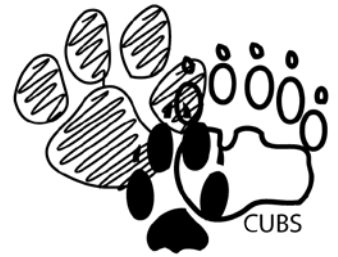


Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, November 19, 2008

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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 5th. 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 Hat/Beanie day. Wear a hat or beanie.

Thanksgiving Holiday:

There is No School Wednesday, November 26th through Friday, November 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Newsletter Update:

There will be no newsletter next week due to the Thanksgiving break. The next newsletter will be on December 3rd.

Please join us for Family Literacy Night on December 3rd from 5-7:00 pm!

Please join us for a fabulous night of learning about strategies in writing, reading, and language arts. Many teachers will be there to guide you through some great centers and ideas. Activities include: storytelling on stage, making your own journals, board games and bingo, creating poetry, reading books that peers have written, visiting the book fair in the library, and much more! We are doing the ever popular...BRING A SLIGHTLY USED BOOK IN TO TRADE FOR ANOTHER BOOK table again this year! Pizza, drinks, and desserts will be sold also. We can't wait to see you all there with a bag of books to trade in!

Thank you from The Literacy Night Committee of teachers.

Scholastic Book Fair:

The Book Fair Safari is coming to our school from December 1-December 5. We've created exciting events for families, and we want to share this celebration of reading with you. Book Fairs are one of the highlights of the school year and I'm wildly excited about this one.

Why?

Top 10 Reasons I'm excited about our Book Fair

- 10 Families shop together in a fun-filled, safe environment here at school.
- 9 Scholastic brings us hundreds of quality books, suitable for every interest and reading level.
- 8 Book Fair profits allow us to add to our classroom libraries.
- 7 Our community gains an opportunity to be involved in our school.
- 6 I enjoy getting kids to associate books and reading with fun, not just homework.
- 5 We offer exclusive editions of popular books with special low prices.
- 4 Literacy night takes place right in the middle of the book fair....Wednesday December 3.
- 3 I can get a head start on my holiday shopping.
- 2 The Book Fair is a great way for families to connect by reading together and sharing a love of books.
- 1 I have an excuse to shop with my wife and children for books.

AFTER SCHOOL CHESS CLUB:

Mr. G. is back! Chess is an excellent activity to develop skills in strategy, math, and reading comprehension. Want to know more? Mr. G. will host a parent information session on Wednesday, December 3, from 1:30-2:30PM, in Ms. Kashat's classroom--E10. Class levels are geared for students in the fourth grade and up.

Parent Education Opportunities:

Dec 8th 7-8:30 Real Parents, Real Kids, Real Talk with Susan Stone Belton-SC Library
2625 Homestead SC

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.

School Site Council:

Congratulations to Erica Starks for winning the election to fill the vacant Site Council position. Thank you to all of you that voted at the International night last Friday! Remember, Site Council meetings are open to all parents and community members if you would like to attend. These meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of the month (except December and June) in the school library.

Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting**
November 19th, 6 – 7:30 pm
- **End of 1st Trimester: (K – 5)**
November 21st
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:**
November 26th – 28th
- **Elementary Report Cards Go Home:**
December 5