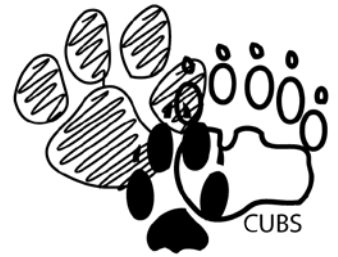


Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, November 18, 2009
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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Wow- we are almost to Thanksgiving! We are looking forward to an exciting and learning-filled holiday season. Please try to plan your vacations around the upcoming school breaks so that your student does not miss any class time. We greatly appreciate your support with this effort.

The end of the trimester is this Friday. Elementary report cards will go home on Friday, December 4th. Middle school progress reports will be mailed the week after Thanksgiving. Please look for these very important documents coming home in the next few weeks.

There will be no newsletter next week due to Thanksgiving break. Enjoy your time off!

This is a crucial and stressful time in the lives of all of our students, and if they need added support we are here to give it. Please let us know what we can do to help.

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 Sports Day. Wear something sports related.

Classroom Interruptions:

Please try to make every effort to have your child bring their instruments, lunches, homework, etc. to school with them. After school begins, it is an interruption to call the class for them to pick it up from the office.

An Opportunity to Meet with the Principal:

Do you have a question, comment or concern you'd like to share with me? If so, please join me for a 45 minute Question and Answer session on Wednesday night from 6:15- 7:00PM in the Main Office Staff Room. This meeting is open to all current and prospective DCS parents. The venue seating is limited to 60 people, so please be mindful of this if you plan on attending. Thank you!

Hans Barber

Family Literacy Night:

Come one, come all! It is our annual Literacy Night full of new ideas to get your child reading and loving Language Arts. We will be having it in the cafeteria on December 3rd, 6:00-7:30 PM. If you have never been to a Literacy Night, this is your chance to get great ideas for teaching your child at home. There will be many handouts, make and takes, storytellers on stage (you could sign up to be one of them), our annual book trade where you can trade in a book for another that you haven't read yet (so bring in a bag of books), and many more stations, plus the Book Fair will be open that night until 8 PM. Ms. Le, Mrs. Winalski, and Mrs. Taylor, the librarian, all hope to see you there to enjoy what we have planned for you all.

Karate:

The Karate program at Don Callejon will start its next session on Tuesday, November 24, and continue on Tuesdays after school until March 2. Registration forms are available from the School Office. For more information, please contact David Laverne at 408-505-0560 or David@ShotoDojo.com

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 will appear on the District website home page in mid December 2009.

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.

California Launches New Web site to Better Communicate with Parents and Educators About State testing Program:

Many parents and teachers have expressed questions and concerns about the California Standards Tests (CST's), a component of the state's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Program, which measures how well the California public education system and its students are performing. In response, the California Department of Education (CDE) and the State Board of Education (SBE) have launched a new Web site to help parents and teachers gain a much clearer understanding of the CST's. You can find the new CDE STAR Web site at <http://www.starsamplequestions.org/>. The Web site features dozens of actual test questions that students have faced at each grade level as well as a parent guide for each grade level.

Science Fair program at Santa Clara City Library:

Learn about how to prepare for your school's science fair, and about opportunities to advance to fairs on the regional, state, national and international level. See examples of award-winning science projects, and receive tips on how to best impress teachers and judges. Parents are asked to attend with their children. Information will be targeted to students in the 4th through 8th grades. Presented by the Santa Clara County Science and Engineering Fair Association.

Tardiness to School:

We have been handling a large number of tardies to school each morning from every grade level. Please do your very best to make sure that you get your students to school by 8:05 so that they have time to be in line for class or in class by 8:10AM. Tardies are an inconvenience and disruption for all of us, and any help that you can give us with this would be greatly appreciated.

Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**
November 18th, 5 pm – 6 pm, Staff Room
- **End of Trimester (Elementary):**
November 20th
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:**
November 25th – 27th
- **Book Fair:**
November 30th – December 4th
- **Family Literacy Night:**
December 3rd, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- **Report Cards go Home (K - 5):**
December 4th
- **Winter Concert:**
December 17th
- **Minimum Day (early dismissal):**
December 18th
- **Winter Break:**
December 21st – January 1st
- **School Resumes:**
January 4th