



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • May 25, 2011

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Thank you so much to all of you that attended Open House last Thursday. It was a great event, as always, and we so appreciated you coming.

This will be our final newsletter of the school year. Congratulations to everyone on the successful completion of our fifth year as a school! It has been another very successful one for our school!!! Thank you so much for all that you have done to support your students in their academic and social development this year. With our continued partnership, Don Callejon School will continue to be a fabulous place for students to grow and learn.

We look forward to seeing you on campus for one of the many end of year celebrations and/or awards assemblies coming up in the next couple of weeks. As we close out this school year, please remember to take a few moments of your time to complete the online parent survey for this year using the following link: <http://www.doncallejon.org/parentsurvey/>. Please see below for more information regarding the survey.

I also want to take a moment to thank the students. We have been impressed with your growth this year, and look forward to seeing most of you back for the 2011-12 school year. Farewell to the High School class of 2015; congratulations on being our fifth promoting class and the just the second class to have students amongst your class that went to elementary school at DCS.

Finally, thank you to our fabulous teachers and staff. It has been a great year. Your dedication to our students and parents shines above all! Thank you for all that you have done this year!

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Promotion Ceremonies:

We are very excited to announce the times for our promotion ceremonies this year!

Our Don Callejon Kindergarteners will be promoted on June 2nd at 11:00 a.m. Our 5th grade promotion will also be on June 2nd, beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Our 8th graders will be promoted on June 3rd at 1:00 p.m.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Mis-Match Day. Wear clothing that does not match (dots with plaid).

Minimum Day:

This Friday, May 27th is a minimum day for all students. All students will be dismissed early; please make arrangements to have your students picked up on time.

Last Day of School Release Times:

The last day of school for students is June 3rd. It is a minimum day for all students. Release times will be as follows:

Kindergarten: 10:00AM

Grades 1-5: 12:10PM

Middle School (Grades 6-7): 11:30AM

Annual DCS Parent Survey:

The School Site Council is, once again, conducting our annual parent survey. Please give us feedback about your experience this year as a parent at Don Callejon School. A full page of survey results from last year's survey, and actions taken as a result, was included with last week's newsletter.

The survey is anonymous; however, the class with the highest level of participation will celebrate with a pizza party. We will also be holding a drawing among the families that participate to award an iPod. To be eligible for these rewards, please respond by Friday, May 27, and include the name of your student and his/her teacher on the final page of the survey. If you would rather not give your name on the survey, please print the final page of the survey and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by May 27.

<http://www.doncallejon.org/parentsurvey/>
(no password is required to complete survey)

Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**
May 25th – 5:00 pm
- **Minimum Day (K – 8):**
May 27th
- **Memorial Day Holiday:**
May 30th
- **Field Day:**
May 31st
- **8th Grade trip to Great America:**
June 1st
- **Kindergarten Promotion:**
June 2nd @ 11:00 am
- **5th Grade Promotion:**
June 2nd @ 1:15 pm
- **Last day of School:**
June 3rd
- **Minimum Day:**
June 3rd
- **8th Grade Promotion:**
June 3rd @ 1:00 pm
- **First Day of School (2011-2012):**
August 15th

Library Link:

I LOVE my library and reading quotes and one of my favorites by an anonymous source is:

“Every time I step into this library, I cannot imagine why I would ever step out of it.”

It has been my privilege to be the librarian here at DCS for the last 2 years, and yet now, not through my own choice, I must step away from it. The daily joy of connecting our students with books they WANT to read will remain with me forever. I am very pleased to be able to remain at DCS teaching Middle school – this is a very special community and school. I wish all of our students continued success in embracing the joy of reading for pleasure as well as learning. Read everything – not just books – read magazines, read billboards, read popsicle boxes and rejoice in the magic of words wherever they are.

The end of the school year is always my least favorite in the library. Instead of encouraging book check out I have to be cranky about EVERYTHING being checked back in. If you receive an overdue book notice this week, we have looked for it in the shelves and could not find it. Please come see me and we will work to straighten it all out. Middle school student participation in end of the year events depends on all books being returned and elementary report cards will be held if there are outstanding books – see I told you I was getting cranky! Please return ALL library books and clear check out records ASAP.

As we near the lazy days of summer, consider all the resources for books that we have. Use the public library, exchange books with friends, read ebooks, just read it all. Hugs and Happy Reading

Mrs. Taylor, Librarian

Santa Clara City Library Summer Reading Events:

The Santa Clara City Library is offering several events over the summer for children and families. They are having a Summer Reading Kickoff Party on Saturday, June 4th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. For more information please call 408-615-2916 or visit their website at <http://library.santaclaraca.gov>