

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, October 8, 2008

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome to week six at Don Callejon School. As you know, parent conferences are happening this week for elementary school. I hope that you have found (or will find) the conferences useful and informative. By now, you should have some indication of how your student is doing in school both academically and socially.

Some conferences will also be scheduled for middle school students during this week. There are just two and one half weeks left in the quarter. If you would like to schedule a conference for your middle school student, please contact our school counselor, Melanie Holan, at (408) 423-3354.

By now, students have settled into their daily routines and are beginning to get comfortable at school in their classes. For this reason, October is a key month for students of all ages. Please call the school office or your son/daughter(s) teacher(s) if you have questions regarding your student(s).

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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 Mis-Match Day. Wear something that doesn't match.

Minimum Days:

Parent Conferences are this week. Students will be dismissed early **ALL** week.

K – 5 Students dismissed at 1:12 pm
6 – 8 Students dismissed at 1:40 pm

The library will not be open after school; there will be no supervision after school. Please make arrangements to have your students picked up on time. There will also be no homework club or late bus for middle school students.

After School Sports:

Volleyball has begun for our middle school students. Our next volleyball game will be on October 9th versus Buchser at Buchser. Flag Football for fourth and fifth graders will resume next week. Our next flag football game will be at Callejon versus Millikin on October 16th. Please come out and support your Cubs!

School Site Council:

One of our parent members has had to leave school site council unexpectedly. Therefore, we need one more parent representative to sit on our school site council and take that spot. School Site Council meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6PM. Our next meeting is on October 22nd. If you are interested in taking that slot, please write a letter or email me with your name, child(ren)'s grade, and why you want to be on site council. If we get multiple names, we will hold an election. If we get just one name, the position will be appointed. Thank you.

Middle School Halloween Party:

Our leadership and yearbook classes are planning a very fun Halloween party. They are in need of Halloween decorations. If you have some extra decorations that you could donate to the school or if you would like to make a cash donation for them to purchase decorations, please send all donations to the school office.

Thank you very much for your support.

3rd Annual Walk-a-Thon - FUN, FITNESS, AND 49ERS!

Please come join us at the 3rd Annual Walk-a-Thon on Friday, Oct. 24th, from 9am to 11am! Information and pledge sheets were sent home last week with students. Please start collecting pledges. Special prizes will be awarded for the top 5 pledges (minimum of \$250). More prizes will be given for pledges of \$75 or more and walkathon souvenirs will be given for pledges of at least \$10. Please turn in your pledge sheets by Oct. 22nd at the front office. Funds will benefit Don Callejon School programs for our students such as the Starting Arts Program and more. Many volunteers are also needed; please help out if you can. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Ferguson, Walk-a-Thon Chair, at rebeccaferguson1@comcast.net. Thank you!

Important Dates and Details:

- **Minimum Days:** (early dismissal)
October 6 - 10
- **DCSCO General Meeting:**
October 8th, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- **8th Grade Field Trip to Wilcox:**
October 10th, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- **Make –Up Pictures:**
October 21st
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
October 22nd, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **Walkathon:**
October 24th, 9 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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.

Ready, Set ,Middle School Mini Conference:

This event will be hosted on Thursday, October 16th 6-8:30 at the YAC. It is free to parents in SCUSD.

The program will focus on 5th- 8th graders
Pre registration is required- please call Parent ed- 423-3676

Evenings events

6 -6:15- welcoming and resources- PTA reps, Fire Dept, Police dept, Library, parent ed, migrant ed

6:20-6:40 Pinnacle Academics by the coordinator from our district-Carl Erickson

6:45-7:45- Key note address- Dolat Bolandi

8:00-8:30- Discussion with school site representative.