

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • Wednesday, December 12, 2007

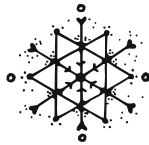
Dear Don Callejon Families,

With Winter Break just one short week away, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for supporting our school and our students throughout 2007! Don Callejon is a fabulous place for children and adults alike, and that is all made possible by you.

Elementary report cards were sent home on Friday. If for some reason you did not receive a report card or you have questions regarding your students' report card, please call your teacher as soon as possible. Middle School progress reports for students in danger of failing a course were also sent out on December 7. If you have any questions as to the academic status of your student(s), please call his or her teacher(s) or our academic counselor.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, and we will do our very best to tackle them in a timely manner. This is a crucial and stressful time in the lives of all of our students, and if they need added support we are here to give it.

Hans Barber
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District Technology Plan:

Please visit our district website to review and comment on the DRAFT Technology Plan 2008-2011 www.scusd.net. Every three years the district must revise the technology plan for teaching and learning and submit it to the State of California for approval. State approval of the plan allows the district to receive any Federal and State funding in the area of educational technology. The plan must support the District's local education agency plan for student achievement. Areas addressed in the plan are Curriculum, Professional Development, Infrastructure & Support, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Research Based Methods and Strategies. Your comments, suggestions and questions are welcome.

Winter Break:



Winter break starts on Thursday, December 20th. School will resume on Thursday, January 3rd. Happy Holidays!

2nd Harvest Food Bank collection drive:

The 2nd Harvest Food Bank collection drive will be ending December 14th. We will be having a competition between the classes this year and the grand prize is a Pizza Party for the winning classes in K-5 and 6-8. 2nd Harvest Food Bank allows online donations this year (for both canned food and monetary). If you make an online donation make sure you choose your student's classroom teacher and print out a receipt to get credit for the competition. The website is: www.2ndharvest.net and then click on the Virtual Food Drive. For more information contact Pamela Skilj at pskilj@scusd.net

Kindergarten Registration and Open Enrollment:

Registration for the 2009 school year will begin on January 7, 2008. Parents can come to the school office and register students between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before December 2, 2008.

Parents will need to bring a current P.G & E or Santa Clara utility bill for proof of residency, immunization records and a birth certificate.

For information or to apply for Open Enrollment, you can go to www.scusd.net. You must register at your home school to get a student i.d. number which you can get from the school 2 days after you register.

We will be having a Kindergarten Parent Meeting on January 24, 2008, from 8:30-9:30AM. Parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten Program, tour Kindergarten classrooms and have a Q & A with the administration.

Yearbook Announcement:

Last day to reserve your yearbook for \$35 is December 19th. After December 19th the cost increases to \$40. Please make checks payable to Don Callejon School.

Parents – you may contact the office if you need an order form.

GATE Program:

Students may have a gift or talent in many different areas. The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Program provides various enrichment activities to qualified students. Beginning in the 3rd grade, students are identified by their teachers and parents and tested through the Santa Clara Unified School District. Students who are eligible for the GATE Program this year may have received a flyer from the District along with their notification letter. Please be sure to submit your flyer to the school office if you would like your child to participate in extra-curricular enrichment activities. You can also send an email to our GATE Parent Representatives, Estela Ramirez (ersantaclara@yahoo.com) or Nira Singh (nirasingh@hotmail.com), and to our GATE Teacher Representative, Julie Darknell, at jdarknell@scusd.net or by phone at 423-3429.

We Need Adult Computer Lab Volunteers!

Do you know a little about computers? Here's your chance to make a difference! We need adult volunteers to assist in the computer lab on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00. If you are interested in volunteering one hour a month to help students, please let Rich Razon know by emailing him at rrazon@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Computer Help:

Do you know how to set up a computer? If so, we could use your help. We have some K – 2 classes that need to have computers set up. Please contact Mr. Cardona for more information.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is holiday day. Wear red/green, blue/silver or something with snowflakes. Go Cubs!!



Staff Appreciation:

Parents and Students, please show your appreciation to the Don Callejon Staff! Tuesday morning December 17th. Fellow parents are hosting a breakfast. Please call or email Carol Van Woerkom (712-8482) randcvw@sbcglobal.net, if you would like to help contribute a food item. Donations can be turned into the office on Monday Dec. 16th to Lisa Farmer. There is a data base set-up to sign-up for food donations as well.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DCSCO/database>

Santa Clara High School:

Tours for parents of incoming 9th Graders.

Tour Dates:

- December 18 , 2007
- January 9, 15, 29, 2008
- February 5, 12, 2008

Tour Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Limited space is available please call Sylvia Iwanaga at 423-2634 to reserve a spot on the tour.

Wilcox High School:

Tours for parents of incoming 9th Graders and Open Enrollment applicants.

Tour Dates:

- January 8, 14, 24 2008

Tour Time: 9:30--11:00 am

Limited space is available please call Pam Pewitt at 423-2414 to reserve a spot on the tour



Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**
December 12
- **Megaskills Assembly and Student of the Month Luncheon:**
December 14
- **Winter Break:**
December 20 - January 2
- **School Resumes:**
January 3
- **Open Enrollment and Registration Begin:**
January 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Kindergarten Informational Meeting and Tour:**
January 24, 8:30 – 9:30



December 2007

To Our Students at Santa Clara Unified:

Santa Clara Unified School District has a contingent of 23 students and teachers from China who will be visiting our District from January 23 through February 8, 2008. These students and teachers are in need of home stays for the duration of their visit. The District is asking our student body if anyone would like to be a host family for these students.

Twenty-one students (both boys and girls, ages 12 and 13) will be attending school Monday through Thursday and will be touring the Bay Area on Friday. Home stay hosts will need to provide the following:

- Meals
- Lodging
- Transportation to and from school

Home stays are a wonderful way to learn about China as another culture and a fast growing country and will provide your students with the opportunity to cultivate a "friendship for life."

Discussions are ongoing about providing the host families with a stipend to help defray the cost.

If you are interested, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,
Rod Adams
Superintendent