

Don Callejon

Weekly News



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

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

The end of the quarter for middle school is this Friday, and we will have a minimum day school wide. Please arrange for the early pick-up of your students. Middle School report cards will be sent home next week. Elementary parents- we look forward to seeing you at school this Thursday for our monthly Megaskills assembly.

This is a busy season for our middle school counseling department. Our 6th and 7th graders have been registering for their electives for next year this week, and our 8th graders were registered for high school with counselors from Wilcox and Santa Clara High Schools last week. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding this process.

We **will** have school this Friday, March 27, but we will **not** have school on Tuesday, April 7, for a teacher inservice. Please mark these dates on your calendar. As always, please let us know if we can help in any way.

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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 Disney/Cartoon Day. Wear something with Disney or a cartoon character on it.

Minimum Day:

This Friday, March 27th is a minimum day. **ALL** students will be dismissed early. Please make arrangements to pick up your student(s) on time.

Triton Museum of Art:

Please join us for the annual SCUSD Art Exhibit, Family Day at the Museum on Saturday, March 28 - 10:00am - 2:00pm. We will have art work from many of our students on display. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave in Santa Clara.

Planning Ahead for Tomorrow's School Day:

The best way to a happy school morning is to start the night before. Here are a few tips:

Check the weather forecast and help your child choose clothes that fit the weather for the next day. Have a place for all of the things that go to school: Backpack, lunch money, homework, permission slips and snacks. Have her put everything in that designated place before heading to bed.

Plan for a healthy breakfast in the morning, and pack a healthy snack or lunch. In the morning, set a timer to go off seven minutes before time to leave. This can be a signal to your child to put on socks, and shoes and gather his stuff to head for the door.

Need Child care This Summer?

Are you a parent/guardian seeking a fun, exciting and educational summer program?! Look no further... Montague Extended Day presents "The Amazing Summer Adventure," which begins on Monday, June 15, 2009. This year's calendar is full of excitement with fun weekly themes, and special visitors including Atlas Robotics, Marine Science Institute, Magician, Humane Society, Carnival and more.... Some of our entertaining field trips include Great America, Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum, Golfland Waterslides, Oakland Zoo and much more. Sound expensive? You will be pleasantly surprised by our low rates. We offer free or low cost child care to those families who qualify, as well as affordable rates. Services are available from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Breakfast and snack are provided. Please contact Site Director – Terri Freitas in Room #14 for further details at (408) 423-1916.



Important Dates and Details:

- **End of 3rd Quarter:**
March 27th (Minimum Day)
- **Staff Development Day:**
April 7th (No School)
- **Spring Break:**
April 13th – April 17th (No School)
- **8th Grade Panoramic Picture:**
May 8th
- **Open House:**
May 13th
- **Staff Development Day:**
May 22nd (No School)
- **Memorial Day:**
May 25th (No School)

Meeting the Challenges of 21st Century Parenting with Pat Belvel:

6:30-8:30 pm, Thursday Nights: Mar. 26 - Apr. 30 (3/26th, 4/2, 9th, 23rd & 30th) no class Apr 16th (no class Apr. 17) The workshops will be held at Washington Open School, Library, 270 Washington Avenue, Santa Clara. Registration is \$15.00 and includes a free workbook. Space is limited to 40 people. Course description at www.trngedu.com.

Math:

Here are some ideas in order to help bridge the math achievement gap. Math can be fun, but you have to approach it in a whole new way in order to build interest. In order to better help your children in math, you need to be a learner, researcher and a communicator.

Here are tips when helping your child:

- Play mathematical games at home that involve problem solving
- Notice when you use mathematics in your everyday life and share this with your child.
- Demonstrate that you value persistence.
- Get to know the research on math education.
- Be curious about your child's thinking when he or she is doing math.
- Be a thoughtful listener.
- Know that teaching by telling is not how people learn mathematics.
- Talk with your child about the many ways to think about a math problem

MORE ABOUT MATH

Would you like more information about how to help your child be more successful in mathematics? Here are some web sites for teachers and parents:

- www.math.com
- www.aaamath.com
- <http://mathforum.org>
- www.abcteach.com
- www.mathforamerica.org