

# Don Callejon

## Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, September 30, 2009  
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### Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome to week six 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 are being scheduled by your child's teacher(s) as we speak, and will take place next week for every elementary student.

Each elementary conference will be approximately 20 minutes long, and will primarily address your students' academic progress. If time permits, the teacher may address disciplinary or social issues as well. Please be on time and prepared for your conference. The teachers work extremely hard preparing for these conferences and making sure that they are meeting the needs of your student(s)

Middle School students that are struggling academically should have received progress reports this past week. If you are not sure if your student should have received a progress report, please call the school office. Some conferences will also be scheduled for middle school students during next week. 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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### 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 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.doncallejon.org/yearbook](http://www.doncallejon.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](mailto: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](http://www.santaclarausd.org/parents.cfm)

## Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Callejon Day. Wear your school colors.

## After School Sports:

Volleyball has begun for our middle school students. Our second home game will be at this Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> versus Burbank. Flag Football practice has begun for fourth and fifth graders. Our first flag football game will be at Hughes Elementary this Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please come out and support your Cubs!

## Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
September 30, 2009,  
5:00- 6:00PM in the Staff Room
- **Middle School Volleyball Game:**  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:30 pm at Callejon
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:**  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>  
Early Dismissal for All Students

## Latino Parent Conference:

On Saturday October 24, 2009, Santa Clara Unified School District Special Projects Department will be hosting their annual Latino Parent Conference at New Valley HS. This year, they will be offering a bus to pick up parents at various schools. Due to time, they were not able to assign the bus to all the schools. However, there will be a bus at Mayne (6:50 am), Hughes (7:05 am), and Montague (7:25 am) that you can ride. Parents please call 408-423-2098 to reserve a spot on the bus. Children and parents can use the bus. The conference is from 8:30 to 1:00.

## Learn about GATE at Don Callejon:

Students may have a gift or talent in many different areas. Learn about the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program and the various enrichment activities offered at Don Callejon School. A GATE informational meeting for parents will be held on Tuesday, October 6, in the school library from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.

## Compassionate Parenting for Family Leadership Workshop with Pat Belvel:

Come and spend five delightful evenings with Pat Belvel as she provides support and insight for parents on parenting skills:

Preventing upsets, Building your relationship with your child, Sharing household chores without reminders, Building inner control in your child, Solving common family problems, Building strategies to produce calmer days, Teaching responsibility and Avoiding power struggles.

Wednesday nights: October 7 – November 4  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Washington Open School.

Registration forms are available in the office.