

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, December 2, 2009
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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving break. We hope to see you at Literacy Night this Thursday, December 3rd from 6:30- 8:00PM (**Please note the time change**). Also- remember that the book faire is happening in the library all week and will be open until 8PM that evening. All profits from the book fair go directly to the library and teachers, so please support it if you can.

Elementary report cards will be sent home with your students this Friday, December 4. If for some reason you do not receive a report card, please call the office or your teacher as soon as possible. Middle School progress reports for students in danger of failing a course will also be sent out this week. If you have any questions as to the academic status of your student(s), please call his or her teacher(s).

Once again, please try to plan your vacations around the upcoming school break so that your student does not miss any class time. We greatly appreciate your support with this effort.

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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Family Literacy Night (New Time):

Come one, come all! It is our annual Literacy Night full of new ideas to get your child reading and loving Language Arts. We will be having it in the cafeteria on December 3rd, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. If you have never been to a Literacy Night, this is your chance to get great ideas for teaching your child at home. There will be many handouts, make and takes, storytellers on stage (you could sign up to be one of them), our annual book trade where you can trade in a book for another that you haven't read yet (so bring in a bag of books), and many more stations, plus the Book Fair will be open that night until 8 PM. Ms. Le, Mrs. Winalski, and Mrs. Taylor, the librarian, all hope to see you there to enjoy what we have planned for you all.

Sharkie Visit:

Before the holiday break, Ms. Burnette and Mrs. Iglor's classes had a visit from the San Jose Sharks Team Mascot Sharkie for their participation in the Sharks Reading is Cool Program. Great job Cubs!

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Callejon Day. Wear your school gear or blue/orange.

Open Enrollment 2010-2011:

The **Open Enrollment** program for the 2010-11 school year will be conducted from **January 7 to February 5, 2010**. Parents of students wishing to attend a school other than the school of residence must first provide proof of residency to their school of residence, receive a permanent student number and then complete the Open Enrollment application on the District website @ www.santaclarausd.org. 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 in mid December 2009.

Students Currently Attending a District School through an Intradistrict Transfer

must apply for continued enrollment at that school by completing an on-line application for Open Enrollment between January 7- February 5, 2010 if they wish to continue at that school for the 2010-11 school year.

Look for more detailed information regarding the kindergarten registration process coming soon.

California Launches New Web site to Better Communicate with Parents and Educators About State testing Program:

Many parents and teachers have expressed questions and concerns about the California Standards Tests (CST's), a component of the state's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program, which measures how well the California public education system and its students are performing. In response, the California Department of Education (CDE) and the State Board of Education (SBE) have launched a new Web site to help parents and teachers gain a much clearer understanding of the CST's. You can find the new CDE STAR Web site at <http://www.starsamplequestions.org/>. The Web site features dozens of actual test questions that students have faced at each grade level as well as a parent guide for each grade level.

Family Movie Night:

DCSCO is sponsoring Family Movie Night this Friday, December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Room. They are playing the new Disney Movie UP. Everyone is invited; it is going to be a fun evening!

Free Parenting Classes:

Please note the new Free Parenting classes on SCUSD website.

www.santaclarausd.org/parents.cfm

Spirit Wear T-Shirts:

We have a few Spirit Wear T-Shirts available for purchase in the office. They are \$10.00 each, first come, first serve. We also have some small sweatshirts available for \$22.00.



Important Dates and Details:

- **Book Fair:**
November 30th – December 4th
- **Family Literacy Night:**
December 3rd, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
- **Report Cards go Home (K - 5):**
December 4th
- **Winter Concert:**
December 17th
Grades K – 2: 6:30 – 7:00 pm
Intermission: 7:00 – 7:30 pm
Grades 3 – 8: 7:30 – 8:00 pm
- **Minimum Day (early dismissal):**
December 18th
- **Winter Break:**
December 21st – January 1st
- **School Resumes:**
January 4th