

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, October 21, 2009
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Dear Don Callejon Families,

We are in the midst of a very exciting week at Don Callejon School. This Friday, we will have our annual Don Callejon School Walkathon from 9:00-11:15AM. This event will also serve as the culmination of Red Ribbon Week. We are looking forward to huge participation from our students and an excellent time to be had by all. Parents are welcome to attend as well.

It seems hard to believe, but this Friday is the last day of the first quarter for our middle school students. Middle school report cards will be sent home next week. Please look for these important documents in your mailbox. If you do not receive a report card by Tuesday, November 3rd, please call the school office.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, and we will do our very best to tackle them in a timely manner. This is a crucial time in the lives of all of our students.

Please keep in touch.

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/Sunglasses Day. Wear a hat and sunglasses, it is the walk-a-thon.

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.

District and Don Callejon School Planning Update:

As you may or may not know, the District is in the process of assessing facility needs for the near and distant future. The Board will receive the first report from the facilities committee on November 12th and then decide upon a process for addressing those needs. Classroom needs at Don Callejon School are critical for next and subsequent years, and will be high on the list for resolution. The Board will be looking at the various options for Callejon, which include adding portables, re-configuring the grade levels, and establishing new boundaries.

Steve Stavis, Superintendent

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 residence 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.

Halloween Parade:

This year's Halloween parade for Kindergarten through 5th graders will take place on Friday, October 30 from 10:15AM-11:00AM. Parents are welcome to attend this event. Students may come to school in costume or change during recess. Middle school students will be involved in a lunchtime activity put on by our leadership class. Please make sure that your student's costume is school appropriate by following the school dress code and the short guidelines below. If you have a question regarding the appropriateness of your student's costume, please call the school and we will help you with that.

1. No violent or overly gory costumes, masks or shirts.
2. No imitation weapons or sharp instruments.
3. No fake blood.

Students with inappropriate costumes will have their parents called and asked to change.

Spirit Wear Orders:

Our spirit wear order has been received and sent to the students. We are working with the vendor to get larger replacement shirts. If you ordered a small shirt and the shirts are too small, please email Araceli at aarreola@scusd.net and give her your child's name and room number with the information regarding the sizes that you need to replace.

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

An Update on H1N1 and Seasonal Flu in SCUSD:

SCUSD continues to monitor the H1N1 and seasonal flu situation locally, nationally and abroad and to follow the direction of the Santa Clara County Public Health Department. We remain committed to the health of our staff and students and to our broader community.

As of October 1st we have:

1. Sent home four communications with all students in Spanish and English – one at the beginning of the school year and three last spring;
2. Stressed the importance of teaching coughing and hand washing etiquette;
3. Provided hand washing procedure posters for every sink on our 25 sites;
4. Implemented more regular hand washing routines at the elementary level; and
5. Updated our district website with new information from the County Public Health Department as it is received.

In October, 2009, we plan to:

1. Inform parents and guardians of local Santa Clara County Public Health Department clinics for the H1N1 vaccine as that information is received;
2. Send home in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese two more documents from the County's Public Health Department;
3. Continue to update our district website with new information from the County Public Health Department as it is received.

SCUSD will not be providing seasonal or H1N1 flu shots as we are not currently staffed in a way to be able to handle the vast number of students (over 14,500) in our district for this effort. Also, SCUSD does not have a medical director on staff which is a necessary part of being qualified to provide these shots to students. Please contact Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley at 423-2109, if you have any further questions.

ELAC Meeting:

We will have our first ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee) Meeting on Thursday, November 5th from 5:30- 6:15PM. The meeting is open to all parents of English Learners. At the meeting we will elect officers and discuss the needs of our Don Callejon EL students. I look forward to seeing you all there.