

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, October 24, 2007

Dear Don Callejon Families,

We have a very exciting week coming up at Don Callejon School. On Friday, we will have our annual Don Callejon School Walkathon from 9:00-11:15AM. This event will also serve as the culmination of Red Ribbon Week. We are looking forward to huge participation from our students and an excellent time to be had by all. Parents are welcome to attend as well. Please see the informational item below for more details on this great event.

We will also be having our K-5 Megaskills assembly on Friday from 1:15-1:45PM, and our middle school Student of the Month luncheon during middle school lunch. These are wonderful programs that recognize excellent behavior and attributes that all students can reach for. As you know, next Wednesday is Halloween, and we will be having our annual Halloween parade at 10AM. Please see the informational item below for more details.

It seems hard to believe, but this Friday is the last day of the first quarter for our middle school students. Middle school report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 2nd. Please look for these important documents in your mailbox. If you do not receive a report card by Tuesday, November 6th, please call the school office.

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 time in the lives of all of our students.

Please keep in touch.
Hans Barber, hbarber@scusd.net, 423-3300

Thank you:

Special thanks to Sports Basement for donating 10 balls to the kindergarten playground.

Lunch Yard Duty:

We are still looking for more volunteers for lunch time yard duty during both elementary and middle school lunches. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school or DCSCO. We truly appreciate any time you can give to help out our students.

Fall Fundraiser:

The orders from the fall fundraiser will be delivered this Friday, October 26th. Please plan on picking up your child from school if you are expecting a large or particularly bulky order. We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Crazy Hair day. Wear a wig or a funny hair style to participate. Go Cubs!!

Family Night – International Night:

DCSCO is currently in the process of planning the International Night that is going to be held on November 16th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Along with the potluck, we plan on having culturally varied performances and a short fashion show with children showcasing multi-cultural traditional wear. If you wish to showcase your child's talent (and/or yours) as part of the performances or the fashion show to be held during the event, please contact Tabitha Paturi coordinator for the International Potluck event at ptabitha@gmail.com or (408) 306-3240.

Important Dates and Details:

Sports:

- **School Site Council:** We will have our next school site council meeting on October 24th in the school library.
- **Walkathon:** Friday, October 26, 9:00-11:15AM.
- **End of First Quarter (Middle School):** Friday, October 26.
- **Halloween Parade:** October 31, 10:00-10:30AM.

Homework Club (Middle School):

Homework Club for middle school students has begun! Homework Club will take place in the library each Tuesday and Thursday from 2:50-3:55PM. There will be a late bus provided for students who normally ride the bus home. If you would like your middle school student to take part in the homework club, please fill out a permission slip and make contact with our school counselor, Melanie Holan at mholan@scusd.net or 423-3354.

Halloween Parade:

This year's Halloween parade for preschoolers through 5th graders will take place on Wednesday, October 31 from 10:00AM-10:30AM. Parents are welcome to attend this event. Students may come to school in costume or change during recess. Middle school students will be involved in a lunchtime activity put on by our leadership class. Please make sure that your student's costume is school appropriate by following the school dress code and the short guidelines below. If you have a question regarding the appropriateness of your student's costume, please call the school and we will help you with that.

1. No violent or overly gory costumes, masks or shirts.
2. No imitation weapons or sharp instruments.
3. No fake blood.

Students with inappropriate costumes will have their parents called and asked to change.

Tardiness to School:

We have been handling a large number of tardies to school each morning from every grade level. Please do your very best to make sure that you get your students to school by 8:05 so that they have time to be in line for class or in class by 8:10AM. Tardies are an inconvenience and disruption for all of us, and any help that you can give us with this would be greatly appreciated.

Walkathon:

This year's walkathon will be taking place on Friday, October 26 from 9:00AM-11:15AM. You received a flyer and a permission slip in the packet two weeks ago. If you need another copy of this information, please come to the school office.

