

# Don Callejon

## Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, January 9, 2008

### Dear Don Callejon Families,

Happy New Year!! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful vacation!

As we come back to school, please make a special effort to check in with your student both academically and socially. This can be a very difficult time for students, especially with the rainy weather. Don't forget- the end of the quarter for middle school students is next Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to check-in with your middle schooler about those final projects and end-of-quarter tests.

We look forward to seeing you on campus during the coming month. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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### Second Harvest Food Bank Update:

The classes that collected the most food were Mr. Galang and Mrs. Brown's classes. Don Callejon students collected 1150 pounds of food altogether. Great job everyone!

### Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. January 11<sup>th</sup> is glasses/hats day. Wear any accessories! Go Cubs!!

### Talent Show Tryouts:

Talent show tryouts will be held on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:20 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Room D11. For more information, please email Mr. Galang at [jgalang@scusd.net](mailto:jgalang@scusd.net).

### Kindergarten Registration and Open Enrollment:

Registration for the 2009 school year has begun. 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](http://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.

Open enrollment ends on February 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Yearbook Announcement:

You can still purchase a yearbook for \$40. Please make checks payable to Don Callejon School.

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

### 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](mailto:rrazon@yahoo.com). Thanks!

### District Technology Plan:

Please visit our district website to review and comment on the DRAFT Technology Plan 2008-2011 [www.scusd.net](http://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.

### Santa Clara High School:

Tours for parents of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders.

Tour Dates:

- 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:

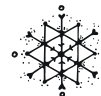
Tours for parents of incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders and Open Enrollment applicants.

Tour Dates:

- January 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:

- **Open Enrollment and Registration:**  
January 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **DCSCO Movie Night** – Shrek the Third  
January 11, 6:30 p.m.
- **End of Second Quarter (Middle School):**  
January 18
- **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday:**  
January 21
- **Kindergarten Informational Meeting and Tour:**  
January 24, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- **Minimum Day – Teacher Work Day:**  
January 25
- **Open enrollment ends:**  
February 1



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### **DCSCO President's Corner**

I would love to wish your family a very Happy and Wonderful 2008. We have had a very exciting first part of the school year, and 2008 promises to be just as exciting, with family movie nights, restaurant fundraiser nights, the Spring Fling, Run for the Arts, Golf Tournament, Donuts with Dads, Muffins with Moms, Family Dance, Honor Roll Breakfast, family fun nights, and much, much more.

Our little ones grow so fast and I hope you all take the time to just STOP and watch them play and learn, or listen to them. We can learn so much from our children. Once they are grown and on their own we will look back and be thankful for the time we set aside for them or will regret not spending enough time with them. My wish for you is that not only will you be thankful for the time you spent with your children, but most importantly they will be thankful for you. I will never forget when my middle son, Jeff, was in the 4th grade he had to write an essay about his hero; it brought tears to my eyes when I read it just the other day. It was about his dad, and to this day they still a bond that will never be broken. Jeff is now a Senior in High School. Now don't get me wrong; we have had our challenges with our boys, but at the end of the day we all are very blessed. My husband is still my boys' favorite coach. Family has always come first and I can only hope that when my boys have their families and are on their own that this will be passed down. I believe every child needs to feel loved and cared for and I have seen MANY wonderful examples here at our school. Have a wonderful 2008!!

I would like to personally invite you all to our first restaurant fundraiser of the new year at Chuck E. Cheese in Cupertino. It will take place on January 31. You can go and have dinner anytime between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m. All you have to do is tell them you are with Don Callejon School when ordering and we will receive 15% of the revenue from orders that night. This will be a fun-filled evening for the children to see their friends and have dinner together. Please look for more information in your Wednesday packet soon. Hey teachers, bring your school ID and receive a free dinner. We hope to see you there.



Thank you to all who volunteer here at Don Callejon. We have a very supportive parent partnership and it is wonderful to see so many people involved in making our school so successful. A great big THANK YOU to those who helped with the Book Fair, special thanks to Chandra Chavva for coordinating this wonderful event, and thanks to Mrs. Ostenso, our wonderful librarian, for all of her hard work as well. Also, thanks to ALL for the wonderful International Potluck, and special Thanks to Melinda Razon for all of her work.

Have a great month,

Lori Garmany  
DCSCO President

## Family Movie Night: Shrek the Third

The next Family Movie Night will be held on **Friday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m.** in the multi-purpose room. The movie is "Shrek the Third" (Rated PG).

Everyone is welcome and admission is FREE! The movie night series was kindly sponsored by Stephanie Schley of Alain Pinel Realtors.

DCSCO will be selling movie treats, popcorn, pizza, and drinks. Bring sleeping bags, blankets, pillows and anything to make yourself comfortable.

Thank you to Camille Huang, the coordinator, for organizing this event. If you could help in any way either before or on movie night, please contact Camille at [camhuang@yahoo.com](mailto:camhuang@yahoo.com).



## Volunteers Needed

After-School Computer Lab – Volunteers needed for one hour a month. Mondays and Wednesdays (3pm - 4pm and 4pm - 5pm) and Tuesdays and Thursdays (3pm - 4pm). Contact Rich Razon at [rrazyon@yahoo.com](mailto:rrazyon@yahoo.com).

Lunch Yard Duty (Middle School) – Coordinator(s) and volunteers needed to supervise kids during lunch time. Contact Tracey Leshkiw at [volunteer@dcsco.org](mailto:volunteer@dcsco.org).

Golf Tournament on March 8 – Volunteers needed for this fundraising event. Contact Richard Wang at [rwucla@gmail.com](mailto:rwucla@gmail.com).

## Events in January

January 11: Family Movie Night  
January 31: Dinner at Chuck E. Cheese

## Spring Fling Coordinators Needed

Spring Fling is a major fundraiser in the spring at DCS, scheduled on Saturday, May 17.

The money raised from this event helps fund needed enrichment programs at the school and other needs to make DCS a great place to learn for the students.

The festival includes a silent auction; Kidz Zone with carnival games, jump houses, and other activities; sponsors' booths; and entertainment for all ages. This event promotes school community-building where parents, students, staff, community members, and businesses in the area work together to raise money and enjoy the festival at the same time.

It requires many volunteers to make this festival successful, so please sign-up to help. Volunteers get a free shirt to wear during the event. In some areas, such as the carnival games, children are allowed to help with their parents. This event is open to the public.

Coordinators are needed for the following areas:

Silent Auction – Contact businesses for items, collect items, store items' information in a database, set-up auction, and take payments

Kidz Zone – Plan game booths and activities, set-up and staff different activities

Sponsors - Contact businesses to sponsor the event with donations, items, and services

Entertainment - Contact entertainers to perform for free and plan the entertainment schedule

Publicity – Inform community of the event

Merchandise – Order event merchandise items

Food – Contact food vendors

If you're interested in coordinating any of the areas above, please contact Melinda Razon, Lead Volunteer Coordinator, at [melinda.razon@dcsco.org](mailto:melinda.razon@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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