



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • April 20, 2011

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome Back! We hope that you enjoyed your Spring Break.

We kicked off STAR testing season with our STAR rally the Friday previous to Spring Break. The rally is highlighted by honoring the accomplishments of students on previous STAR tests, and is a great way to kickoff testing.

STAR Testing for Middle School began on yesterday, April 19, and will last for two weeks. Elementary School Testing begins next week. Please see the testing schedule on our website for specific details on the schedule.

Please encourage your student(s) to do their absolute best work on these tests. We are confident that our scores will rise this year, but we can't do it without your support. As always, please make sure that your child eats breakfast and is on time for school during the testing window.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Hans Barber

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Donations Requested:

Please help our eighth graders celebrate their academic success! DCSCO and faculty will be hosting a promotion party for the eighth graders on Thursday, June 2nd. We will be playing games and holding raffles, and we need your support providing prizes. The best prizes seem to be gift cards: Cold Stone Creamery, iTunes, Jamba Juice, McDonalds, etc. Your donations in any amount are gratefully appreciated. Thank you.

Free Car Wash!!

Don Callejon's Leadership class will be washing cars for free on Saturday at Don Callejon School! Come and get your car washed for free (donations appreciated and used towards funding K-8 events such as Field Day and rallies). Support DCS this Saturday!

Technology Career Exploration Camp:

When: June 6-10, 2011, Mon-Wed 8:00am – 1:15pm, Thu 8:00am – 4pm, Fri 8:00am – 3pm (Tentative Schedule)

Where: Central County Occupational Center, Ohlone College and Santa Clara Adult Education Industry Visit (High Tech)

Who: Middle School Students from Cabrillo, Buchser, Peterson, Don Callejon

What: Create projects in 4 interesting careers, Tour an Industry Site, Visit one College & Adult Education Center

Explore careers, make new friends, and have fun!

Total Cost: \$10.00 (Includes daily snacks)

To Sign Up: Turn in Registration form, \$10 fee, and Permission packet (Cash or Check made out to SCUSD) to the school office by May 20th

For more information contact Tabitha at 408-423-2109

New Law Regarding Tdap Pertussis Booster Shots:

Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) is widespread in California. There is a new law which requires all students who will be entering 7th – 12th grade next fall to show proof of having received a Tdap Pertussis booster shot given after their 10th birthday. Without this proof, those students will be excluded from starting school in the fall. If your child is 10 years or older and has not yet received the Tdap pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department at **408-885-3980** for clinic dates and locations. When your child receives the Tdap booster shot, please be sure to bring in the immunization record to the school office as soon as possible.

Project Cornerstone Corner:

The Grades 1-5 book for April is *Chrysanthemum*, by Kevin Henkes. *Chrysanthemum* is the story of a young child who loves her unique name until she goes to school and discovers not everyone thinks her name is as wonderful as she does. With the help of her supportive parents and two caring teachers, she learns that her name is special, and so is she! One of the techniques taught to the children in this lesson is to use I messages which empowers students being teased by giving them a way to assert their feelings, without taking the bait of the teaser.

The Kindergarten book for March is *Reach Out and Give*, by Cheri J. Meiners. This book is about gratitude, kindness, and service to others. The students will learn that we all have special talents and that we can use them to help each other.

If you have any questions about the Project Cornerstone ABC Program at Don Callejon School, please send an email to Jenn and Andrea at: dcabclead@gmail.com

Important Dates and Details:

- **½ Price Book Fair:**
April 29th
- **Staff Appreciation Week:**
May 2nd – May 6th
- **Spring Concert:**
May 9th
- **District Science Fair:**
May 11th
- **8th Grade Panoramic Picture:**
May 13th
- **DCSCO Spring Fling:**
May 14th
- **Open House:**
May 19th
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
May 25th
- **Minimum Day (K – 8):**
May 27th
- **Memorial Day Holiday:**
May 30th
- **Field Day:**
May 31st
- **8th Grade trip to Great America:**
June 1st
- **Kindergarten Promotion:**
June 2nd @ 11:00 am
- **5th Grade Promotion:**
June 2nd @ 1:15 pm
- **Last day of School:**
June 3rd
- **Minimum Day:**
June 3rd
- **8th Grade Promotion:**
June 3rd @ 1:00 pm
- **First Day of School (2011-2012):**
August 15th