HUGE difference in your child's education, your school, and your community by serving as a DCSCO Board Member for the 2008-2009 school year.

President

- Presides over all meetings of the Organization.
- Works with the Administration Representative to schedule and set the agenda for all meetings of the Organization.
- Acts as a liaison with the School and District.
- Coordinates the work of the Executive Board, Committees, and the Organization as a whole.
- Ensures goals are clearly outlined and achieved.
- Ensures committees are created and filled with volunteers, including appointing committee chairpersons.
- Has responsibility for the safekeeping and distribution of official documents of the Organization, including Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and records of government filings.

Vice President

- In the absence of the President, serves as President.
- Assists the President in an advisory capacity.
- Promotes and encourages involvement.
- Oversees the work of the School Action Committees.

Communications Director

- Records and posts the minutes of meetings.
- Announces meetings and programs.
- Manages electronic and written correspondence to and from the Organization, including overseeing email distribution groups and lists, and the website.
- Coordinates public relations of the Organization.
- Enrolls and tracks the membership of the Organization, including the maintenance of confidential membership rolls and contact lists.
- Oversees the work of the Communications Committees.

Finance Director

- Creates an annual budget for approval by the membership.
- Keeps and reports the accounting of the Organization.
- Files tax returns, tax-related forms, tax exemption forms, and all other necessary documents with state and federal agencies as required.
- Receives and deposits in the bank specified by the Board all monies on behalf of this Organization and issues receipts.
- Keeps an accurate record of receipts, disbursements and other financial transactions of this Organization.
- Reconciles the bank statement on a monthly basis and verifies the reasonableness of the expenditures and deposits.
- Keeps the Organization's checkbook and posts all transactions.
- Has responsibility for the safekeeping of the funds, as well as hard-copy and electronic financial records of the Organization.

Development Director

- Sets annual development goal.
- Applies for grants and direct donations from corporations.
- Organizes campaigns to request and gather direct donations and corporate matching donations from parents and community members.
- Oversees the Entrepreneurs Program.
- Oversees and represents the work of the Corporate Development Committees.

Community Fundraising Director

- Sets annual community fundraising programs goal.
- Plans fundraising events.
- Oversees fundraising through direct donations from individual community members.
- Organizes fundraising activities through sales of food and/or products.
- Oversees fundraising membership programs (such as eScrip).
- Maintains fundraising database.
- Oversees and represents the work of the Community Fundraising Committees.

Liaison to School and District Councils

- Attends monthly District PTA Council meetings.
- Finds an alternate Board member to attend the PTA Council meeting in the rare occasion unable to attend personally.
- Reports to the Board about important discussions and decisions made at the PTA Council.
- Advocates for the needs of the Organization at the PTA Council meetings.
- Receives and maintains a library of minutes of related organizations, including the School Site Council, District PTA Council, Don Callejon Technology Committee, and Pre-school Parent Advisory Board.

Election Details

The DCSCO election will take place during the night of Open House, on Wednesday, May 21.

To be nominated for a DCSCO Board position, please come to the meeting on April 9 at 7 p.m..

If you want more information in advance, have questions about the positions, or are unable to attend the April 9 meeting and want to be nominated, please email board@dcSCO.org.



The Don Callejon School Community Organization (DCSCO) is the parent and community group supporting Don Callejon School, a public school located within the Santa Clara Unified School District. DCSCO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

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