

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, October 29, 2008

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

What a great week we had at Don Callejon School last week! We want to thank you for your enthusiastic support and participation in our annual walkathon and in Red Ribbon Week. A special thank you goes out to event coordinator Rebecca Ferguson and all the DCSCO volunteers that helped with the Walkathon. The event simply wouldn't have been possible without all of your contributions. We are also extremely proud of our middle school leadership class and our 7th and 8th graders for taking on a leadership role during the walkathon.

As you know, this Friday is Halloween, and we will be having our annual Halloween parade beginning at 10AM. Just prior to that, we will be having our K-5 Megaskills assembly from 9- 9:30AM. Our middle school Student of the Month luncheon will be taking place during middle school lunch this Thursday, October 30. These are wonderful programs that recognize excellent behavior and attributes that all students can reach for.

We have some fabulous parent education opportunities coming up at our school in the next couple of weeks. Please try to take advantage of these events; see below for more details. 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.

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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 Halloween Costume Day. Wear your costume to school.

Halloween Minimum Day:

This Friday, Halloween, is a minimum day, all students will be dismissed early. Please pick up your students on time. The Halloween Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. Parents are invited to come and watch.



Don Callejon Volleyball:

Our season was awesome! The 6th grade team brought home Don Callejon's first league championship ever!

_____ all contributed to our volleyball championship. 7th Grade girls:

_____ brought home our first 2nd place victory. And our 8th graders:

_____ fought hard to get in the playoffs and brought home a 4th place victory. We can be very proud of our very successful Volleyball Season in only the 3rd year of our Sports program. Thanks to Coach Williams, Coach Val, and Coach Griffin, and the volleyball Managers who all dedicated their heart and soul to all our volleyball Players.

Ms.Martin:
Proud Coach and Most Proud to be a Don Callejon Cub

Around the World in One Night:

Friday, Nov. 14th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, MPR
Everyone is welcome to International Night at DCS! If you are interested in sharing your culture through displays of cultural items and objects, food samples from your country, cultural performances through dances, songs, etc., or just to dress-up in your traditional wear, please email me ASAP.

We found lead parents for cultural tables representing different countries. Please contact them if you could share any traditional objects and especially LOTS OF FOOD samples such as dishes, desserts, finger-foods, etc.

U.S.A. - Lori Garmany (lorigarmany@sbcglobal.net)
Australia and Holland - Tanya Uyleman (tanya@uyleman.com)
Korea - Cindy Tak (592cindy@hanmail.net)
Philippines - Jenn and Michael Garcia (heyjenn@gmail.com)
India - Reshma Tawade (reshma_tawade@yahoo.com)
Canada - Renata Pang (renatapang@hotmail.com)

We still need other countries represented, so please email me if you could represent your culture.

We also encourage everyone to bring food to share. You could bring anything and we'd place them in the U.S.A table. If your kid(s) would like to be in the cultural show (and/or fashion show), please email me by Nov. 7th to be included in the program. Please limit the performance to 2 minutes per number.

Contact Melinda Razon or Ms. Le, if you have any questions, at melindarazon@yahoo.com.

Important Dates and Details:

- **Halloween (Minimum Day):**
Parade at , 9:45 a.m.
- **Elementary Class Pictures:**
November 7
- **Veterans Day Holiday:**
November 11th – No School
- **Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast:**
November 14th - 7:30 a.m. – 8:10 a.m.
- **End of 1st Trimester: (K – 5)**
November 21st
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:**
November 26th – 28th

Project Cornerstone:

Attention Parents ---

As our children move into adolescence, what do they need from us as parents? Should I give my teen "their space"? What does that really mean? How can I protect my child from risk behavior? Are there things I can do at home to make sure my teen does his/her best academically?

Join the Cornerstone/Don Callejon MS Parent Study Group at Don Callejon Middle School

First Session – Monday, November 3, 2008

Place – Don Callejon Library

Time – 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

(A total of six sessions- 11/3, 11/10, 11/17, 11/24, 12/1 & 12/8)

One time donation of \$10 requested for workbook.

ELAC Meeting:

We will have our first ELAC (English Learners Advisory Committee) Meeting on Thursday, November 6th from 6- 6:45PM. 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.

Parent Education Opportunities:

Don Callejon is pleased to be hosting the following Parent Education Opportunities in conjunction with Santa Clara Adult Education and Hughes, Mayne and Montague Elementary Schools:

November 5th: Building Positive Relationship with Children; Speaker: Edificando Vidas (En Espanol; Entirely in Spanish).
Don Callejon School Library; 7:00-8:30PM. Child care provided by YMCA.

November 12th: Building Positive Relationships with Children; Speaker: Chris Glover (in English)
Don Callejon School Library; 7:00-8:30PM. Child care provided by YMCA.

Please call the front office at (408) 423-3300 to RSVP for these events.

Don Callejon School

Safety Patrol



Help keep Don Callejon School Safe! We need parent volunteers to supervise the student safety patrol members. The Safety Patrol takes only a few minutes, but makes a big impact on student safety and development.

Help students:

- Build self-esteem
- Develop responsibility and leadership
- Learn teamwork and cooperation
- Practice safety habits among students at Don Callejon.

The Safety Patrol:

- Prevents double parking in the drop off areas
- Keeps the speeds safe in the parking and drop off areas
- Assists parents who are dropping off their children
- Maintains the traffic flow through the drop off areas

Weekly Schedule:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

Morning: 7:50 am to 8:15 am

Afternoon: 2:00 pm to 2:45 pm

Wednesdays

Morning: 7:50 am to 8:15 am

Afternoon: 1:15 pm to 1:45 pm



Sign up by sending an email to Roger Ramirez
(roger.ramirez@yahoo.com) or call (408) 431-1604.



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