



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • January 6, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Happy New Year!! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful vacation!

As we come back to school, please make a special effort to check in with your student both academically and socially. This can be a very difficult time for students as they adjust back to the school day, especially with the cold weather. Don't forget- the end of the quarter for middle school students is next Friday, January 15th. Now is the time to check-in with your middle school student about those end-of -quarter projects and tests.

Registration and Open Enrollment for the 2010-11 school year begins on Thursday, January 7th. Please refer to the enclosed handout from the Superintendent for specific information regarding this process. We appreciate your patience and support with this matter.

We look forward to seeing you on campus during the coming month. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Hans Barber
hbarber@scusd.net, 423-3300

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 Don Callejon gear or school colors.

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 their 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 is posted on the District website.

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.

Mandatory Volunteer Training:

All volunteers, experienced and new, please come to one of the following half-hour trainings, or make arrangements with Vice Principal Mary Rodriguez to be trained.

Session 2: Wednesday, January 6th @ 6:30 p.m.
Location – Room B5

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, Jan 5: The Scientific Method

Tue, Jan 12: Topic Research

Tue, Jan 19: Identify Categories

Thur, Jan 28: Project Research

Tue, Feb 2: See a Sample Project

Tue, Feb 9: The Project Report

Tue, Feb 23: The Display

Tue, Mar 2: Presentation & Evaluation

Thur, Mar 11: Projects Due

Friday, March 12: Don Callejon Science Fair

Important Dates and Details

- **Kindergarten Registration/Open Enrollment Begins:**
January 7th - 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- **Open Enrollment:**
January 7th – February 5th
- **Staff Development Day (No School):**
January 15th
- **End of Second Quarter (6 – 8):**
January 15th
- **Martin Luther King Holiday (No School):**
January 18th
- **ELAC Meeting:**
January 21st
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
January 27th, 5 – 6 pm, Staff Room
- **Talent Show:**
February 4th
- **Winter Break (No School):**
February 15th – February 19th

Kindergarten Registration:

Priority enrollment for kindergarten for 2010-2011 will be given to students who have siblings attending Callejon. To take advantage of sibling priority, the kindergartener must enroll between January 7th and 4:00 PM on February 5th, 2010. Kindergarteners who have siblings at Callejon and enroll after February 5th will be placed in classes or overloaded to other district schools on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM on January 7th, 2010 at Callejon School. Parents will have addresses verified and given waiting list numbers based on their place in line. The first one hundred-twenty parents “in-line” will select a date and time to complete registration packets. Appointment times for the first one hundred-twenty will be available after January 7th so as to provide more organized and thorough enrollment completions. One hundred-twenty students will be registered for kindergarten at Callejon for 2010-2011, including the siblings of current students. Once the number of siblings is determined, we will then know the exact number of other possible enrollments up to one hundred-twenty.

ELAC Meeting:

Attention parents of English Learners: please join us for our next English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 21, from 5:30- 6:15PM in the front office staff room. 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.

Procedures for Kindergarten Enrollment at Callejon for 2010-2011

January 5, 2010

Members of the Don Callejon School Community:

For common understanding, it is important to establish clear and definite procedures for enrolling Callejon's 2010-2011 kindergarten students.

First, the number of students for Callejon's kindergarten classes for the 2010-2011 school year will be capped at one-hundred-twenty. Capping at this number enables the district to capitalize on the current flexibility that the State is offering on class size reduction, and it will allow us to house the students at Callejon in the foreseeable future, with or without the class size reduction flexibility.

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Students placed on the Callejon waiting list, those after the first one hundred-twenty who are enrolled, will be overloaded to other Santa Clara Unified School District elementary schools, most likely Hughes or Montague. All parents of kindergarten students will be notified of their enrollment status after February 5th.

The unusually high number of students projected for Callejon has prompted us to formalize the process, and within the next year, we will work with staff and community members in establishing long-term solutions to Callejon's enrollment increases.

Sincerely,

Steve Stavis
Superintendent

If you need special assistance to attend or participate in the student registration at Don Callejon School beginning on January 7, 2010 please contact Hans Barber at 423-3300. Notification will assist school staff in assuring that reasonable accommodations are made to provide accessibility.

Library Link

Happy 2010! I wish you all a year of good things and satisfaction.

2009 ended with good things in our library. Our Book Fair was phenomenally successful. I had set a goal of \$10,000 and actually sold more than \$11,000. Thanks to all of you who volunteered and shopped I am able to offer each of our teachers more than \$130 to shop for classroom books and materials from our Book Fair profits.

Just before our Winter Break, Hicklebees Book Store contacted me with a couple of terrific free author visits for our students. On January 21, Peter Brown will meet our 1st and 2nd graders with his new book, Purple Kangaroo. Peter is a renowned author and illustrator and in preparation for his visit, I will be sharing 2 of his books The Curious Garden and Chowder with all 1st and 2nd grade students. As the date draws near, watch for an order form – Peter will personally autograph books that are purchased by students. On January 26, Newbery Winning author, Cynthia Kodahato will meet with our middle school students with her new book, A Million Shades of Gray. She will also be autographing purchased books for students. More info will follow on both of these amazing author events.

Another tremendously exciting author will be speaking to all our students, K – 8, on February 26. Thanks to DCSCO, Arctic explorer Pam Flowers will bring her amazing and inspirational story and her books to DCS. Reading is brought alive to our students when they have the chance to actually meet the folks who write the books they read and I am so pleased to have these opportunities to offer.

Also thanks to DCSCO, our middle school students will soon have their “own” corner of the library to hang out in before and after school and at lunch. If you have board games or jigsaw puzzles that would be appropriate for middle school that you would like to donate, please let me know. Often the biggest hurdle to overcome with a student who thinks they do not want to read for fun, is to just get them in the library, for any reason.

It is very gratifying to see the large number of parents checking out books to use at home. I appreciate your patience when you try to come to the library after school and find that the library is closed because a class is in session in the library. As soon as a class is done, I will open the library to our parents.

My ongoing thanks to all our wonderful library volunteers --- truly I could not do this without you – you keep our books shelved and organized, help students with checkout and help out with events. You ARE the best – and any and all are welcome to come join the library volunteer team – stop by the library anytime, the coffee/tea is always on and the chocolate is always here.

“ A book is like a garden carried in the pocket” Chinese proverb

Happy Reading

Michele Taylor

TB SKIN TEST CLINIC

For School Volunteers

WHEN: Monday, JAN. 25, 2010

7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Drop in

Note: You must return on:

Wed., JAN. 27 for the reading

WHERE: DISTRICT OFFICE:

ROOM 36

Offered to SCUSD volunteers who have frequent or prolonged contact with students.

(TB clearance is required per Health and Safety Code 121545)

Cost is \$20.00 per volunteer

For more information call Carolyn Riley in Health Services: x 2120