



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • December 15, 2010

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

We hope to see you tomorrow night at the Winter Concert in the MPR from 6:30- 8:15PM. K-2 will perform from 6:30- 7:15PM, Intermission will follow from 7:15- 7:30PM, and Grades 3-8 will perform from 7:30- 8:15PM. It is sure to be a great time for all!

We want to thank you for making Don Callejon School a great place for staff, students and parents alike! All of us at Don Callejon School would like to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year! Enjoy your time off, and have a great vacation! We will see you on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## School Board Attendance Area Discussion:

As you probably know, the School Board made a final decision on the DCS boundaries for next school year. We have been fielding many questions regarding this decision, including some that we do not yet have the answer to. Please be patient with us as we acquire the correct information. More information will be forthcoming following the upcoming break. If you live in one of the communities that were rezoned, please read the information in this newsletter regarding the Open Enrollment process. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

## Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Holiday Day. Wear snowflakes, stars, red/green or anything holiday like.

## Minimum Day:

Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup> is a minimum day for all students. Please make arrangements to pick up your students on time. For elementary students, the dismissal is at 1:12 and middle school students will be dismissed at 1:40.

## Pertussis Vaccine:

Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) is widespread in California. There is a new Law (AB 354), which requires all students who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade next fall (2011-2012) to show proof of having received a Tdap Pertussis booster shot given after their 7<sup>th</sup> 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 **885-3980** for clinic dates and locations. Getting a booster shot now will protect your child against the ongoing threat of pertussis and meet the new school entry requirement. When your child receives the Tdap booster shot, or if he/she has already received it after their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday, please be sure to bring in the immunization record to the school office as soon as possible so school records can be updated and your child will be ready for the next school year. For more information, please go to [www.santaclara.usd.org](http://www.santaclara.usd.org).

## District Gears Up For Open Enrollment:

### Open Enrollment Kindergarten – Twelfth Grade

The Open Enrollment program for the 2011-12 school year will be conducted from January 14 to February 11, 2011. Parents of students wishing to attend a school other than their school of residence must first provide proof of residency to their school of residence, receive a permanent student number and then complete the Open Enrollment application on the District website @ [www.santaclarausd.org](http://www.santaclarausd.org). The link to the application form, school visitation dates and requirements, as well as other important information concerning this process will appear on the District website home page.

### Open Enrollment for 5th and 8th Grade Students

Fifth and Eighth grade students must **reapply** for Open Enrollment when moving from elementary school to middle school or from middle school to high school **if** they do not live in the attendance area of their school of choice.

### 2010-11 Intradistrict Transfer Students / Open Enrollment

Students attending a school, other than their school of residence, on an Intradistrict Transfer **must apply** for the opportunity to continue at that school for the 2011-12 school year through the Open Enrollment process. Only students accepted to a school through the Open Enrollment process are guaranteed placement for the following year. Parents therefore must **apply** through **Open Enrollment** if they **wish their student to remain** at the school of choice. Once a student is accepted through Open Enrollment; the choice school becomes the student's permanent placement through the grade span served at that school.

### Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School year will also **begin** on **January 14, 2011**. Parents are encouraged to complete registration for kindergarten students wishing to attend their school of residence by **February 11, 2011** in order to ensure placement at district schools with high enrollment. Parents of incoming kindergarten students wishing to apply for a school other than their school of residence, must do so during the Open Enrollment period.

**Detailed information** concerning the Open Enrollment Program, Kindergarten Enrollment and school and program visitation is available on the **District website and will continue to be updated through the commencement of the Open Enrollment program.**

## Project Cornerstone Corner:

The Grades 1-5 book for December/January is *Mr. Peabody's Apples*, by Madonna. This story and lesson will teach children that we must choose our words carefully every day to avoid causing harm to other people. We are reminded to take the time to understand the truth, know the whole story, and be cautious about passing information on to others. If your child likes *Mr. Peabody's Apples* he/she will also like: *A Sack Full of Feathers*, by Debby Waldman.

The Kindergarten book for December/January is "Accept and Value Each Person," by Cheri J. Meiners. The book talks about accepting and valuing people/groups who are different from oneself and family. Talk to your Kinder about what "value" means (appreciating something/someone and treat them with love/respect). Help him/her understand that everyone is unique and it is important to value each person as part of the group. Books that can help reinforce this month's lesson are "Giraffes Can't Dance", by Giles Andres, "Chrysanthemum," by Kevin Henkes, and "Stellaluna", by Janell Cannon.

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](mailto:dcabclead@gmail.com)

## Have Fun and Get Fit in the New Year:

Looking for a fun way to get in shape? Starting Arts Studio is announcing a new lineup of adult fitness and dance classes, including Yoga, Cardio Hip Hop, Zumba, Salsa Boot Camp and Ballroom Dance. We have new time-slots to fit your busy schedule: drop the kids off at school and come by for a workout at 9:00am, squeeze in a quick yoga class at lunch, or end your day with a 5:30pm dance/fitness class.

6-week classes begin the week of January 3, 2011. Register before Dec. 31 and get our special **New Year's Get Fit Promotion - \$5 OFF ENROLLMENT** - available exclusively for parents and staff of our Starting Arts schools. Check our website for class descriptions and registration information: [www.startingarts.com](http://www.startingarts.com). Just mention you saw this ad in your school newsletter to receive the special promotion.

## Important Dates and Details:

- **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>