



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • August 25, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

We hope you had a great first week at Don Callejon School! As I walked through rooms on campus last week, I saw engaged and happy students in every classroom. The hard work of students and staff was evident all over campus! Your students should be very proud of themselves for the way they conducted themselves this first week of school!

We also appreciate your patience with the new processes and the many changes to classroom placements that have been made this past week. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or our Vice Principal, Mary Rodriguez.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm!

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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.

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.

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.

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 next meeting is on Wednesday, August 25, at Santa Clara High School, and the last 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 2nd. A schedule for the night's event was included in this packet. 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. Please leave your children at home; this is an event for adults only. Thank you!

New Phone System:

The school district is currently in the process of installing a new phone system throughout the school district. As a result, many teachers cannot access the voicemail system. If you are trying to leave a message for a teacher, please either use email or call the main office line at: (408) 423-3300. We are hoping the system is fully operational by the middle of September. Thank you for your patience with this transition.

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.

Information on Whooping Cough:

As you may or may not know, there has been a spike in cases of whooping cough throughout the state and county. Due to this increase, the Santa Clara County Public Health Department is asking that school employees and students receive a letter reminding them of the symptoms, treatment and the need for boosters (the vaccine you had when you were young wears off). You can find more specific information on this situation posted on our website or the school district website, or come into the office to pick up a flyer.

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 as well as <https://onlinemealapps.scusd.net>

Important Dates and Details:

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