

Don Callejon

Weekly News



Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families · Wednesday, September 9, 2009
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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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Fall Fundraiser:

The Fall fundraiser kicked off yesterday with an assembly for the students. The 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.

School Site Council:

Thank you to Renata Pang and Bratin Saha for volunteering to serve on the School Site Council. An election was not necessary as we had the same number of volunteers as we had open seats.

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.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Patriot Day. Wear Red/White/Blue in observance of September 11th.

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. Thank you for your help.

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.

Library Link:

Welcome to a new school year in our library. I am looking forward to seeing all of our students in the library and helping them select books that they will enjoy, learn from and maybe even, be inspired by. Our library can best meet the needs of our students and their families if we work together. There are many volunteer opportunities in the library. Please visit the library website or stop by the library to take a look at the many fun things available for volunteers. My thanks to the folks who have stopped by to help already – there has been a lot of “start of the school year” activity in the library.

Our library is open for students from 7:55 – 3 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 7:55 – 1:45 on Wednesday. Elementary students are asked to come to the library with an adult after school. Our library is heavily scheduled with classes so the library and computer lab will be open at brunch and lunch as soon as we have parent volunteers to help out.

I have enjoyed meeting with some of our classes this week for their first library time – we have discussed what the MOST important thing in the library is. I wonder if all our parents can guess the answer to that one – watch next week for the right response!

Thanks to Hicklebees Bookstore in Willow Glen, our 6th and 7th graders will have the the pleasure of meeting author M. T. Anderson on Sept. 10. He will be speaking about his brand new book, Jasper Dash and the Flame Pits of Delaware. Students will be receiving an order form to purchase an autographed copy and we will be raffling off 5 books to lucky 6th and 7th graders. Watch for many more author visits throughout the year for all grade levels.

“To learn to read is basic, to love to read is a plus” (unknown author)
Happy Reading
Mrs. Taylor
Librarian