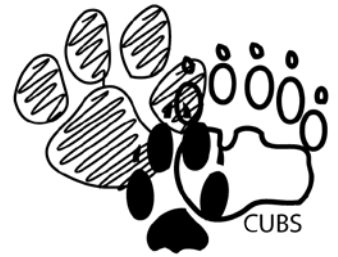


Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Si usted necesita esto traducido al Español, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de la escuela.

Dear Don Callejon Families,

We have had a great start to 2008 here at Don Callejon School. Exciting academic projects have been getting underway, and there have already been several exciting field trips taken. The boys basketball team is practicing hard and beginning to ramp up for their season opener at Callejon on January 29th. We are looking forward to many more exciting activities in the next two weeks. These activities typify the image we want to create here at Don Callejon School-educating the whole child. We thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for our school, and encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Don't forget- the end of the quarter for middle school students is this Friday, January 16th. Middle School Report Cards will be sent home next week.

Thank you! Go Cubs!

Hans Barber
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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 Pajama day. Wear your pajamas.

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.

ELAC Meeting:

Attention parents of English Learners: please join us for our next English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 15, from 6- 6:45PM in the school library. If you have questions regarding the committee, please contact myself (hbarber@scusd.net) or our EL Facilitator, Julie Darknell (jdarknell@scusd.net). We look forward to seeing you all there.

After School Science Fair Workshops:

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

January 20: Identify Categories
 January 27: Project Research
 February 10: The Project Report
 February 24: The Display
 March 3: Presentation and Evaluation

March 12: Projects Due
 March 13: Don Callejon Science Fair

SCUSD Health and Wellness Fair:

Bring the entire family! January 20th at Cabrillo Middle School and the YAC. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Pick your healthy path! Healthy eating, talk to the doctors, healthy play, financial wellness, dental screenings, blood pressure check and information booths.

Healthy snacks and child care provided.

Important Dates and Details:

- **End of 2nd Quarter: (Middle School)**
January 16th
- **Martin Luther King Holiday:**
January 19th
- **Open Enrollment Ends:**
February 6th
- **5th Grade Science Camp:**
February 10th – 13th
- **Mid-Winter Break:**
February 16 – 20 (No School)

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.

Yard Duty Volunteers:

Beginning next quarter, all yard duty volunteers will need to be certified. To be certified, you must participate in a one-hour training at the school.

We had the first training last year, and several parents have already been certified. The next training is on Thursday, January 22, from 6-7 in the computer lab. Please note: there is no babysitting available and this training is for adults only.

Please join us to get certified! Volunteers are a key part of our success here at Don Callejon.

Please contact Vic Sharma or Roger Ramirez through DCSCO if you have questions.

Safe Routes to School

Improving health, safety, and transportation among
Santa Clara County Schools



Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a local and nationwide program designed to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk or bicycle to school. SRTS programs address:

- Traffic congestion around schools
- Motor vehicle emissions that pollute the environment
- Decreases in physical activity which contribute to the growing childhood obesity epidemic

SRTS projects build partnerships between schools and community agencies to improve safety and reduce traffic and air pollution to make bicycling and walking to school a safer and more appealing transportation choice.

Local SRTS activities include conducting school traffic assessments, holding planning meetings to identify school traffic safety needs and priorities, implementing and evaluating changes, using mini-grant opportunities to fund traffic safety changes, engaging students and families in bicycle and pedestrian education. *All activities are free of charge to the schools.*

Eligible schools include any elementary school in Santa Clara County willing to make a 12-18 month commitment to improving the school's environment.

Local partners include Anthem Blue Cross, City of Sunnyvale, Healthy Silicon Valley, Milpitas Department of Transportation, Palo Alto PTA, Public Health Department/Nutrition and Wellness, Safe Kids, San Jose Department of Transportation, San Jose Police Department, San Jose Unified School District, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Trauma Services, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Stanford Hospital and Clinics Trauma Services, Valley Transportation Authority.

For more information contact Traffic Safe Communities Network (TSCN) in Santa Clara County at (408) 793-2733 or alice.kawaguchi@hhs.sccgov.org.

Safe Routes to School in Santa Clara County is made possible by federal funds available through Caltrans.



Safe Routes to School in Santa Clara County

Fall 2008

Safety Tips for Pedestrians, Bicyclists and Drivers

Pedestrians

- Cross the street only at intersections. Use marked crosswalks when available.
- Do not jaywalk. Do not cross in the middle of the street or between parked cars. Drivers are not expecting pedestrians to cross mid-block and you are more likely to be hit if you do this.
- Try to make eye contact with drivers, but never assume they see you.
- If you have to walk on a road that does not have sidewalks, walk facing traffic.

