

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Dear Don Callejon Families,

Congratulations on completing the first five weeks of school! As you know, parent conferences are happening this week for elementary school. I hope that you have found (or will find) the conferences useful and informative. Middle School students that are struggling academically should have received progress reports this past weekend. If you are not sure if your student should have received a progress report, please call the school office

By now, students have settled into their daily routines and are beginning to get comfortable at school in their classes. For this reason, October is a key month for students of all ages. Please call the school office if you have questions regarding your student(s).

Hans Barber
hbarber@scusd.net, 423-3300

API Scores:

As you may already know, the state has released the API scores for all schools in the state. If you would like further information regarding the API score for Don Callejon School, please log on to our website (www.doncallejon.org), and click on the API scores link.

Fundraiser:

Our fall fundraiser concluded last Wednesday. We had a highly successful sale, with nearly 250 students participating and turning in orders to help raise funds for our student body account. Thank you so much to all the students who participated! A special thank you goes out to our DSCSO fundraiser coordinators, Lorrie Moore and Heather Carmona. Thank you for your hard work to make sure the fundraiser was a success!

Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

Santa Clara Unified School District

1889 Lawrence Rd., Santa Clara

6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

- October 3, 2007 General Meeting
- November 14, 2006 Homework Workshop
- January 16, 2008 General Meeting
- February 13, 2008 Tricks of the Trade: Ideas to Use at Home to Support Your Child's Learning
- March 12, 2008 Transition In-Service
- May 14, 2008 General Meeting

(Call 423-2110 to verify meetings scheduled and locations)

Important Dates and Details:

Sports:

- **After School Sports:** Volleyball has begun for our middle school students. Our third and fourth games will be at Don Callejon School on October 4th and October 9th. Flag Football has begun for fourth and fifth graders. Practices will be held each Tuesday after school. Our first flag football game will be on October 4th. Please come out and support our teams!
- **School Site Council:** We will have our first school site council meeting tonight, October 3rd in the school library.
- **DCSCO Meeting:** Wednesday, October 10 in the school library.
- **Make-up Pictures:** Wednesday, October 17.
- **End of First Quarter (Middle School):** Friday, October 26.

Homework Club (Middle School):

Homework Club for middle school students has begun! Homework Club will take place in the library each Tuesday and Thursday (except this week) 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.

DCSCO News:

Please make sure you have read and signed the Volunteer Guidelines from the school. Copies are available in the front office or you can also download it at: www.dcsco.org/VolunteerGuidelines.pdf. Once you've read and signed it, please turn in a signed copy to the front office. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to volunteer@dcsco.org.

Volunteer Guidelines

- Turn-in a copy of your TB test at the office.
- Sign-in and sign-out at the front office.
- Refrain from bringing younger siblings or other children with you when you are assisting with school activities (e.g., lunch yard duty).
- Be present at the times for which you have volunteered.
- Remain in the area in which your volunteer activities are centered.
- Keep student information and student matters confidential.

After School Programs:

DCS will be hosting many after school programs on campus this year. Karate has already started on Tuesdays after school. Mad Science has included a flyer in this week's newsletter, and Starting Arts will be including a flyer for a K-5 program in next week's newsletter. You may have received a flyer from the IES Language Institute regarding language classes last week some time. This flyer was sent home prematurely by accident, and is not accurate. Please look for an updated flyer regarding language classes in next week's newsletter.



OCTOBER, 2007

Walk-a-Thon

Get the kids' walking shoes ready because we are going to have our second annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday, October 26 from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. Mr. Cardona will get our feet moving with some fun tunes and activities. Parents please feel free to come and join; just be sure to get your visitor sticker from the office.

Funding for Classroom Supplies

Fourteen new teachers joined Don Callejon this year. With largely empty classrooms, they are in need of the many supplies and teaching tools that tend to accumulate at schools during many years.

DCSCO provided a funding allocation of \$500 for each new teacher. Teachers will use this money to purchase books, supplies, teaching aids, and other equipment that should remain at the school for years to come. Thank you for making this funding possible through your generous donations and support of DCSCO programs last year.



Renew your eScrip Commitment

Through the eScrip program, Safeway and other merchants donate 1-4% of your spending to Don Callejon School, at no cost to you. Please enroll or renew your commitment this year (required each year) by visiting www.escrip.com.

