

# Don Callejon

## Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, February 25, 2009

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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).

This Friday we will be having the February Megaskills Assembly for elementary and the Student of the Month luncheon for middle school. Next Monday we will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The Hicklebee's Book Fair will be happening all week in our library. In addition, we will have our second annual Family Math Night in the MPR on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, from 6- 7:15 PM; the book fair will be open late that night as well. Please join us for this exciting community event.

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

Hans Barber  
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### Family Math Night:

Join us for fun, games and activities. We'll see you in the MPR on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

### Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is happy day. Wear your smiling face; they will be giving out smiley face stickers to the students with a smile! ☺

### STAR Testing:

All students in grades four and seven will take the California Standards Writing Test on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (with a makeup date of Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>). 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](mailto:mholan@scusd.net)

### Hicklebees's Book Faire:

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

Open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

Featuring – High quality, family friendly books, books for pre-k to young adult, books in series, award winning books, fiction and informational books. Books provided by Hicklebee's Book Store, San Jose

### After School Science Fair Workshops:

Ms. Boozer is offering Science Fair workshops for any interested student in B2, from 2:45 – 3:45 pm.

March 3: Presentation and Evaluation  
 March 12: Projects Due  
 March 13: Don Callejon Science Fair

### GATE Student-to-Student Conference: Saturday, April 25 - 1-5pm Mountain View High School

Middle school students in the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program are invited to this free conference where they can present to other GATE students on a topic of their choice. Presentations are limited to 30-minutes and will provide students an excellent forum in which to practice their public speaking skills. Those wishing to attend the conference are not required to present. Ideas for presentation topics are available to interested students. The submission deadline is February 28, 2009. For more details, contact Steve Kahl at (408) 458-0144 or [steven.kahl@myla.net](mailto:steven.kahl@myla.net).

### ELAC Meeting:

Attention parents of English Learners: please join us for our next English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting on February 26th, from 6- 6:45PM in the school library. If you have questions regarding the committee, please contact myself ([hbarber@scusd.net](mailto:hbarber@scusd.net)) or our EL Facilitator, Julie Darknell ([jdarknell@scusd.net](mailto:jdarknell@scusd.net)). We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Karate:

Self-Confidence, Self-Esteem, Self-Discipline, Self-Defense Karate. The Spring Session of classes begins March 10. Sign up now; registration papers can be picked up from the school office.

### Casting Call:

Do you sing, dance, juggle or have a special talent you would like to share with the world?? Don Callejon School will be having their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Fling on May 16th is a carnival atmosphere, with a Kidz Zone, Food booths, Silent Auction, Exhibitors and Main Stage events. During the event we will have a Talent show on the Main Stage. If you would like to share your talent please contact Lori Garmany @ [lori.garmany@dcsco.org](mailto:lori.garmany@dcsco.org). We will have an open audition on Thursday, March 19th starting at 3:30pm. We want to do our part to help build our community and there is no better way than to share our talents with one another.

In addition to your invitation to perform at the Spring Fling, we will be giving every student a coupon to play a carnival game for free.

### Got Ink Cartridges?

If you have any ink (and toner) cartridges that you want to get rid of, please bring them to the school's office so we can recycle them and we can receive store credit at Staples. The store credit can be used by teachers and staff to purchase classroom and school supplies and materials. We accept any brand of ink and toner cartridges. If you don't have time to drop off your ink cartridges at the office, you can also hand them to the Safety Patrol volunteers when you drop off your child in the morning. If you have any questions, please contact Melinda Razon at [melinda.razon@dcsco.org](mailto:melinda.razon@dcsco.org).

### Important Dates and Details:

- **Spring Book Fair:**  
March 2 – 6
- **Family Math Night:**  
March 4<sup>th</sup>
- **End of Trimester (K-5):**  
March 6<sup>th</sup> (Minimum Day)

# MATH NIGHT

Who can go?

All Don Callejon families, grades K-8, are welcome!

Students must be supervised by a parent/adult guardian at all times

When?

Wednesday, March 4, 2009, 6:00PM - 7:15PM

Where?

DCS Multi-Purpose Room

What?

There will be lots of fun, math focused activities, books to read and buy, plus a pizza fundraiser if you're hungry!

See you there!

# ELAC

ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*ELAC meets regularly at the school premises.  
We will discuss current status of  
goals, programs, testing, and all  
issues related to our English Learners.*

*Do you have questions, well,  
then you are welcome to attend.  
We have a team eager to answer!*



HAS YOUR CHILD BEING DESIGNATED AN ENGLISH LEARNER  
AT DON CALLEJON?

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW THE SCHOOL AND  
THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CURRENTLY SUPPORTS YOUR  
CHILD IN DEVELOPING HIS/HER ENGLISH SKILLS?

DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF THE EFFORT TO MAKE YOUR  
CHILD MORE SUCCESSFUL?

THEN, WE NEED YOU AT THE



## ELAC MEETING!

**DON CALLEJON ELAC MEETING**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 2009**

**DON CALLEJON SCHOOL STAFF LOUNGE**

**(MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING)**

**6:00 TO 6:45PM**