



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • March 9, 2011

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

Students all over our campus are finding ways to be successful and contribute to our community. Many students participated in the Young Authors Fair on Saturday at Wilcox High; others participated in the Odyssey of the Mind Competition at Buchser Middle School that same day; still others were practicing for our talent show coming up on March 22, and for our first soccer game coming up this Thursday at Buchser Middle School. It was so exciting to see all of the positive contributions from students on our campus at these events, and we are very proud of our Cubs!

We hope that you will stop by and visit the Hicklebee's Book Fair in the Library this week some time. Next Monday night, we will have the honor of hosting Pam Flowers again, this time as part of Santa Clara Library's "Big Read" program. We have about 100 tickets available for this event. If you are interested in attending, please pick up tickets from Lisa in the office.

This Friday marks the end of the third quarter for our middle school students. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding his or her grades. Thank you for your continued support.

Hans Barber  
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## 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 Number Day. Wear a number for Pi day (3.14) or dress geeky.

## 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*, *Dougie- 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

Congratulations to those students that have qualified to be a part of the Synopsis Santa Clara County Science Fair to be held at the San Jose Convention Center. The students have worked very hard on their projects, and will represent DCS this coming Wednesday: Good luck! We know that you will represent us well.

## Free Student-to-Student Conference

Saturday, May 21, 1-5pm  
UC Santa Cruz Campus

Students in grades 3 and up are invited to this free conference where they can present to other students on a topic of their choice (hobbies, interests, or school projects). The event will provide students an excellent opportunity to practice their public speaking skills. Students do not need to do a presentation to attend the conference. For registration and more information, visit [www.giftedcalifornia.org](http://www.giftedcalifornia.org).

## Dance Rehearsals for Talent Show

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

## Important Dates and Details

- **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>

## 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!

## 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.startingarts.com](http://www.startingarts.com) or call 408-492-9022



# Around the World in One Night

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Night

### Friday, Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

### Multi-Purpose Room

Don Callejon School is fortunate to have broad ethnic and cultural diversity which enhances our community. Our heritage is representative of people with origins in many countries around the world. We would like to honor the heritages of the school's families at our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Night. In order to have a successful event, we need parents' help. If you would like to help in any of the areas listed, please complete the information below and return to school as soon as possible. Please join us in our efforts to honor the Don Callejon community and let's go *around the world in one night*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am able to help with International Night in the following way(s):

Help set up MPR tables and chairs at 5:00pm on Friday, Apr. 8th.

Help clean up MPR from 8:30pm to 9pm.

Be the lead parent for a table representing my heritage which is \_\_\_\_\_.

Help set-up, decorate and/or monitor a table representing my heritage which is \_\_\_\_\_.

Bring objects/artifacts from my heritage. Name the objects: \_\_\_\_\_

Do a demonstration of a craft lesson. Name the craft: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g., tortilla making, origami making, etc.)

Make finger food/dishes to share at the table representing my heritage (e.g., lumpia, egg rolls, sushi, chips/salsa, samosa, hotdogs, etc.)  
Please name the food: \_\_\_\_\_

Help with sound system (play music CDs) during the cultural show.

Perform an ethnic dance, song, etc. with your child or alone. Each performance is limited to 2 minutes to accommodate all performers. Name of dance/song: \_\_\_\_\_

Wear a native dress from the country of my heritage for the fashion show.  
Name of country: \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions, please email the chairpersons, Reshma Tawade and Ms. Hope Sarafa (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher), at [reshma\\_tawade@yahoo.com](mailto:reshma_tawade@yahoo.com).

Thank you!



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