Bicyclists

- Ride on the **RIGHT** with the flow of traffic. Never ride against traffic.
- Always obey traffic signs and signals They apply to bicyclists, just like they apply to motorists.
- Before turning, use arm signals to let other know

where you plan to go, and look for a safe opening.

- Always wear a helmet to protect your head. Adjust your helmet so that it fits snugly and sits level on your head, protecting your forehead.

Drivers

- Pedestrians can be very hard to see, especially in bad weather, at night or during the late afternoon when the sun is setting. Keep a lookout and slow down if you can't see clearly.
- Stop for pedestrians who are crossing the street.
- Always wear your seat belt when driving or riding in a car, even if it is just a short distance!



Need Traffic Safety Help at School ?

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department recently received a \$500,000 "Safe Routes to School" grant from Caltrans to promote walking and bicycling to school in a traffic safe environment. If you know of an elementary school that wants help with its traffic safety concerns, contact Traffic Safe Communities Network at (408) 793-2733 for more information.

Operation Safe Passage

**Santa Clara County
Sept. 15-19, 2008**

Cause for Concern Numbers of Violations in School Zones

During Operation Safe Passage (OSP), law enforcement officers cited violators in school zones, but safety violations occur all of the time. The following number of tickets were written in one week around schools in our county:

- **Speeding - 356**
- **Failing to stop at a stop sign - 189**
- **Passing a school bus with flashing lights - 8**
- **Failure to use child restraints seats -16**
- **Failure to use seat belts - 71**
- **Failure to yield to a pedestrian - 10**
- **Failure to wear a required bicycle helmet - 48**

Please keep our children safe. Obey all traffic safety rules and encourage your children to do the same.

10/08 Traffic Safe Communities
Network (TSCN) in Santa Clara County

Rutas Seguras al Escuela Condado de Santa Clara Otoño 2008

Consejos para Peatones, Ciclistas, y Conductores

Peatones

- Cruce la calle solamente en las esquinas. Use el paso de peatones si existe.
- No cruce la calle imprudentemente. No cruce en la mitad de la calle o entre carros estacionados. Los conductores no esperan peatones cruzando en la mitad de la calle, y un choque es mas probable si cruza así.
- Trate de hacer contacto de ojo con los conductores, pero no presuma que le ven a Ud.
- Si tiene que caminar en una carretera sin banquetas, camina contra el trafico.

Ciclistas

- Pase siempre a la DERECHA, en dirección con el tráfico, nunca contra el tráfico.
- Obedece a letreros y señales de transito. Estas reglas se aplica igual a los ciclistas que a los

conductores.

- Antes de voltear, señale con el brazo para indicar a los demás donde va ir, y busque una apertura segura.
- Siempre use un casco para proteger la cabeza. Ajuste el casco para que quede cómodo y posicionado delante, protegiendo su frente.

Conductores

- Puede ser muy difícil ver peatones, especialmente en el mal tiempo, en la noche, o en la tarde al puesto del sol. Mire con cuidado, y disminuye la velocidad si no puede ver bien.
- Pare por los peatones que están cruzando la calle.
- Siempre use su cinturón de seguridad en el carro, aunque sea para un viaje corto!



¿Necesita ayuda de Seguridad de Tráfico en su Escuela?

El Departamento de Salud Pública del Condado de Santa Clara recientemente recibió \$500,000 del programa "Rutas Seguras a la Escuela." Estos fondos de Caltrans son para promover el caminar y el ciclismo a la escuela en un ambiente seguro de tráfico. Si su escuela primaria está preocupada por la seguridad del tráfico en su área puede solicitar ayuda llame al Traffic Safe Communities Network al (408) 793-2733 para más información.

Operación Pasaje Seguro

Condado de Santa Clara
15 a 19 de septiembre
del 2008

Razón para
preocuparse
el número de infracciones
dentro de las zonas
escolares

Durante la semana de la Operación Pasaje Seguro (OPS), la policía dio infracciones a personas que no obedecieron las leyes de tráfico dentro de las zonas escolares, pero personas siguen recibiendo infracciones de tráfico. La siguiente lista indicará el número de infracciones de tráfico que fueron escritas en una semana alrededor de las escuelas en nuestro condado:

- Alto velocidad - 356
- No parar en una señal de alto - 189
- Pasar un camion escolar con luces intermitentes - 8
- No usar asientos de seguridad para niños - 16
- No usar cinturones de Seguridad - 71
- No dar el paso a peatones - 10
- No usar cascos protectores requeridos para ciclistas - 48

Por favor, protejan a sus hijos.