

# Don Callejon

## Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, October 31, 2007

### Dear Don Callejon Families,

We want to thank you for your enthusiastic support and participation in our annual walkathon. The event was a wonderful show of community spirit and a lot of fun for our students. A special thank you goes out to event coordinator Rebecca Ferguson and all the DCSCO volunteers that helped with the event. The event simply wouldn't have been possible without all of your contributions. We are also extremely proud of our middle school leadership class and our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders for taking on a leadership role during the walkathon.

Last Friday was the last day of the first quarter for our middle school students. Middle school report cards will be sent home this Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please look for these important documents in your mailbox. If you do not receive a report card by Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, please call the school office.

We have several exciting events coming up during the month of November. Please read the informational items below for more details on this very busy month! We are looking forward to an exciting and learning-filled holiday season.

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.

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### Book Fair:

This year's book fair will take place in the library from November 26- November 30. We are very excited to offer this opportunity to our students. In addition to being a great event, it also serves as a fundraiser for our school. We look forward to seeing you on campus that week to purchase items from the wonderful selection. Look for more details on the Book Fair in the newsletter during the coming weeks.

### 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.

### Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Don Callejon day. Wear your Don Callejon School apparel to participate. Go Cubs!!

### End of Quarter Rally:

We will be having our first end of the quarter rally on Friday, November 9, time TBD. It will be a high school type pep rally. Amongst other activities, we will award the Don Callejon Cup to the class with the highest participation in the Spirit Days competition. Watch for the time in next week's newsletter.

### Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast:

We will be having our first Middle School Honor Roll breakfast on Friday, November 16, from 7:30-8:10 in the MPR. Continental breakfast will be served, and certificates will be given to all Honor Roll students. In order to qualify for the Honor Roll, students must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

### 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.

## Important Dates and Details:

### Sports:

- **Halloween Parade:** October 31, 10:00-10:30AM
- **Minimum Day for K – 5:** November 2, dismissal 1:17 PM
- **End of Quarter Rally:** November 6
- **At-Risk Parent Night:** November 13, 6:30-7:30PM
- **Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast:** November 16, 7:30-8:10AM
- **DCSCO International Night:** November 16, 6:30-9:00PM

## Middle School At-Risk Student/Parent Night:

We will be holding an at-risk student/parent night on Tuesday, November 13 from 6:30-7:30 in the school library. This meeting is for parents and students that are at-risk of retention due to poor grades. All invited parents will receive a letter from the school as an invitation.

### 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. A special thank you goes out to our DCSCO Safety Patrol Coordinator, Roger Ramirez, and all the students on the safety patrol.

## 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](mailto:mholan@scusd.net) or 423-3354.

## 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](http://www.projectcornerstone.org) and at [www.search-institute.org](http://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](mailto:randcvw@sbcglobal.net) Lead Volunteer

## 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](mailto:ptabitha@gmail.com) or (408) 306-3240.