Meeting on Wednesday, October 10

Please join us for the first full-length DCSCO General Meeting of the year at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. This month, we will focus on the following important topics:

- Discussion of API scores, including Mr. Barber's assessment of the results and plans to improve the scores
- DCSCO budget for 2007-2008
- Planned programs and events
- Parents' questions

Baja Fresh Dinner and Bake Sale

Eat at Baja Fresh before or after the DCSCO meeting on October 10, 4-9 p.m. Please bring the separate flyer so that Baja Fresh will donate 15% to DCSCO to support the school.

There will also be a bake sale at Baja Fresh. To donate baked goods, please bring them to the office by Wednesday, October 10 at 3 p.m.

Walk of Recognition Brick Pavers

We invite you to participate in a project that will forever link the past to the future: the Don Callejon School Walk of Recognition. Purchase a brick paver inscribed with your personal message.

For more information please visit www.dcsco.org/bricks or pick up a form in the school office. We will be collecting forms until November 1. Checks can be payable to: DCSCO, 3964 Rivermark Plaza #340, Santa Clara, CA 95054.

DCSCO Membership

Many families and staff members have signed up for DCSCO membership, giving them access to benefits, including discounts at local merchants and DCSCO events. Please register at www.dcsco.org/membership. Membership cards will be distributed at the October 10 meeting.

The first and second classes to return 100% of the membership forms will have a Jamba Juice party.

Volunteers

We are especially grateful for the many volunteers who have offered to help with DCSCO and school events and programs. If you have volunteered and you haven't been contacted by your committee coordinator, please email volunteer@dcsco.org and we will get you in touch. And thank you to all the wonderful coordinators for leading their committees.

There are opportunities for volunteers to assist teachers in their classrooms, to help with lunch yard duty, to provide after-school tutoring, to coordinate events, to do morning safety patrol duty, and to help the school in many other ways. With 80 volunteers registered, we are at 11% of our goal of 100% parent volunteer participation. If you have not yet signed up for a volunteer activity, please see the form at www.dcsco.org/membership.

If you have any questions or comments, please send them to volunteer@dcsco.org.

Kindergarten Yard Duty

The school needs lots of help with Lunch Yard Duty, especially from Kindergarten parents, to supervise Kindergarten students during lunch times. If you are interested, please email volunteer@dcsco.org or leave a note at the front office.

After-School Activities

Currently, the following fee based classes are offered on site:

- Karate
- Mad Science (starts Friday at 2:45 p.m.)
- Starting Arts

To better meet the needs of the community, an After School Activity Survey will be sent out soon to get input from you for the activities that you would be interested in. Please respond to the survey, so that we can coordinate the activities based on your needs.

If anyone is interested in joining the After-School Activities Committee, please send an email to volunteer@dcsco.org and the coordinators, Estela Ramirez and Grace Leung, will contact you.

Red Ribbon Week

Don Callejon will participate in national Red Ribbon Week October 22-26.

The program encourages communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon. DCSCO is working with the school to organize activities.



School Catalog Fundraiser

Currently the school is participating in a fundraising catalog program. This fundraiser has been organized directly by the school, not by DCSCO. Its proceeds support the student fund.

Questions and Comments?

Please email board@dcsco.org.

Dates to Remember

October 10:	General Meeting at 7 p.m.
October 22-26:	Red Ribbon Week
October 26:	Walk-a-Thon



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

It Is Time for the 2nd Annual Don Callejon Walk-a-Thon



Dear Fellow Parents!

I need your help and the school needs your help! On Friday, October 26, 2007 we will have the 2nd annual Walk a Thon. This is an event designed to raise money for your child's teacher to utilize in their classroom. It is also an opportunity for you and your child to walk and spend time together! There are even prizes for the child with the most collected pledges. Enclosed is a sponsor sheet along with important information regarding the Walk-a-Thon. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. I look forward to walking with you and your child on October 26!

Respectfully,
Rebecca Ferguson
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Fundraising Co-Director



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2nd Annual Don Callejon Walk-a-Thon

SPONSOR SHEET

Student Name _____ Teacher _____ Room # _____

Please note that pledges are not required to participate but students still need parental sign-off. Any money raised will be used to support school programs and teacher requests. My child may participate in the walk-a-thon on Friday, October 26, 2007. This event is during School hours and we would love to see many parents attending but please be sure to go by the front office for your sticker.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Contact sponsors and have them agree to donate to Don Callejon School a fixed amount of money or a certain amount per lap.

DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE! Please make checks payable to DCSCO.

