



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • December 8, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

With Winter Break just one and one half weeks away, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for supporting our school and our students throughout 2010! Don Callejon School is a fabulous place for children and adults alike, and that is all made possible by you.

Thanks to all of you that came out to our Family Math and Literacy Night last Wednesday. It was truly a great event. Thanks also for supporting the book fair all last week. The profits from that will go directly to DCS teachers in the form of books for their classroom libraries. We look forward to seeing all of you next Thursday at our Winter Concert. We will be splitting the performances this year. K-2 will be performing from 6:30-7:15, followed by an intermission from 7:00- 7:30, and Grades 3-8 will perform from 7:30- 8:15. It is sure to be a fun-filled and entertaining event for all!

The end of the 2nd quarter is approaching very quickly for middle school students. Please be sure to contact your child's teachers and/or check Pinnacle if you have any questions regarding his or her current grades.

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, this Thursday, December 9, with Regular Session set to begin at 6:15PM. The meeting will be in the Santa Clara High School Theater, and babysitting will be provided in the SCHS cafeteria. There are several events happening at or near SCHS that evening, so parking will be challenging. Carpooling is suggested. For a link to the Board agenda, please use the following link:
<http://www.santaclarausd.org/files/145153/bd%20agenda%2012-9-10.pdf>.

Holiday Food Drive:

The Holiday Food Drive ends on Friday, December 10th. Thank you to everyone that has brought in food. So far, we have collected over 2,000 pounds of food.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Disney Cartoon Day.

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

After School Sports:

The Girls Basketball season has concluded, and Boys Basketball tryouts began this week. I want to take a moment to thank our coaches, Ms. Martin, Ms. Williams and Mr. Tu, for an excellent season. I also want to thank the team for their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork on the court!

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. 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

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. Just mention you saw this ad in your school newsletter to receive the special promotion.

Important Dates and Details:

- **Winter Concert:**
December 16th - 6:30 pm
- **End of Second Quarter (6-8):**
December 17th
- **Minimum Day:**
December 17th
- **Winter Break:**
December 20th - January 3rd