



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • March 2, 2011

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome back! We hope that you had an excellent break. The next few weeks are extremely important to the success of your student(s) as we make the final push before State testing. Please stay in touch with your teacher(s) during this time to ensure the success of your children).

We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday today. This has become an annual tradition at DCS, and we hope that your student(s) enjoyed the festivities. The Hucklebee's Book Fair will be happening next Monday through Thursday in our library, with hours from 7:45am- 6:00pm each of those days. Please thank our Librarian, Michele Taylor, for her dedication to keeping the book fair open late every night of the week for us.

As always, we encourage you to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

Hans Barber  
[hbarber@scusd.net](mailto:hbarber@scusd.net), 423-3300

## Parent Teacher Conferences:

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. You will be contacted by your child's teacher if a conference is needed. These days are minimum days for all students. All students will be dismissed early during these days.

## Science Fair:

We would like to extend an invitation to you and your colleagues in helping us create a pool of potential Science Fair Judges for our competition this spring. It will be held on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. We would also urge you to contact any of your colleagues whom you think might consider this endeavor. Please email me at [hbarber@scusd.net](mailto:hbarber@scusd.net) or contact the school office at 423-3300 if you are interested in being a judge. Thank you!

## 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 blue/orange.

## Pam Flowers, Author and Expert on Alaska and Dog Sledding:

We are pleased to have Pam Flowers back at Don Callejon School this year. She comes to us courtesy of the Santa Clara Library's "Big Read" campaign. Ms. Flowers will share what it is like to be an author, what it is like to trek in the arctic and how dogs and racers are affected by the elements in the Iditarod. She is the author of the following books: *Big Enough Anna*, *Alone Across the Arctic*, *Douggie- Sled Dog Hero*, and *Ellie's Long Walk*

When: Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30pm  
Where: Don Callejon School, Multi-Purpose Room

This is a free event for families.

**There is a limited amount of tickets available in the office**



## County Science Fair Participants:

Congratulations to the students whose science fair projects have qualified for the Synopsys County Championship. These students passed through a challenging acceptance process and will now have a chance to present their science fair projects on Wednesday, March 9, at the San Jose Convention Center. Again, congratulations for all of your hard work, and good luck!

## Dance Rehearsals for Talent Show:

Talent Show dance rehearsals with Anthony and Nona will be held on:  
Wednesdays .3/2, 3/9 & 3/16 with Anthony from 2:00 - 3:00 pm  
Fridays, 3/4, 3/11 & 3/18 with Nona from 2:45 - 4:00 pm

## Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:**  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Minimum Days (Early Dismissal):**  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Report Cards go Home (K – 5):**  
March 4<sup>th</sup>
- **Spring Book Fair:**  
March 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>
- **End of Third Quarter (6 – 8):**  
March 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Pam Flowers Event:**  
March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm
- **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>

## Library Link:

It is time for the MARCH MADNESS BOOK FAIR sponsored by Hicklebees. Please stop by next week to take a look at this spectacular selection of books. I have requested tons of paperbacks and the newest popular series books for all grade levels. The proceeds from this fair are used to purchase the newest, most highly recommended easy and fiction books for our library each year. The Book Fair will be open in the library Monday through Thursday from 7:45 am – 6 pm and on Friday 7:45 am – 10:15 am. Stop by to browse, shop or help out!!

I am planning a couple of author visits over the next couple of months – watch for more info to come!

"I've travelled the world twice over,  
Met the Famous, Saints and Sinners,  
Poets and Artists, Kings and Queens,  
Old Stars and Hopeful Beginners,  
I've Been Where No-ones Been Before,  
Learned Secrets from Writers and Cooks  
All With One Library Ticket  
To the Wonderful world of Books!"  
Author Unknown

Happy Reading  
Mrs. Taylor

## Starting Arts Summer Camps 2011:

### Musical Theater, Dance and Art Camps

Our camps will get you singing, dancing, creating and acting! Take the stage in our huge musical theatre production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. Get messy with paint and clay, create a masterpiece like your favorite artist, groove to the latest hip-hop moves, join the circus in *Cirque de Summer* or learn photography, cartooning and stop-motion animation. Fun for all ages!

### Film and Video Camps

Be a part of the cast and crew of the fantasy adventure film *Terra!* Do everything from acting and directing to makeup, costuming, and editing. Produce a short or feature-length film using professional equipment; on location and in our green screen studio. If video is your love, come learn how to storyboard, do production sheets, and get tips for recording and editing your video.

Please visit our website for more information on our camps: [www.startingrts.com](http://www.startingrts.com) or call 408-492-9022



## Come learn from Pam Flowers

# Author and Expert on Alaska and dog sledding

This activity is part of the Big Read – The Big Read is a national program funded by the NEA to promote the reading of the classics in communities across America. This year, the City of Santa Clara applied and has received funding to do a city-wide reading of *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. While the primary partners are SCUSD, the Santa Clara City Library, Santa Clara University, Mission College, and the Triton Museum, there are over a dozen groups participating in the hosting of over two dozen events.

Jack London's, *The Call of the Wild* was chosen because of its accessibility to the local audience, and because of the historical link between Jack London and the city. The activities range from classroom and city-wide presentations to tours in the city and a kick off at Mission College including an anime version of the book and more. Even if you haven't read *The Call of the Wild*, you will enjoy hearing Ms. Flower's presentation.

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