



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • February 24, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you had an excellent break. The next few weeks are extremely important to the success of your student(s). Please stay in touch with your teacher(s) during this time to ensure the success of your child(ren).

We want to thank all of you for attending our annual Talent Show the week before break. The kids did a fantastic job during their performances that evening and at the assembly on Friday morning. Our advisors, Ms. Jacka and Ms. Chiet, did an outstanding job as well!

Next Tuesday we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The Hicklebee's Book Fair will be happening Monday through Thursday in our library, with hours from 7:45am- 6:30pm each of those days. In addition, we will have our third annual Family Math Night in the MPR on Thursday, March 4th, from 6:00- 7:30PM. Please join us for this exciting community event.

As always, we encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Book Fair:

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 7:45am – 6:30 pm 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.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Crazy Sock Day. Wear crazy or different socks!

Science Fair:

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues in helping us create a pool of potential Science Fair Judges for our competition this spring. It will be held on Friday, March 12. As you must know, your participation in this event is greatly desired and would be very much appreciated. We would also urge you to contact any of your colleagues whom you think might consider this endeavor. Please email Mrs. Debbie Boozer at dboozer@scusd.net if you are interested in being a judge. Thank you!

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).

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, Mar 2: Presentation & Evaluation

Thur, Mar 11: Projects Due

Friday, March 12: Don Callejon Science Fair

International Night:

On March 5th, DCSCO will be sponsoring our annual International Night full of food, fun, festivities, and culture! Everyone is welcome! We will have free food samplings, cultural artifacts, and a great show for you! The best part is... you are all a part of it! We cannot make all of this happen without you and your children! So please sign up to do any of the following: (Thank you in advance!)

*Cultural fashion show... Contact Mrs. Winalski at swinalski@scusd.net

*To perform on stage for a maximum of two minutes, please contact Ms. Le at mle_piglover@yahoo.com

*We have parents that have volunteered to be the lead for the cultural tables representing a country. Please contact them if you would like to share any cultural objects, artifacts, flags, books, posters, maps, crafts or food samples such as finger foods, individual sample size servings of dishes, or desserts.

Philippines Gail Clemente
gyclem@yahoo.com

Pakistan Humaira Ahmad
pakmasood@aol.com

Spain Rosa Pena
rosita_pena@hotmail.com

Japan Miki Umeda
mikiumedasbcglobal.net

India Smitha Haneef
smithashh@gmail.com

We still need lead parents to represent other countries. Please e-mail Reshma at reshma_tawade@yahoo.com if you would like to represent your culture. We hope to see you all there from 6:30-8:30PM! More details will be emailed to those participating. Thanks again!

STAR Testing:

All students in 7th grade will take the California Standards Writing Test on Tuesday, March 2nd (with a makeup date of Wednesday, March 3rd). The California Standards Writing Test is part of the CST in English-Language Arts for the Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program. These tests measure how well students are acquiring California content standards. Results of the STAR Program tests provide valuable information about the academic achievement of all students. It is important, therefore, that students do their best on this test. On testing day, please make sure your student gets a good night's rest, has a healthy breakfast and gets to school on time. Test results for all parts of the CST will be sent to each student's home address in September. If you have any further questions regarding STAR testing please contact our Academic Counselor, Melanie Holan, at 408-423-3354 or mholan@scusd.net.

Important Community Announcement:

The Community Association of Rivermark recently posted "No Parking" signs along the eastern side of Farrell Place, bordering the northwest side of the school. This street is too narrow to accommodate parking, as parked cars could get in the way of emergency vehicles. For safety reasons, they are beginning to tow vehicles parked on the eastern side of Farrell Place. Please avoid parking on Farrell Place when visiting the school.

Important Dates and Details

- **5th Grade Science Camp:**
February 23rd – February 26th
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
February 24th – 5:00 pm
- **Spring Book Fair:**
March 1st – 5th
- **Family Math Night:**
March 4th
- **K – 8 Parent-Teacher Conferences (Minimum Days):**
March 9th – 12th
- **Science Fair:**
March 12th
- **Report Cards go Home (K – 5):**
March 19th
- **End of Third Quarter (6 – 8):**
March 26th
- **Staff Development Day (No School):**
April 2nd