

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, September 16, 2009
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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome to week four at Don Callejon School! By now, you should have some indication of how your student is doing in school both academically and socially. Parent conferences will take place for elementary students during the week of October 5- 9, and the first middle school progress report will be mailed home next Friday, September 25. If you have a question regarding your student's progress, please contact his or her teacher(s) first. Staying in touch with your student's teacher is simply the best way to affect their performance in school. Visit our school website for specific information on how to contact teachers or other support staff, or call the office if you need further assistance.

I cannot emphasize the importance of open communication to you enough. As the year rolls on and issues begin to come up at home, please communicate with us so that we may help you. Remember, the key to our schools' success is communication!

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 Mis-Match Shoe day. Wear 2 different shoes.

Fall Fundraiser:

The Fall fundraiser ends on Tuesday, September 22nd. Please send in all orders and money in on Wednesday, September 23rd. The money raised from this fundraiser goes directly to the Student Body Fund which goes to supplement field trips, transportation and assemblies.

Staff Development Day:

Next Monday, September 21st is a Staff Development Day. There is no school for students on this day.

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, and we now have an API score of 806! That was an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to our teachers, staff 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.

Yearbook Photo Contest:

Yearbook Photo Contest for September:
Summer Adventures
1st Prize a Free Yearbook!
2nd Prize a Free buddy picture in yearbook taken by yearbook staff

Go to www.doncallejion.org/yearbook and look for the Yearbook link.

Use the log-in information below:

Username: 400003101

Password: cubs2010

Questions? Contact
Yearbook Advisor
Mr. Tu at
xtu@scusd.net



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.

The parents website is www.santaclarausd.org/parents.cfm

After School Sports:

Volleyball has begun for our middle school students. Our first match will be at Peterson Middle School in Sunnyvale next Thursday, September 24. Our first home match will be on Tuesday, September 29th, versus Cabrillo. Please come out and support your Cubs!

Leadership Car Wash:

We will be having our Annual Leadership Car Wash this Saturday, September 19th from 9am - 1pm!! Come get your car washed for free (donations are of course appreciated!).

The weather is supposed to be very nice and we hope to raise money for the activities we run (rallies, lunch games, field day, dances) and of course, for Leadership t-shirts! Thanks in advance for your support!

Important Dates and Details:

- **School Pictures:** Elementary School pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 17th and Middle School pictures will be taken on Friday, September 18th. If ordering pictures, please send the order form with money back to school on that day to the teacher.
- **School Site Council Meeting:** Wednesday, September 23rd @ 5pm
- **Middle School Volleyball Game:** September 24th, 3:30 pm at Peterson

Library Link:

What is the most important thing in our library? After many good guesses, mostly suggesting rules for library behavior and how to care for books, our students discovered that as far as I am concerned, they are the most important thing in our library. All those rules are great, caring for and returning books on time is terrific BUT our students are the ones who bring life and magic to our library. My goal is to make sure that all of our students, in every grade have access to the books they need to support their classroom learning and the books for relaxing with to support their journey towards becoming lifelong pleasure readers. It has been exciting to see our library busy with students of all ages finding reading treasures.

My thanks to those of you who have signed up to help in the library – you are all essential pieces towards the success of our library. Our first big project will be to mark the fiction books that are middle school appropriate so that our elementary students are not reading material that is too mature for them. This will also help our middle school students in their search for books that are aimed at their interest level. Please stop by and let me know if you are interested in helping with this project – we will begin when the new stickers arrive in the next week or so.

My thanks also to those families who are using the library after school in a respectful manner. We all want our children to be excited about books and libraries and we also want them to learn to respect the space that houses those books. Reminding our children to neatly put back books they do not want to check out and to treat all books well is an important life skill. I would also like to ask that if you come in to the library after school and I am with a class, that you please wait the few minutes until the class is finished.

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Grades: Kinder-5th

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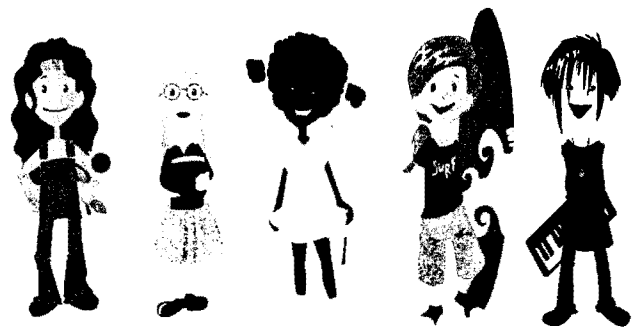
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DON CALLEJON ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION FORM- FALL, 2009

Questions? Contact Mad Science of the Bay Area

Phone: 510-792-2795 or 877-390-5437

Child's Name: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent: _____ Phone (H): _____ Phone (W/C): _____

Address: _____ e-mail address: _____

Program Duration: 8 weeks Cost*: \$99 (\$135 after 9/18/2009)

Registration Deadline: September 25, 2009

I hereby give my child permission to remain after school for the Mad Science class.

My child will attend after-school day care at the school.

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Health Concerns: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please PRINT clearly and return to MAD SCIENCE, 5409 Central Ave, Newark, CA 94560
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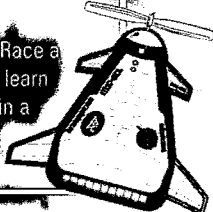


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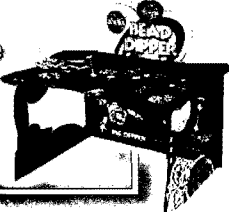
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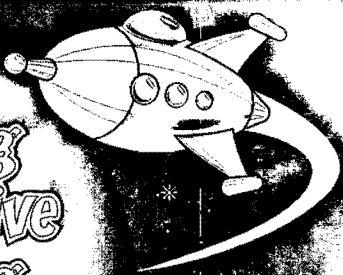


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