



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • January 5, 2011

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

Happy New Year!! We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful vacation!

As we come back to school, please make a special effort to check in with your student both academically and socially. This can be a very difficult time for students as they adjust back to the school day, especially with the cold weather.

The quarter ended for middle school students on Friday, December 17. Report cards will be mailed home this Friday, January 7. Please call the office if you have not received a report card by next Wednesday, January 12.

Registration and Open Enrollment for the 2010-11 school year begins on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the enclosed letter from the Superintendent for specific information regarding this process and the recent decision on boundary changes made by the School Board. Please communicate this information with any friends or neighbors that may have incoming Kindergarten students. We appreciate your patience and support with this matter.

We look forward to seeing you on campus during the coming month. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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## Letter from the Superintendent:

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## 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.

## Don Callejon Student named Youngest Chess Master Ever:

On December 11, 2010, 4<sup>th</sup> grader Samvel Sevan was named the youngest US Chess Master ever. Samvel's outstanding achievement was highlighted in articles in several bay area newspapers, and other media outlets. If you know him or see him around, be sure to congratulate him on such an amazing accomplishment.

## ELAC Meeting:

Attention parents of English Learners: please join us for our next English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, January 20, from 5:30- 6:15PM in the front office staff room. If you have questions regarding the committee, please contact myself ([hbarber@scusd.net](mailto:hbarber@scusd.net)) or our EL Facilitator, Julie Darknell ([jdarknell@scusd.net](mailto:jdarknell@scusd.net)). We look forward to seeing you all there.

## 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)

## Important Dates and Details:

- **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Tour of Santa Clara High School:**  
January 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 am
- **Martin Luther King Holiday:**  
January 17<sup>th</sup>
- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
January 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp:**  
February 8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Talent Show:**  
February 15<sup>th</sup>
- **End of Trimester (K – 5):**  
February 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Minimum Day:**  
February 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Mid-Winter Break (No School):**  
February 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>

January 3, 2011

Dear Members of the Don Callejon Educational Community:

**BOUNDARIES AND GRANDFATHERING AT CALLEJON:**

In reviewing its decision of November 9<sup>th</sup> regarding boundaries for Don Callejon School, the Board modified the “grandfathering” component of the decision by limiting “grandfathering” to only sixth and seventh grade students. All students currently in kindergarten through fifth grade residing outside the newly defined Callejon attendance area will be assigned to Montague Elementary and Buchser Middle Schools.

Residences east of Lick Mill Blvd. and south of Garrity Way (Thamien Park); residences south of Moreland Way, and residences west of Agnew Rd., become part of the Montague Elementary and Buchser Middle School attendance areas. In essence, students living in Mansion Grove, Miraval, 550 Moreland, and River Terrace will attend Montague Elementary and Buchser Middle Schools.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT POSSIBILITIES FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE NEW CALLEJON ATTENDANCE AREA:**

The District’s Open Enrollment Policy shall apply for the newly reassigned students. Priority lottery status to Callejon School for those who have been reassigned will be given to students in grades K-5 who attended Callejon on November 9, 2010.

After all registered students who reside within the school’s boundaries, including those who may have been overloaded to other schools, are placed, students who attended Callejon from Mansion Grove, 550 Moreland, Miraval and Mission Terrace on November 9, 2010 will be considered for placement. Lottery will determine the order.

Overloaded students will have priority over Open Enrollment applicants when space becomes available at Callejon.

Kindergarten through fifth grade siblings of grandfathered sixth and seventh who attended Callejon on November 9, 2010 will then be considered for enrollment. Again, lottery will determine the order.

Parents of students who request Open Enrollment will be notified by the District of the student’s lottery status by March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. It is unlikely all spots at Callejon will be filled until after school starts in late August.

**THE LOTTERY FOR SIBLINGS AND STUDENTS IN PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE:**

Parents who wish to have their children's names placed in the lottery for Callejon, must complete an Open Enrollment Form. Open Enrollment is to be completed online by going to the District's website and completing the form between January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and 4:30 PM on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS WITHIN THE CALLEJON ATTENDANCE AREA:**

Registration for Kindergarten 2011-2012 begins at all schools on January 14, 2011. This includes Callejon. After the doors open for registration at Callejon at 9:00 AM on the 14th, parents will need to show proof of residence and will then be given an appointment date and time for a subsequent meeting to complete the registration process.

Parents who resided within the newly defined Callejon attendance area on November 9, 2010 are guaranteed enrollment for their kindergarten children at Callejon for the 2011-2012 school year. This includes siblings of current students as well as families new to Callejon. There will be no need for these parents to "camp out" the night of January 13<sup>th</sup> and morning of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Proof of residency on November 9, 2010 will be required, and the District will maintain the right to verify the documentation. These practices shall remain in effect for this year only and will be reviewed annually.

Kindergarten students for 2011-2012 whose families moved or will move into the newly defined Callejon attendance area after November 9, 2010 will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis, and may be overloaded to other campuses should Callejon become full.

**REGISTRATION AT MONTAGUE:**

Parents seeking to enroll kindergartners at Montague for the next school year may do so beginning January 14<sup>th</sup> 2011. Parents of students being transferred to Montague from Callejon will be notified by mail during the summer of the dates and times to pick up registration packets.

Events and activities are being planned by the Montague staff for students being reassigned from Callejon. Visitations to the campus by students and their families will assist in making the transition as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

Steve Stavis  
Superintendent