SPONSOR NAME	PLEDGE Per Lap	PLEDGE Flat Rate	AMOUNT DUE	AMOUNT PAID	DATE COLLECTED
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PRIZES AVAILABLE FOR THE MOST COLLECTED PLEDGES!

- ❖ T-shirt for \$50 pledge!
- ❖ 3 Backpacks will go to the most amount of laps!
- ❖ Students with top two pledges will get Passes for a one-day visit to Great America!
- ❖ Pizza party with the Principal - 3 students from each grade that make the most laps!

<p>STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Dates to Remember:</p> <p>October 24: Please return your sponsor sheet to school with money for fixed amount pledge</p> <p>November 1: Sponsor sheets returned to students with laps walked and money due calculated.</p> <p>November 8: Return all money for lap pledge with this sponsor sheet to your teacher.</p>	<p>Official School Use Only</p> <p>Signature verifies above named student completed _____ laps</p> <p>Total Donation Due \$ _____</p> <p>Pre-Walk-a-thon \$ _____</p> <p>Post-Walk-a-thon \$ _____</p> <p>Official Signature _____</p>
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Fall 2007

Starting Arts is Back at Don Callejon!

Starting Arts is back for another exciting session of after school classes. This fall there will be two after school classes: **Junior Theatre** for grades K-2 & **African Music & Dance** for grades 1-5. **Classes start the week of October 15th and end the week of December 10.** Junior Theatre starts on Monday, October 15 and is a fun introduction to theatre through theatre games and improvisation. African Music & Dance begins on Wednesday, October 17 and is a wonderful new program, piloted last year, where children can explore traditional African dance, music, art, literature and cultural awareness.

GRADES K-2 - JUNIOR THEATRE CLASS SCHEDULE:

Location: Stage
Time: Mondays 2:15-3:45 pm
Grades: K-2

GRADES 1-5 - AFRICAN MUSIC & DANCE SCHEDULE:

Location: Stage
Time: Wednesdays 1:30-3:00
Grades: 1-5

Please Note: We will not have any classes on Monday, November 12 and Wednesday, November 21 because there is no school.

Students choosing to enroll MUST commit to respectful behavior and regular attendance. Like team sports, performing arts requires participation, dedication and teamwork. Repeated unexcused absences or poor attitude may result in student dismissal.

The deadline for returning enrollment forms is Friday, October 12. Enrollment is limited; however, classes need a minimum of 20 students to cover costs. Overbooked classes will be filled by lottery. Refunds will be made if classes are unavailable.

The cost for enrolling is in one session of classes is \$125 & \$250 for two classes. Partial financial scholarships are available to students who qualify for "free and reduced lunch". We want as many children as possible to have a chance to experience the Arts. For more information, please email Dottie@startingarts.com.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call. We have just moved to our new office at 2065 Martin Avenue, Suite 108 in Santa Clara, 95050. Our phone number is still the same: 408-492-9022. Don't forget to check out our website at www.startingarts.com. You can sign up and pay for classes, preview our upcoming session of classes and shows, view pictures from previous Starting Arts shows, as well as directly contact our staff.

We are truly delighted to be back working with the Don Callejon community. Thank you for supporting the Arts.

Ann Watts, Executive Director of Starting Arts



DON CALLEJON ENROLLMENT FORM

Enrollment Deadline: Friday, October 12, 2007

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Complete form, sign and attach payment.
- Make checks/money orders payable to "Starting Arts". DO NOT SEND CASH.
- Please deliver to the Starting Arts box in your School Office.

(Please Print)

Student First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Male / Female

Grade: _____ Homeroom #: _____ Teacher: _____ New / Returning student

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Work/Cell phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____
(Name/ Phone)

CLASS SELECTION:

- Junior Theatre** Introduction to theatre and improvisation Enrollment limit: 30 **Grades K-2**
- African Music & Dance** Introduction to traditional African dance, music, art and literature
Enrollment limit: 30 **Grades 1-5**

ENROLLMENT FEES: 1 class= \$125 2 classes= \$250

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **Check #: _____**

AGREEMENT:

My child and I understand the importance of respectful behavior and regular class attendance. We also understand that he/she may be dismissed from the program for three unexcused tardies/absences, or three documented incidents of poor behavior. Notification of a problem will be made to me by phone/mail after the second incident. I agree to allow my child to be photographed/videotaped for publicity purposes for Santa Clara Unified School District and/or Starting Arts.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____