

# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • December 1, 2010

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a restful and relaxing Thanksgiving break. We hope to see you at Literacy Night tonight, Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:00- 7:30PM Also- remember that the book faire is happening in the library all week and will be open until 8:00PM that evening. All profits from the book fair go directly to the library and teachers, so please support it if you can.

Middle School progress reports for students in danger of failing a course were sent out last week. Please be aware that the quarter ends previous to the December break this year, and grades will be final as of the last day we are in session, December 17. If you have any questions as to the academic status of your student(s), please call his or her teacher(s), or the academic counselor.

Once again, please try to plan your vacations around the upcoming school break so that your student does not miss any class time. We greatly appreciate your support with this effort.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns, and we will do our very best to tackle them in a timely manner. This is a crucial and stressful time in the lives of all of our students, and if they need added support we are here to give it.

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## School Board Attendance Area Discussion:

The Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Trustees will again be discussing the attendance area for DCS at their next meeting on Thursday, December 9, time to be determined. The meeting will be in the Santa Clara High School Theater, and babysitting will be provided in the SCHS cafeteria. For a link to the Board agenda, please visit the district website at: [www.santaclarausd.org](http://www.santaclarausd.org).

## 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 gear or school colors.

## After School Sports:

Girls Basketball has begun and our next game will be against Kipp, here at Callejon this Thursday, 12/2.

## Kindergarten Registration:

Kindergarten Registration for the coming school year will take place January 14 through February 11, 2011 at elementary schools throughout the District. Parents will register their kindergarten students at their school of residence (neighborhood school).

As the potential for new kindergarten enrollments in some of the District's elementary schools may exceed the school's capacity, parents are encouraged to ensure that their prospective kindergarten student be registered as soon as possible during this period, (1/14/11 through 2/11/11). Questions regarding Kindergarten enrollment may be directed to your school of residence at the time of registration.

Parents wishing their child to attend their school of residence do not need to apply for the Open Enrollment lottery but must bring the following in order to register:

## District Gears Up For Open Enrollment:

The Santa Clara Unified Board of Trustees has established a policy of limited Open Enrollment. Although some of our schools are already at capacity, this policy allows parents who reside within the boundaries of the district to request enrollment of their children at "any District school which may have space available for additional students." Admittance to the school of your choice under the Open Enrollment process is done by an annual random lottery system. If you applied last year and were not admitted, you will need to reapply again this year if you want to be considered for your school of choice.

**Open Enrollment** for grades Kindergarten - 12 will occur between January 14 and February 11, 2011. *Please note:* Kindergarten registration for all schools throughout the District also begins on January 14, 2011. For parents with a student already attending a SCUSD school or a student who will be entering Santa Clara Unified for the 2011-2012 school year desiring to attend a school within the district, other than your home school, January 14 – February 11, 2011 is the time to enter your request of Open Enrollment. Although the date of your application does not affect your chances in the lottery, we encourage you; however, to begin the application process before it is coming to an end as you may have questions or need assistance and the program will close down at 4:30 p.m. on February 11, 2011. Only one application per student will be accepted.

## Family Literacy and Math Night:

The time has come again! For new and kindergarten parents, this is an event you don't want to miss! On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, it is our annual Literacy and Math Night from 6-7:30 PM in the MPR. Come learn about language arts and math strategies/games that our school math and literacy programs are using to help further your student's understanding. Also, come see different grade level materials and pick up a few helpful handouts to try out at home.

Bring in your used books and trade them for other books at our Book Trading station/table (a crowd favorite). Other activities you may see include: poetry in motion, write a story center, plays, geometry fun, making patterns, algebra, fractions, word lists, learn a language, and much more! You will also have a chance to shop at our Book Fair in the library...which is open late just for you! Ask any of your friendly team organizers about this special night if you have any questions- Ms. Le, Mrs. Lindsay, Ms. Chavez, and Ms. Supp.

## EarthCare Ewaste Fundraiser:

Wait! Don't throw that away!! Save all of your old electronic equipment and donate it at Don Callejon's first EarthCare Ewaste Fundraiser, Saturday December 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Don Callejon parking lot. EarthCare Recycling accepts everything from batteries to TV and computer monitors, home and office electronics, small appliances, and more. Help the environment as well as our school! For more information contact Krista Woodward (408)423-3427 or [kwoodward@scusd.net](mailto:kwoodward@scusd.net)

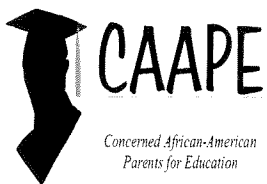
## Borders gives schools free gift cards worth \$15:

The much discussed documentary "Waiting for Superman," which offers a harsh portrait of the country's public schools, has inspired a promotional collaboration among the Borders Group superstore chain, an education fundraiser and the publisher of the movie's companion book.

On Dec. 4 and Dec. 5, any Borders customer making an in-store purchase, whether of a book or a bagel or a latte, will receive a \$15 gift card to donate to a public school of choice through DonorsChoose.org, an Internet-based charity. Anyone purchasing the book "Waiting for 'Superman': How We Can Save America's Failing Public Schools" will receive a second \$15 card. The companion text was published by PublicAffairs, part of the Perseus Books Group, which along with Borders and DonorsChoose.org announced the campaign Sunday.

## Important Dates and Details:

- **Fall Book Fair:**  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Family Literacy Night:**  
December 1<sup>st</sup>
- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
December 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- **Winter Concert:**  
December 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm
- **End of Second Quarter (6-8):**  
December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Minimum Day:**  
December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Winter Break:**  
December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>



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**You are invited to attend a**

# Parent Resource Fair

**Hosted by CAAPE**

*What every parent should know in order to better support their child's education!*

When: Saturday, December 4, 2010

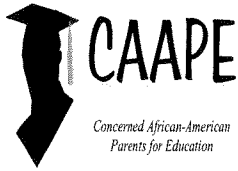
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: Santa Clara High School, Science Lecture Hall

Do you know the . . .

- ✓ K-12 Math and English grade level standards and expectations?
- ✓ Tutoring and resources available to help your child?
- ✓ Current data and statistics regarding African-American student performance in SCUSD?
- ✓ Open enrollment and admission process for the high performing alternative elementary school in SCUSD?
- ✓ Alternative education programs offered for high school students?
- ✓ A-G requirements for college admission?
- ✓ Best way to monitor your child's academic progress?

Come find out all these things and more! Don't miss it. RSVP to [Caape\\_scusd@yahoo.com](mailto:Caape_scusd@yahoo.com) or leave a message at (408) 423-2731.



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## Who We Are

CAAPE is a group of parents and community members who believe that all students can learn. We would like to create a positive and friendly environment where students can grow. We know that given the opportunity and support they need, every child can be successful in his or her academic effort. Therefore, we have committed our time and resources to helping students - particularly those who have historically been "at-risk" for not graduating from high school.

## Our Mission

CAAPE is committed to supporting the education of African American students in order to close the achievement *and* opportunity gap. This will be accomplished through advocacy, mentorship, and tutoring programs in partnership with families, schools, community organizations, and businesses. Together, we will provide opportunities for students to improve literacy, mathematical mastery, and scientific curiosity.

## Want to Know More?

If you would like more information on CAAPE and our activities, please feel free to contact us by e-mail at [caape\\_scusd@yahoo.com](mailto:caape_scusd@yahoo.com), or join us at our regular monthly meetings held the second Saturday of each month at a Santa Clara Unified School near you. You can also find us on Facebook!