



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • March 16, 2011

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

We continue to have great things going on here at DCS! Last week, our soccer team played their first match of the season, elementary volleyball practice began (first match is at home in the MPR versus Haman on March 24), and students practiced for the upcoming March 22<sup>nd</sup> Talent Show. Last Wednesday, several Don Callejon students participated in the Santa Clara County Science Fair! We have such talented, well-rounded students here at DCS!!

The end of the quarter for middle school was last Friday. Middle School report cards will be sent home this Friday.

This is a busy season for our middle school counseling department. Our current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders will be registered for their electives for next year soon, and our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be registered for high school with counselors from Wilcox and Santa Clara High Schools in the next couple of weeks. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents- please make a note of High School Parent Registration night happening next Monday, March 21 from 6:30- 7:30PM. You should have received a separate invitation on this in the mail, but if you didn't, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding this process.

As always, please let us know if we can help in any way.

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## SCUSD Budget Update:

As you know the state of California is dealing with a budget crisis that impacts education on all levels. We in Santa Clara Unified may be faced with up to a \$9 million reduction in our 2011 - 2012 budget. The district is deciding how to balance the budget based on these possible cuts. Steve Stavis, Santa Clara Unified School District's Superintendent and the Trustees addressed these concerns at a special Board Meeting on Monday, March 14, 2011. An open letter with the current state of the district's situation is on the superintendent's web page: <http://www.santaclarausd.org/news.cfm?story=71483&school=0>.

Thanks for your continued focus on supporting your students and our staff during these difficult times.

## Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Green Day. Wear green for St. Patrick's Day.

## Technology Career Exploration Camp:

**When:** June 6-10, 2011, Mon-Wed 8:00am – 1:15pm, Thu 8:00am – 4pm, Fri 8:00am – 3pm (Tentative Schedule)

**Where:** Central County Occupational Center, Ohlone College and Santa Clara Adult Education Industry Visit (High Tech)

**Who:** Middle School Students from Cabrillo, Buchser, Peterson, Don Callejon

**What:** Create projects in 4 interesting careers, Tour an Industry Site, Visit one College & Adult Education Center

**Explore careers, make new friends, and have fun!**

**Total Cost: \$10.00 (Includes daily snacks)**

**To Sign Up:** Turn in Registration form, \$10 fee, and Permission packet (Cash or Check made out to SCUSD) to the school office by May 20<sup>th</sup>  
For more information contact Tabitha at 408-423-2109

Flyers are also available for pickup in the office.

## ELAC Meeting:

Attention parents of English Learners: please join us for our next English Learner Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Dance Rehearsals for Talent Show:

Talent Show dance rehearsals with Anthony and Nona will be held on:

Wednesday, 3/16 with Anthony from 2:00 -3:00 pm

Friday, 3/18 with Nona from 2:45 - 4:00 pm

## Odyssey of the Mind:

This year, DCS had four teams participate in Odyssey of the Mind this Year, and they all did very well in the competition held this past Saturday. We had 2 non-competitive primary teams (grades K-2) and 2 competitive Division 1 teams (grades 3-5) compete this year. Odyssey of the Mind focuses on teamwork and creativity. Our primary teams passed with flying colors in these areas, and our Division 1 teams received full points in these areas in their long-term problem requirements (part 1 of 2 tournament areas).

One of our Division 1 teams ("Le Tour Guide" team) won second place at the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament on Saturday! They will advance to the State Tournament at the end of this month! This is the first team we have had advance to the State Tournament. We are so proud of their accomplishment! Please wish our team well as they compete this Saturday.

Overall, our teams spent six months preparing for the regional tournament and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments. As you may or may not know, Odyssey of the Mind is run completely by parent volunteers. We are fortunate to have so many parents that are willing to volunteer their time to this very worthy cause! Congratulations to all the students, coaches, judges, and parent volunteers that helped make this program a success!

## Project Cornerstone Corner:

The Grades 1-5 book for March is *Nobody Knew What To Do*, by *Becky Ray McCain*. This book tells the story of how one child found the courage to tell a teacher about Ray, a fellow student who was being picked on and bullied by other children in school. Our goal is to help both students and adults on campus practice specific responses and ways to support each other as UP-standers. As UPstanders, we help create a caring, safe school environment for all.

The Kindergarten book for March is *Be Polite and Kind*, by Cheri J. Meiners. This book talks about good manners and the importance they play in getting along with others. The Kinders will be reminded of their "Magic Manner Words."

Books that can help reinforce this month's lessons include: *Simon's Hook*, by Karen Gedig Burnett, *Say Something*, by [Peggy Moss](#) and *Share and Take Turns*, by Cheri J. Meiners.

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:

- **Talent Show:**  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
March 30<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **Staff Development Day (No School):**  
April 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Science Fair:**  
April 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Minimum Day (K-8):**  
April 8<sup>th</sup>
- **International Night:**  
April 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Break:**  
April 11<sup>th</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **½ Price Book Fair:**  
April 29<sup>th</sup>
- **Staff Appreciation Week:**  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Concert:**  
May 9<sup>th</sup>