

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, December 10, 2008

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

With Winter Break just one and one half weeks away, we would like to take a moment to thank all of you for supporting our school and our students throughout 2008! Don Callejon School is a fabulous place for children and adults alike, and that is all made possible by you.

Thanks to all of you that came out to our Family Literacy Night last Wednesday. It was truly a great event. Thanks also for supporting the book fair all last week. The profits from that will go directly to DCS teachers in the form of books for their classroom libraries. We look forward to seeing all of you next Wednesday at our Winter Concert. It is sure to be a fun-filled and entertaining event for all!

Elementary report cards were sent home on Friday. If for some reason you did not receive a report card or you have questions regarding your students' report card, please call your teacher as soon as possible.

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 and stressful time in the lives of all of our students, and if they need added support we are here to give it.

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Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Music day. Wear a band shirt or anything musically related.

Minimum Day:

Friday, December 19th is a minimum day. All students will be dismissed early. Please mark your calendar and be on time to pick up your students.

Winter Break:

Winter Break is from Monday, December 22nd through January 2nd, 2009. School resumes on Monday, January 5th. If you are planning a trip and your student will not be here next week or in January, please stop by the school office to fill out a school absence form. Please remember that vacations are considered unexcused absences and after 10 consecutive absences, your student will be un-enrolled from Don Callejon School.

Kindergarten Enrollment:

Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2009-2010 School year will also **begin on January 7, 2009**. Parents are encouraged to complete registration for kindergarten students wishing to attend their school of residence by **February 6, 2009** whenever possible.

Detailed information concerning the Open Enrollment Program, Kindergarten Enrollment and school and program visitation will appear on the **District website in mid-December, 2008**.

Incoming Kindergarten Parent Orientation:

We will be having a Parent Orientation for 2009-2010 new kindergarten parents on January 22, 2009 from 8:30 am to 9:30 pm.

YMCA Parent Night Out:

YMCA is offering a great opportunity for parents to get 4 hours of free time to do whatever you want without the worries of your kids. YMCA will watch your children for 4 hours, on December 11th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. while you relax or do holiday shopping. They will be providing pizza and entertainment for the kids! You can also join them if you would like to. They are asking just \$5 an hour per child. For more information, please contact Lindsey Mazzola at 639-8096.

Santa Clara's Parent Project®:

Because the tougher it gets to be a kid...
the tougher it gets to be a parent!

They promise concrete answers to your questions. 12 week series, classes start on Monday, January 12, 2009 at the Adult Community Education Center, 1840 Benton Street. Classes are on Mondays from 6 to 9 pm. Low cost tuition \$35.00 materials fee. Please call 408-423-3676 to register or visit <http://www.scae.org/cgi-bin/indexz.cgi>

Second Harvest Holiday Food Drive:

The canned food drive has started and will continue through this Friday, December 12th. We will be donating all food to families in our community. Please bring in can foods or non-perishable food items to donate. The class that collects the most donations will win a pizza party!

Important Dates and Details:

- **Megaskills Assembly and Student of the Month Luncheon:**
December 12th
- **Winter Concert:**
December 17th, 7- 8:15PM
- **Minimum Day:**
December 19th (Early Dismissal)
- **Winter Break:**
December 20th -January 4th
- **School Resumes:**
January 5th
- **Open Enrollment Begins:**
January 7th

Open Enrollment Kindergarten – Twelfth Grade:

The Open Enrollment program for the 2009-2010 school year will be conducted from January 7 to February 6, 2009. Parents of students wishing to attend a school other than their school of residence must first provide proof of residency to their school of residence, receive a permanent student number (this is a different number than you have used in past years) and then complete the Open Enrollment application on the District website @ www.santaclarausd.net. The link to the application form, school visitation dates and requirements, as well as other important information concerning this process will appear on the District website home page.

Open Enrollment for 5th and 8th Grade Students:

Fifth and Eighth grade students must **reapply** for Open Enrollment when moving from elementary school to middle school or from middle school to high school **if** they do not live in the attendance area of their school of choice.

Intradistrict Transfer Students / Open Enrollment:

Students currently attending a school, other than their school of residence, on an Intradistrict Transfer should apply for the opportunity to continue at that school through the Open Enrollment process. Only students accepted to a school through the Open Enrollment process are guaranteed placement for the following year. Students attending on an Intradistrict Transfer are subject to losing their placement at the beginning of each new school year as well as during the school year if new students move into that school's attendance area. Parents are therefore urged to **apply** through **Open Enrollment** if they **wish their student to remain** at the school of choice as once a student is accepted through Open Enrollment; the choice school becomes the student's permanent placement through the grade span served at that school.

