

Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • February 10, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Great news! Our visit with the California Distinguished Schools Committee went very well, and they have validated our application. This means that we are one step closer to being a California Distinguished School! Official notification will come from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in April. Thank you so much to the teachers and staff for preparing for the visit, and thank you to the parents and students that spoke with the visitation team. The team was very impressed with our site, our students and staff, and the dedication and pride that we all take in our school and its programs.

Thank you to all of you that attended our annual talent show last night! It was a great event. A special thank you goes out to our talent show coordinators, Ms. Jacka and Mrs. Chiet!

Can you believe that we are almost to February Break? Remember, there is no school from February 15-19. School resumes on February 22. Please enjoy your break!

It has been a wonderful start to the New Year at DCS. We want to thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm! As always, we encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Hans Barber

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Kindergarten Registration Update:

As you probably know, Kindergarten registration has begun for the 2010-11 school year. So far, we have registered 159 total Kindergarteners, including 51 siblings of current students. If your registration status should change, and you do not plan to attend DCS in the fall, please contact the school office ASAP. The enrollment status of each family will be sent on February 12th.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Pink/Purple Day. Wear pink or purple for Valentine's Day!

Winter Break:

Next week is Winter Break, there is no school. Enjoy your time off.

After School Science Fair Workshops with Ms. Boozer & Mrs. Thorp:

Science Fair Workshops will be held from 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm in Room B5

Tue, Feb 23: The Display

Tue, Mar 2: Presentation & Evaluation

Thur, Mar 11: Projects Due

Friday, March 12: Don Callejon Science Fair

Library Link:

Almost time for our March Madness Book Fair, presented by Hicklebees. Sales will begin on Monday March 1 and go through Thursday, March 4 and Fair hours will be 7:45 – 6:30 each day. I know Hicklebees will be sending us a great selection of series books, fun nonfiction books and paperbacks. We receive 25% of our sales back from Hicklebees that I will use to purchase new books for our library. Please let me know if you would like to help out with this fair --- either with some of the before hand work or during the fair itself.

Pam Flowers will be here on Feb 26 with all of our students. Parents are welcome to attend also with their child's class. This modern day explorer is a truly magnificent person and I am very excited about our community having the chance to meet her. Her tales of perseverance, planning and adventure through her year long solo expedition through the Arctic are inspiring. Her message to all: "You are never too old to have a dream and never too old to make it come true." Students will be bringing home an order form for her books that she will sign to our students that day only. For more information about Pam, visit her website at www.pamflowers.com. Many many thanks to DCSCO for making this event possible for our students.

Remember to stop by the library and visit our Grown Up Book Swap. We have a box full of great titles – just waiting for someone to come take them home to read.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable winter break – perhaps even with some time spent reading great books!!

Michele Taylor
Librarian

School Site Council Meeting:

Our next School Site Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 24. These meetings are open to the public, and take place in the main office staff room from 5:00- 6:00PM. If you have any further questions regarding this meeting, please contact me directly (hbarber@scusd.net).

"CAAPE (Concerned African American Parents for Education):

"CAAPE (Concerned African American Parents for Education) is kicking off its **Young Readers campaign** with a trip to the *Santa Clara City Library* during Black History Month.

When: Tuesday, February 16, 2010 (Winter Break)

Time: 10:45 - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Santa Clara City Library (meet there)

Cost: Free!

We have a great day planned, including a scavenger hunt!

Please RSVP by 2/12/2010 to Ron Martin at (408) 439-2621 or e-mail at ronaldm@gmail.com."

Parent Education:

Please check out what's going on in our community and the surrounding area related to Parent Education.

www.santaclarausd.org/parents.cfm

Important Dates and Details

- **Winter Break (No School):**
February 15th – February 19th
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
February 24th – 5:00 pm

Presented by Hicklebees
Just for Don Callejon School

MARCH MADNESS BOOK FAIR

Who?

All DCS families are invited to come and shop

What?

Lots of new paperback and series for all ages

When?

Monday, March 1 through Thursday, March 4
7:45 am – 6:30 pm daily

Where??

In the Library

Why??

Because we are MAD about reading and we want to
own the best new books !!

And the library will receive 10% of our sales to buy
new books!!

How?

Personal checks, cash, and all major credit cards are
accepted.

Let me know if you can help out!!

Mrs. Taylor

Librarian



UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Movie Night	2/26
Pam Flowers Presentation	2/26
International Night	3/5
Honor Roll Breakfast	4/23
Family Night	4/23
Spring Fling Festival	5/15

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Spring Fling Kidz Zone Chair
- Spring Fling Committee Members
- Yard Duty Supervisors (K-5)
- Safety Patrol Parent Volunteers

TO SIGN UP GO TO:

 <http://dcSCO.ptomanager.com>

QUESTIONS?

 volunteer@dcSCO.org

VISIT US

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ARCTIC EXPLORER TO VISIT DCS



DCSCO is thrilled to bring arctic explorer Pam Flowers to DCS where she will give presentations to all grade levels. Ms. Flowers will share slides and stories from her solo 2,500-mile dog mushing expedition across the arctic. Audiences will hear about intense blizzards that kept her stranded for days, melting pack ice literally breaking up beneath her and the team, a terrifying run-in with polar bears and more. Parents are welcome to attend the presentations with their children's grade level.

