

# Don Callejon

## Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, February 27, 2008

### Hicklebees's Book Fair:

Monday, March 3 - Friday March 7  
7:45-4:00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
7:45 AM to 8:00 PM Wednesday

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### Star Testing:

All students in grades four and seven will take the California Standards Writing Test on Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> (with a makeup date of Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>). The California Standards Writing Test is part of the CST in English-language arts for the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. These tests measure how well students are achieving California content standards. Results of the STAR Program tests provide valuable information about the academic achievement of all students. It is important, therefore, that students do their best on this test. On testing day, please make sure your student attends school, gets a good night's rest, and has a healthy breakfast. Test results for all parts of the CST will be sent to each student's home address on one report at the completion of all standardized testing. If you have any further questions regarding STAR testing please contact our Academic Counselor, Melanie Holan, at 408-423-3354 or mholan@scusd.net.

### Nightmare on Puberty Street:

On Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, Kaiser Permanente will be presenting an educational health program for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grader students entitled *Nightmare on Puberty Street*. A show that helps adolescents understand that they are not alone in facing the changes and challenges of puberty. This interactive program follows four young people on their journey through adolescence. As the characters on stage wrestle with the essential adolescent question: "Am I normal," they learn to cope with changes affecting their bodies and minds.

By using drama, music and humor to confront the difficult issues of self-esteem, peer pressure, drug and alcohol use, sexuality and suicide, *Nightmare on Puberty Street* helps students deal with the challenges of adolescence by facilitating in-depth discussions about these issues.

*Nightmare on Puberty Street* includes a live performance, a question and answer session, role-playing workshops and support materials for use in the classroom.

Opt out permission slips will be coming home this week. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please make sure you return the slip to the teacher.

For more information, please visit their website at <http://xnet.kp.org/etp/ncal/nightmare/index.html>.

### Karate Class:

The next karate class begins on March 11<sup>th</sup>.  
Registration forms will be available in the office.

**Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:**

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Stripes/Dots day. Wear something with stripes or dots, or both! Go Cubs!

**iD Tech Camps:**

The nation's #1 technology camp, is looking for 40 students between the ages of 7-17, to spend Spring Break Beta Camp with us here in Santa Clara, California! For only \$200 for a full week of camp (a fraction of our regular summer tuition), 40 students will have the unique opportunity to become active beta testers. We're a locally-owned company, and we're getting the word out exclusively to students within the Santa Clara Unified School District. Students will choose from a variety of courses including 2D or 3D video game design, game modding, digital video editing, and website design with Flash® animation, programming, robotics, 3D modeling and comic book creation.

**Details: Who:** 40 students, ages 7-17

**What:** Spring Break Technology Beta Camp. Includes professional instruction, average 6 students per instructor, leading brand name technologies, and a completed project to take home.

**Where:** Don Callejon School in Santa Clara

**When:** April 14-18, 2008. (9:00AM-5:30PM Monday-Thursday and 9:00AM-3:30PM Friday.) To register, please contact us at **408-871-2227**, option 1 to speak with a Client Services Representative.

**Important Dates and Details:**

- **Elementary At-Risk Parent Conferences:**  
February 26 – 28 – Minimum Days
- **Megaskills Assembly:**  
February 28, 10:30 am
- **Student of the Month Lunch:**  
February 28
- **Family Literacy Night:**  
March 5, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Bring a book you no longer need and trade it for another book.
- **Family Math Night:**  
March 12, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

**Girls Achieving in Nontraditional Subjects:**

This year marks GAINS eighth year of serving up opportunities to girls who are interested in nontraditional fields, particularly those related to math, science and technology. We are thrilled to open this program to the SCUSD middle school campuses this year for the first time. GAINS members are able to learn about different nontraditional career opportunities by listening to guest speakers who volunteer an hour of their time to get our female students thinking about their future. We are looking for more guest speakers in nontraditional female careers that would be willing to share their experiences and careers with our students. If you are interested in speaking to our GAINS members or know someone who would be please contact our school counselor and GAINS advisor, Melanie Holan, at 408-423-3354 or mholan@scusd.net.

**Great Job, Safety Patrol!**

Rain or shine (and even during stormy weather), the Safety Patrol is always at the front of the school every morning assisting students out of their vehicles and controlling the traffic flow. Thank you to the 20 fourth and fifth grade patrol members as well as the 4 parent volunteers, for their commitment and dedication. Last Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, along with the City of Santa Clara Police Department and sponsored by DCSCO, they had a pizza party where awards and promotions were given to patrol members. In May, they will attend Bowling Day sponsored by the SCPD. Also, on May 28<sup>th</sup>, they will parade with all the safety patrol members throughout the Santa Clara School District in front of the Mayor and Chief of Police. Awards will also be given.

Safety Patrol training for the next school year starts this April. If you have an incoming 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders who would be interested, please contact Roger Ramirez, Safety Patrol coordinator, at [roger.ramirez@yahoo.com](mailto:roger.ramirez@yahoo.com).

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**Why:** Go to camp. Make friends. Learn and test technology.

**How:** Space is limited to 40 participants with limited slots per course. To register, please contact us at **408-871-2227**, option 1 to speak with a Client Services Representative.

*Students cannot register online for Beta Camp.*



Already have Spring Break plans? Find more about our summer programs at [www.internalDrive.com](http://www.internalDrive.com).

## Why do we call it "Beta Camp"?

The word "Beta" is commonly used in the Technology Industry. It usually refers to a software's test version. Companies will "Beta Test" a program, game, or software package by allowing a limited number of people to try it out. This allows bugs to be worked out before it is fully released to the public. We are inviting a limited number of students to experience a "trial version" of our summer camps. Students will be able to attend the best technology camp in the U.S. a little early this year and for a fraction of the regular tuition.