Upcoming Parent Information Meetings and Tours

Bowers Elementary School

- Incoming Kindergarten Parent Tour
- January 13, 2009 – 1:00 to 2:00 pm
 - January 15, 2009 – 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Open House for all Grades
- June 3, 2009 – 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Braly Elementary School

- Parent Information Tour
- January 14, 2009 - 8:45 am
 - Tour begins at the school office – **ADULTS ONLY**
- Additional Kindergarten tour will be May 12, 2009 – 9:00 am

Briarwood Elementary School

- Incoming Kindergarten Parent Tour
- January 9 & 20, 2009 – 9:00 am
 - Tour begins at the school office

Haman Elementary School

- Kindergarten Classroom Tour
- Friday, January 16, 2009 - 8:30 am
 - Tour begins at the flag pole

Hughes Elementary School

- Kindergarten Parent Tour
- January 14, 2009 – 9:00 -10:00 am
 - Tour begins at the school office

Laurelwood Elementary School

- Incoming Kindergarten Parent Tours
- January 12, 2009 – 1:00 to 1:45 pm
 - January 15, 2009 – 9:00 to 9:45 am
- (Please choose only one date to attend tours)*
- Open House for Parents and Students
- May 19, 2009 – 6:30 to 7:30 pm

Mayne Elementary School

- Kindergarten Visitations, **ADULTS** only
Please check in at the office
- English Program - January 20, 2009
9:00 – 10:00 am Classroom Visits, 10:00 – Principal's Welcome
 - Bilingual Program – January 21
9:30 - 10:30 am -Informational meeting, 10:30 am -11:00 am – classroom visits

Millikin Basics+ Elementary School

- ADULTS ONLY PLEASE**
- Parent Visitations - 9:00 - 10:00 am
Parent Orientations: 10:00-11:00 am
on the following dates:
- **January 20, 21, and 22, 2009**
- Attendance at ONE orientation is mandatory
Questions ? Please call 408-423-1800

Montague Elementary School

- Kindergarten Informational Meeting
- January 27, 2009 – 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
- Open House
- June 2, 2009 – 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Pomeroy Elementary School

- Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Tour
ADULTS ONLY
- January 16, 2009 – 9:00 to 10:00 am
 - Tour will begin in the school cafeteria

Ponderosa Elementary School

- Open Enrollment Visitation
Tour begins at school office – ADULTS ONLY
- January 16, 2009 – 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Kindergarten Visitation – Meet in school office
- May 8, 2009 at 9:00 am – **ADULTS ONLY**

Scott Lane

- Bilingual Program Overview
January 21 8:45 am - Scott Lane Library

Sutter Elementary School

- Classroom Observations – **ADULTS ONLY**
- Every Tuesday in January
 - Observation Times: 8:45 to 10:15 am
 - Come into the office to receive information & map.

Washington Open Elementary School

- New Parent Information Meeting is strongly recommend for families interested in attending Washington Open
- January 13, 2009 – 7:00 pm
 - Mandatory Classroom Observation prior to Open Enrollment– **ADULTS ONLY**
 - No appointment needed through February 6, 2009 please arrive between 9:00 – 9:30 am

Westwood Elementary School

- Kindergarten Parent Visitation
- January 22, 2009 – 9:00 to 11:00 am, no appointment needed
 - Parents must first sign in at the school office
 - **ADULTS ONLY**

Cabrillo Middle School

- Instructional Program Overview
- January 14, 2009 – 7:00 pm in the Faculty Lounge
 - Open House – April 8, 2009 – 7:00 pm

Don Callejon School

- Kindergarten Parent Meeting
January 22, 2009 – 8:30 to 9:30 am
Parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten Program, tour Kindergarten classrooms and have Q & A with the Principal.
- Open House will be held on May 13, 2009 for all families.
Please go to the school website (www.doncallejon.org) for more details.
- Incoming 6th Grade **PARENT** Orientation
April 22, 2009 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Buchser Middle School

- Incoming 6th Grade **PARENT** Orientation
- January 28, 2009 – 7:00 pm in the Buchser School Library

Peterson Middle School

- Tour Dates and Times (**ADULTS ONLY FOR DAY TOURS**)
- January 13, 14 and 15 -10:00 to 11:00 am
 - January 15 evening tour begins at 6:00 pm
- Contact Sheila Morales at 423-2810 to sign up

Santa Clara High School

- Tours for parents of incoming 9th Graders and Open Enrollment applicants.
- Tour Dates:
- December 17, 2008
 - January 7, 13, 23 or 30, 2009
 - February 10, 2009
- Tour Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Limited space available please call
Sylvia Iwanaga - 423-2607 to reserve a place on the tour.

Wilcox High School

- Tours for parents of incoming 9th Graders & Open Enrollment applicants.
- Tour Dates:
- December 16, 2008 – 9:30 – 11:00 am
 - January 6, 13, 27, 2009 – 9:30 – 11:00 am
- Limited space available please call Pam Pewitt at 423-2414 to reserve a place on the tour.