*Friday, Feb. 26
Various times
during the
school day
in the MPR*

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Please join us at our Annual International Night! Don Callejon School is fortunate to have such broad ethnic and cultural diversity that enhances our community. We would like to display the heritages of the school's families at this event. Thanks to Reshma Tawade who has volunteered to be the chairperson. Special thanks to Ms. Le and Ms. Winalski who are helping lead the efforts. For those of you who attended this event last year, you might remember how packed the MPR was for International Night with cultural tables from over 10 countries from around the world and it was a very enjoyable show.

*Friday, Mar. 5
6:30pm
in the MPR*

If you would like to sign up to display cultural items, serve food samples, or participate in the cultural show please contact us as soon as you can. This will help us better plan for the evening.

 reshma_tawade@yahoo.com  volunteer@dcSCO.org

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to everyone who helped celebrate the Honor Roll breakfast on Feb. 5. This quarter had 150 students who qualified for the Honor Roll. Congratulations to all the honorees!!!



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Make sure you fill out your 2 Hour Power Pledge today!

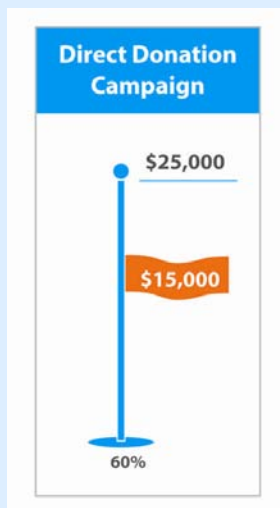
INK & TONER

CARTRIDGES NEEDED

Please recycle your ink and toner cartridges and help DCSCO earn money at the same time! Bring your cartridges to the school office and place in the box near Lisa Farmer's desk.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Direct Donations	\$15,000
Corporate Matching	\$708
Corporate Donation	\$1,000
eScrip	\$1,193
Jamba Juice	\$1,770
Walk-A-Thon	\$5,044
TOTAL (as of 2/8)	\$24,715



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5th Annual Spring Fling Festival is Coming!

Please mark your calendars for the biggest and most important DCSCO event of the year – Spring Fling is on the 15th of May. We have started planning for the event and have some wonderful committee leads for the various activities leading towards the event. The committees welcoming participation are sponsorship, silent auction, food, entertainment, hospitality, and Kidz Zone. Let's make this an event to remember, together!

Please sign up for one of these committees today!

✉ volunteer@dcsco.org

DIRECT DONATIONS

The arts programs can't continue at DCS without your support! We are at 60% of our direct donation goal. If a few more families can donate, we can reach our yearly goal and be able to continue funding Starting Arts, teacher materials, campus safety, and more. Thank you to all of you who already donated! Please remember to use corporate matching if your company offers this program. Also note that your donation is fully tax-deductible. If you need receipts for tax purposes or otherwise, please email: ✉ melinda.razon@dcsco.org

✎ <http://donate.dcsco.org>

STARTING ARTS - MUSIC

Ask your child about vocal exercises, rhythm, note values, syncopation, melodies, instruments, and more! For the next 6 weeks, K-5 students will learn about music during their Starting Arts sessions. The sessions are once a week for 30 minutes during the school day. Music classes will be taught by Jacob Lake.

Jacob Lake is a San Francisco Bay Area native and is known in the region as an opera and oratorio soloist. Jacob served as Music Director for the Boys and Girls clubs of Oakland for the past two years, and has recently been welcomed as a music teacher for Musicland School of Music in Fremont, and a head teacher for Kids in Tune in Hayward. Earning his BM in Music and MM in Vocal performance from San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Jake studied voice with Leroy Kromm, Jane Randolph and piano from Alla Gladysheva.

The majority of DCSCO fundraising has gone towards Starting Arts since the school opened. Starting Arts teaches different disciplines of art including dance, theater, and music. Help us to continue supporting this important educational enrichment program by donating today!

✎ <http://donate.dcsco.org>



DCSCO EVENT



Please join us for
Family Movie Night



Come watch the hit movie "G-Force" with your family and friends!

Admission to the movie is **FREE!**

Proceeds from food purchases will go towards supporting the many programs and events throughout the year.

Movie nights sponsored by
Stephanie Schley of Alain Pinel Realty
<http://www.stephanieschleysellshomes.com/>

Date: **Friday, February 26**
Time: **6:00 p.m.**
Place: **DCS MPR**

Popcorn, pizzas, and drinks will be available for purchase.