

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, December 5, 2007

Dear Don Callejon Families,

It seems hard to believe, but we are just two short weeks from the Winter Break! Elementary report cards will be sent home with your students this Friday, December 7. If for some reason you do not receive a report card, please call the office or your teacher as soon as possible. Middle School progress reports for students in danger of failing a course will also be 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).

We are looking forward to an exciting and learning-filled holiday season. Please try to plan your vacations around the upcoming school breaks so that your student does not miss any class time. We greatly appreciate your support with this effort.

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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Karate:

The Karate program at Don Callejon will be starting its next session on Tuesday, November 27, continuing on Tuesdays after school until March 4. Registration forms are available from the School Office.

2nd Harvest Food Bank collection drive:

The 2nd Harvest Food Bank collection drive will be at Don Callejon starting immediately and continuing through 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

Health Insurance Sign-up Day:

Presented by Children's Health Initiative of Santa Clara County on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, from 2:30-5:30 pm at Trace (Meritt) School, 651 Dana Ave, San Jose, Ca 95126

For more information, call: 408-874-1828

Applicants must bring:

- Proof of residence (ex: utility bill)
- Proof of income (ex: last pay stub)
- Child's birth certificate and Social Security number (not necessary if child born outside of the U.S.)

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!

Pick-up and Drop-off Guidelines:

Please help keep students safe and maintain the morning drop off traffic flow by following these guidelines.

- DO NOT park in the drop off areas.
- Pull forward to the end of the drop off lane when possible.
- DO NOT leave your car unattended in the drop off areas.
- Drop off children next to the curb ONLY.
- Keep the speeds safe in the parking and drop off areas.
- If you need to assist your child or escort them to class, please find a parking spot, DO NOT get out of your car while in the drop off areas.
- If you are looking for a parking spot, please drive in the passing lanes and NOT in the drop off lanes.

We also ask that you be courteous and cooperative with the Safety Patrol Members and Parent Volunteers. They are there to help keep students, staff, and parents safe. If your child would like to join the Safety Patrol, please ask them to speak to their teacher about signing up. Thank you for your cooperation with these important safety guidelines.

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.



Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Spirit day. Be sure to wear your Don Callejon spirit wear. Go Cubs!!

Santa Clara High School:

Tours for parents of incoming 9th Graders.

Tour Dates:

- December 11, 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:

- December 11, 2007
- 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:

Sports:

- **Elementary Report Cards and Middle School Progress Reports sent home:**
December 7
- **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



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Did you know that you are already a member of DCSCO?

All families at the school are automatically members of DCSCO. However, if you haven't filled out the membership form, you won't be able to get important information from DCSCO and announcements about school activities. Please fill out the form at www.dcsco.org/membership or pick up a membership form at the school office.

Year-End Donations

As 2007 comes to an end, it is a perfect time to make a donation to DCSCO this month. By donating before year end, you may be able to claim an income tax deduction. DCSCO is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, making donations tax deductible.

Donations you make directly fund school activities, equipment, and supplies, as is the case of the over \$20,000 that DCSCO has contributed to Don Callejon School so far this year.

To make a donation, please send a check to DCSCO at 3964 Rivermark Plaza #340, Santa Clara, CA 95054. You may also donate using a credit card at www.dcsco.org.

Please check if your employer offers matching donations, which may double your contribution. DCSCO has already registered with many local companies as an approved matching donation target. If you need more information (such as a Tax ID number) to enable your employer to match your donation, please contact donate@dcsco.org.

Family Movie Night - Need Coordinators

The next Family Night will be a Movie Night on the evening of Friday, January 11. We're looking for two coordinators to organize the event.

It's fairly simple; the general tasks are noted below. The coordinators do not have to do all the tasks; they can be delegated to other volunteers who have already signed up to help out for this event.

The general tasks are:

- Select the movie (requires school and board's approval).
- Contact the sponsor who paid for movie licensing.
- Coordinate the concession stand to sell snacks.
- Inform the school community about the event.
- Contact the school regarding the use of the multi-purpose room and the equipments needed for the evening.

If you are interested in coordinating this fun event, please contact Melinda Razon at melinda.razon@dcsco.org. Unfortunately, if we don't get any coordinators for this event, we will have to cancel it.

Funding for Leveled Book Room

DCSCO contributed approximately \$1,200 to fund a new set of books for the leveled book room. Teachers use these books to help students learn to read. Thank you to everyone who supported DCSCO to make this possible.

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Everyone Is Welcome to Volunteer

Your help makes an impact to the success of our school and our children. There are many volunteer opportunities for working parents, stay-at-home parents, and community members. Volunteering at the school does not mean you have to help out during school hours. To see the volunteer opportunities that might interest you, please see the volunteer section of the form at www.dcsco.org/membership or pick up a membership form at the school office. You can also see the many volunteer committees and information at www.dcsco.org/committees.

If you have any questions, please send an email to volunteer@dcsco.org.

International Night – Thank You!

Our first International Night at DCS was a success! Thanks to everyone who came to celebrate this wonderful multi-cultural event. Thank you to all for sharing your delicious ethnic dishes, to the show participants and their parents for your talented multi-cultural performances, and to all the volunteers (parents, students, staff, and community members) for helping to make this event an enjoyable night for all.

If you have any comments and/or suggestions for next year's International Night, please email Melinda Razon at melinda.razaon@dcsco.org.

Book Fair

The book fair has been a HUGE success this year! We exceed our goal (and the amount raised last spring) for this fall book fair! Thank you to Mrs. Ostenso for her dedication and hard work making sure the book fair is enjoyed by ALL the students. A big round of thanks is also due to coordinator Chandra Chavva and all our wonderful parent volunteers that helped throughout the week. Without all our fabulous volunteers, we could not have such a wonderful fundraising event! We also couldn't support our students without such a giving community. The book fair has provided needed books to our students, our teachers and our community. Thanks to all who participated.

Copy Paper and Markers Needed

The school is always in need of white letter-sized copy paper and dry erase markers. If you or your employer could donate these vital supplies, please bring or send them to the school office. If you have questions or need a receipt for your donation, please contact donate@dcsco.org.

DCSCO Calendar Highlights

January 11:	Family Movie Night
February 13:	General Meeting
March 8:	Golf Tournament
March 14:	Family Night
April 9:	General Meeting with nominations for 2008-2009 DCSCO Board
April (TBA):	Run for the Arts
May 5-9:	Staff Appreciation Week
May 9:	Muffins for Mom
May 17:	Spring Fling
May 21:	Open House with DCSCO election
May 30:	Donuts for Dad
June 6:	Family Dance



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.

www.dcsco.org



::Girl Scout Winter Wonderland::

Girls* in Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to our Girl Scout Winter Wonderland event. There will be snacks, activities and lots more. Parent will also have the opportunity to learn about forming their own Girl Scout Troop!

****Please note: All girls must attend with a parent or guardian.****

Where: Bowers Park
2570 Cabrillo Ave
Santa Clara, CA 95051

When: Saturday, December 8th from 2 - 3:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

Questions? Please contact Karina Quant at 408-287-4170 ext. 270 or via email at kquant@girlscoutsofsc.org.

*PROSPECTIVE GIRL SCOUTS ONLY.