Project Cornerstone:

In Project Cornerstone's *Asset Building Champions* (ABC) program, parent volunteers here at Don Callejon are reading specially selected stories and leading classroom activities and discussions about building appropriate social skills. The lessons focus on values like honesty, responsibility, and peaceful conflict resolution, with special attention given to issues like student-to-student respect and avoiding becoming the victim of a bully.

The goal of the ABC program is to teach our children skills that they can use today and throughout their lives to help them deal with peer pressure, building and keeping friendships, making healthy decisions, and solving problems. By sharing these concepts in class, we create a common language and vocabulary about these issues for the entire school.

To learn more about this program you can view the website at www.projectcornerstone.org and at www.search-institute.org you can view the research behind the program.

For more information regarding this program, please contact:

Carol Van Woerkom at randcvw@sbcglobal.net
Lead Volunteer

Don Callejon K-8 School Schedule

Friday, October 26th, 2007

8:10-8:45 am School Begins as Usual. Students come dressed in good walking attire. ☺ (Wear good walking shoes, comfortable clothes, layers might be a good idea in case it gets warm, a visor or hat if desired, and maybe a water bottle.) Remember to follow the dress code too, please!

8:45am **Go Outside to Grade-Level Assigned Places to see the 49ers!**

9:00-11:15 am School-Wide K-8 Walk-A-Thon Kickoff starts at 9:00 sharp with the 49ers, then students start walking their laps! Be SURE you have your pledge sheets turned in!!!! \$\$\$ Students will walk around the courtyard in a fun loop, can stop for refreshments & snacks & bathroom breaks as needed, and get their cards punched once for each lap they complete! They will be encouraging each other, and getting a chance to see the students in other classes. Parents and families please come and support the walkers! Teachers and volunteers will be helping to supervise all the fun!

11:15pm Students return to class. K-5 students catch their breath, turn in their punch cards and get cleaned up for lunch. Middle School students go to 1st period and turn in their punch cards there.

11:40-12:20pm Elementary Lunch and Recess as Usual. Drink water!

12:19-12:59pm Middle School Lunch as Usual. Student of the Month Lunch, Room E-7, Ms. Hathaway's Room. Great job students!

12:20pm Elementary Class resumes. Volunteers will be delivering Reader's Digest Fundraiser Items to K-5 classrooms at this time. Yes, this IS happening on the same day! ☺ Middle School Students will pick up Reader's Digest Fundraiser Items after Middle School Lunch, when called on the PA system, sometime during 2nd period.

1:15-1:45pm **K-5 October Mega-Skills Assembly** in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Megaskill: Motivation – Working to do your best, all the time, every time! ☺

2:06pm The K-2 dismissal is as usual, 2:06pm.

2:31pm The 3-5 dismissal is as usual, 2:31pm.

K-5 PARENTS please help your students carry home their Fundraiser Boxes!!

2:40pm The 6-8 dismissal is as usual, 2:40pm.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR EFFORTS TO:

SAY NO TO DRUGS, SAY YES TO EXERCISE, RAISE MONEY FOR DON CALLEJON SCHOOL, AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN! GO CUBS!

\$\$\$Please send IN your pledge sheets by Friday Oct. 26th!! More are in the office!

\$\$\$PRIZES for every class that brings in 100% of their pledge sheets!!\$\$\$



It is time for the 2nd Annual Don Callejon Walk-a-Thon

The San Francisco 49ers will be here at 9:00 to give our children a kickoff speech.

Please remember to turn in your pledges by **October 24**. This is our big fall event to raise money for our children's classrooms. All children will be involved as the walking will be a school PE event. If turning the money in with pledge please make the checks out to DCSCO.

Date: Friday, October 26, 2007

Time: 9:00 to 11:15 A.M.

Place: Don Callejon School

**There will be snacks, drinks, and face painting !
DJ Ken Cardona will be spinning the hits to keep your legs moving!
Use the sponsor sheet to collect pledges to donate, if you need extra pledge sheets
there are more in the office. Every dollar counts!**



The Don Callejon School Community Organization is a non-profit corporation comprised of parents and community members supporting the Don Callejon School, a public school located within the Santa Clara Unified School District.

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