



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • August 18, 2010

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

Congratulations on the start of another school year! We have had an outstanding first two days of school, and are off to a great start! It is such a pleasure to see all of the bright and shiny faces on the first day of school!

You will receive this newsletter each Wednesday. It will serve as our primary communication with you as parents. Please read the newsletter and the enclosed documents carefully each week. They will help you to better understand our school and its procedures and policies.

I am truly honored to serve as your principal!

Hans Barber

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## New Volunteer Policy:

As you know, we are proud to have an extremely active parent and community volunteer program here at DCS. In response to new State of California mandates, the Santa Clara Unified School District Board has passed new regulations for volunteers, effective for this school year. On our school website, you can find the following attachments: A letter of explanation from the School District, Board Policy 1240, the Administrative Regulations that accompany it, and the new four-page volunteer application. Vice Principal Mary Rodriguez will be holding a required training for all volunteers in the Multipurpose Room on Tuesday, August 24, 9:00AM – 10:30AM, and on Wednesday, August 25, 6:00PM – 7:30 PM. Please bring the completed four-page application to the meeting with you. If you do not have internet access, please come to the office to pick up a paper application. We really appreciate your cooperation and patience with this new policy.

## Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

Please help us avoid and alleviate traffic problems by following the new Don Callejon pick up and drop off guidelines found in your registration packet. The new procedure went much smoother yesterday, as parents waited to pick students up after school at the designated waiting area near the front of the library. Please do not walk to the classrooms or wait in the middle of campus to pick up your student, as this disrupts instructional time and other classes that are still in session. Thank you for your help and patience with this new procedure. We are confident that it will help keep students safer and help alleviate traffic congestion.

## 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 immediately after their day ends unless involved in a supervised activity.

## Visitors on Campus:

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.

## School Site Council:

We need three more parent representatives to sit on our School Site Council. School Site Council normally meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 5:00- 6:00PM, but our first meeting of this year will be on September 29. If you are interested in being a parent representative on school site council, please write a letter or email me with your name, child(ren)'s grade, and why you want to be on site council. We will hold an election at Back to School Night if necessary.

## Community Forums:

As you probably know, SCUSD is growing. The District will be holding three community forums to discuss possible solutions to the issue and take community input. The first is on Monday, August 23, at Wilcox High School, the second will be on Wednesday, August 25, at Santa Clara High School, and the third will be here at Don Callejon in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, August 30. All of the forums will begin at 6:30PM. Please see the enclosed flyers or look on our website for more details.

## Back to School Night:

Back to School Night will be Thursday, September 2. Please look for the schedule for the night to come home next week. Middle School Parents and Students will need to fill out the schedule of classes together next week. The night will begin with a DCSCO General Meeting at 6:00PM.

## Fall Fundraiser Kick Off:

We will be starting our Fall Fundraiser with a kick off assembly on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. More information will be sent home with your students soon.

## School Pictures:

Elementary School pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Middle School Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. An order form containing more details will be coming home in soon.

## Child Nutrition Update:

Did you know that you can make online payments to your child's lunch account? You can also check their balances and apply for the free or reduced lunch program. You can access their account at the following websites; you will need their student id. You can contact the school office if you need that information. [www.mynutrikids.com](http://www.mynutrikids.com) as well as <https://onlinemealapps.scusd.net>

## Important Dates and Details:

- **Fall Fundraiser Kickoff:**  
August 31<sup>st</sup>
- **Back to School Night:**  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- **Minimum Day (Early Dismissal):**  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Labor day Holiday (No School):**  
September 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Elementary School Pictures:**  
September 9<sup>th</sup>
- **Middle School Pictures:**  
September 10<sup>th</sup>
- **Conferences (Minimum Day Schedule):**  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>