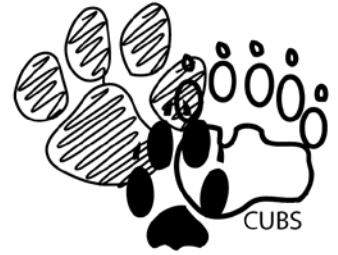


Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome to week three at Don Callejon School. At this point in our year, you will see students really begin to work on curriculum in their classrooms. This is a crucial time for you and your student(s) to talk about daily classwork and homework and to monitor their work completion. Remember to use the homework folders and agendas to check for homework and assignments daily. Good habits start now, and that daily contact with your student(s) will pay off later in the year.

Thank you for making our Back to School Night a roaring success. It was great to see such a large turnout for our special night. I truly enjoyed touring the classrooms and getting to interact with so many of you. It was obvious that we truly have a phenomenal teaching staff to serve you. If at all possible, please sign up for the DCSCO Two Hour Power volunteer initiative. Your volunteer hours mean so much to our school.

Remember, the key to our schools' success is communication. Please stay in touch with us if you have questions or concerns.

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Visitors on Campus/ Drop Off-Pick up:

In order to keep our campus safe, all visitors must sign-in at the office before entering campus. You will be given a visitor's badge to identify you as a Don Callejon visitor. Please do not plan on visiting your son or daughter during the school day, including lunch. We do welcome parent volunteers to our campus. We are always happy to have adult volunteers on campus to help in the office, on the playground, or in the classrooms. Check our school website for details on how to sign up to volunteer through our DCSCO parent organization.

Please help us avoid and alleviate traffic problems by following the Don Callejon pick up and drop off guidelines found in your registration packet. If at all possible, please walk or bike to school. Please wait to pick up your students after school at the designated waiting area near the front office. Please do not walk to the classrooms to pick up your student. Having parents walk to the classrooms disrupts instructional time and other classes that are still in session.

Free Car Wash:

The DCS leadership class is holding a free car wash on September 20th, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. The car wash is free but donations are welcome. The money will go to the leadership class for class shirts, supplies and to fund dances.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Sports Day, wear your jersey! Go Cubs!!

DCSCO 2 Hour Power:

As you may know, this year DCSCO is starting a program called "2 Hour Power" that emphasizes parent participation at Don Callejon School. All help, any help makes a huge difference for our students and the school.

We would LOVE to get you involved in any way that fits your schedule and interests.

Simply complete an online Interest Survey & Pledge Form at <http://dcSCO.ptomanager.com/>

Supervision:

Please help us to keep all students safe and supervised. Students should not be on campus before 7:55 AM (unless they arrive on the bus). Students must leave campus 15 minutes after their day ends unless involved in a supervised activity.

API Scores:

As you may already know, the state has released the API scores for all schools in the state. Our school gained 37 points last school year! That was an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to our teachers and students for their hard work! I am confident that our school will continue to grow in the coming years. If you would like more details on the scores, please log on to the state website using the following address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/>. Then, click on either the APR or STAR links to get school level reports.

Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival:

DCSCO is very excited to participate in our first Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival this year! This is a family and community event that over 60,000 people visit each year and another opportunity for us to **fundraise** for Don Callejon School.

The festival is this Saturday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 14 from 10 am to 5 pm. DCSCO is selling delicious garlic fries in the Food Court area, so please stop by and show your support! If you can volunteer, please send an email to volunteer@dcSCO.org.

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC):

Are you the parent of an English Learner? We need your help. We need at least three more parents to sit on the ELAC for our school. The ELAC meets four times per year (times to be determined) on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 5:30PM. If you are interested in being on our ELAC, please write a letter or email me with your name, child(ren)'s grade, and why you want to be on site council.

Important Dates and Details:

- **Fall Fundraiser:** Our fall fundraiser will run from September 8th through September 22nd. All money and order forms are due on Tuesday, September 23rd.
- **Welcome Back Rally (K – 8):** September 12, 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- **School Site Council Meeting:** September 24th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- **DCSCO Movie Night:** September 26th, 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.