

Don Callejon

Weekly News



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

Congratulations on completing a successful conference week. It was great to see so much activity on campus last week! I hope that you found your conference(s) informative and helpful. If you still have questions after the conferences, please direct them to your child's teacher(s).

Middle School students have one and one-half weeks before the end of the first quarter. All middle school parents have access to the Pinnacle Internet Viewer, which allows you to monitor your student's grades and attendance online in real time. A letter detailing your username and password was sent home in early September. Please contact the school office if you do not know how to access this program. If you are at all concerned about your middle school student's progress, please contact your child's teacher or our academic counselor, Melanie Holan.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual Walkathon next Friday, October 23rd from 9:00- 11:00AM!

Please keep in touch.

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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 Star Day. Wear a star in some way.

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.

Spirit Wear Shirt Orders:

The order has been placed for the spirit wear. The shirts should be here by the end of October and will be delivered to the student's classroom.

Parent Education Workshop:

The SCUSD Parent Education Website has been updated with resources and workshops in and around our SCUSD community. Parents can find things that relate to parenting toddlers thru teens.

Also, for more parent workshops, please visit:

www.santaclarausd.org/parents.cfm

After School Sports:

Volleyball season has concluded for our middle school students. The boys' team advanced to the playoffs for the first time in our school history. Thank you to all of the parents and teachers that came out to support the teams, and to the coaches for their superb commitment and dedication!

Flag Football practice has begun for fourth and fifth graders. Our next flag football game will be at home this Thursday, October 15th versus Ponderosa Elementary. Please come out and support your Cubs!

Girls Basketball Season is Coming Soon!:

Tryouts for 6th-8th grade girls begins on Monday, October 19th after school from 2:45-4:30pm. Students must wear p.e. clothes and show up to all try-out days to be considered for the 2 teams. Try-out days are Monday, October 19th, 2:45-4:30pm, Tuesday, October 20th, 2:45-4:30pm and Wednesday, October 21st from 1:45-4:00pm. Teams will be posted on Thursday on the girl's locker room door. 1st mandatory practice will be Thursday, October 23rd, from 2:45-4:45pm.



Latino Parent Conference:

On Saturday October 24, 2009, Santa Clara Unified School District Special Projects Department will be hosting their annual Latino Parent Conference at New Valley HS. This year, they will be offering a bus to pick up parents at various schools. Due to time, they were not able to assign the bus to all the schools. However, there will be a bus at Mayne (6:50 am), Hughes (7:05 am), and Montague (7:25 am) that you can ride. Parents please call 408-423-2098 to reserve a spot on the bus. Children and parents can use the bus. The conference is from 8:30 to 1:00.

Santa Clara Schools Foundation Carnival:

October 16th, 17th and 18th, 2009, at Kiely Blvd and Benton. Enjoy rides, games, food and fun entertainment. Tickets are available in the school office until October 14th for \$20.00, ticket prices go up after the 14th. For ticket info, please call 408-423-2257.

Important Dates and Details:

- **Red Ribbon Week:**
October 19th – October 23rd
- **Walk-A-Thon:**
October 23rd
- **End of the First Quarter – (6 – 8)**
October 23rd
- **Make-Up Pictures:**
October 29th

Library Link

This week, parents, it is all about YOU

First of all, thank you to the parents who have been coming through the library to help out – you are such an essential piece of the success of our library and “thank you” does not begin to express the appreciation I feel. Your assistance with checking books in and out, shelving books, helping with the fiction project, painting new marker sticks, straightening shelves, helping students and generally adding your energy to our library space is terrific.

I also am so pleased to see so many parents checking out books for their children from our library and for that reason, I encourage you all to stop by the library and request a parent library number. Parents will be able to check out up to 7 books for a 1 week period under this number, in addition to the books your child has checked out for class.

As parents, it is important for us to model reading for our children – and to encourage that, I will have available in the library an ongoing and FREE grown up book swap. Many of us have stacks of books we bought, read and do not want anymore. We have all been lured into buying a book – whether it is fiction, cookbook, child raising book etc and then finished with it. Bring those books in to our library and add them to the book swap basket and take home other books --- come in often to see what is new --- and take home something for YOU to read all for FREE and these days, we all love free! Our book swap basket will be located in the library work area, near the coffee and chocolate.

And finally, I appreciate your flexibility and understanding the past couple of weeks as our library has been closed due to CELDT testing – I look forward to being open again and bustling with students and parents.

“Read, read, read and then read some more” Avi

Happy Reading
Michele Taylor
Librarian



**Come and Hit the Pavement and Join us for the
4th Annual Don Callejon Walkathon!**

Come and say hello to Sourdough Sam! Free water bottles from the 49ers! We will be selling walkathon t-shirts at the event for \$15 ea. Please turn in those pledges and remember there is a free t-shirt for everyone who collects at least \$50 in pledges.