



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • May 4, 2011

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

STAR Testing is almost complete, with only a few tests left to complete. Thank you for your cooperation and support throughout this very stressful time! We are pleased with how seriously the students took the tests, and are looking forward to good results in the fall.

We are in the midst of staff appreciation week, and the staff is really enjoying all of the appreciation they are receiving. Thank you for being such a supportive group of parents! We are so happy to serve you.

We have some very exciting events planned over the next two weeks, including 4th and 5th grade Gold Rush Day on May 6, the Spring Concert on May 9, and Open House on May 19. We look forward to seeing you on campus for one of these great events!

Also, don't miss the Spring Fling next Saturday, May 14th. I look forward to seeing you all there for this fun, exciting community event. Remember- all proceeds go to DCSCO and will directly benefit programs and people at our school.

As you are probably aware, Santa Clara Unified School District is facing very significant budget cuts for the 2011-2012 school year. Please take the time to read the enclosed letter on how those cuts may directly affect Don Callejon School.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Donations Requested:

Thank you to those of you that have already donated. Please consider helping our eighth graders celebrate their academic success! DCSCO and faculty will be hosting a promotion party for the eighth graders on Thursday, June 2nd. We will be playing games and holding raffles, and we need your support providing prizes. The best prizes seem to be gift cards: Cold Stone Creamery, iTunes, Jamba Juice, McDonalds, etc. Your donations in any amount are gratefully appreciated. 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 school colors.

SCUSD Budget Survey:

Santa Clara Unified School District, like many districts in the state, is suffering from the state budget crisis and will need to make \$9 to 20 Million dollars in cuts for the 2011-2012 school year. We are asking for your input through an online survey. Please go to www.santaclarausd.org and click on the tab in the middle of the page titled Featured, then read the background information and take the survey by clicking the link at the bottom of the page. This survey will only be available from May 4 – May 10th.

Cyberbullying Video for parents:

This is a great 5 minutes video that gives parents some basic tools to help students navigate electronic communication and what you can do about cyberbullies.

<http://www.common sense media.org/5-things-you-need-know-about-cyberbullying?>

ELAC Meeting:

Our final ELAC meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, from 5:30- 6:15 in the front office staff room. This meeting is immediately prior to Open House. We look forward to seeing you there.

Project Cornerstone Corner:

The Grades 1-5 book for May is *Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neill. This clever book helps our students think of creative ideas to handle bully behaviors during lunch and recess. This book will remind students to use the five techniques describe in Simon's Hook and the power of the UP-stander to create a more caring climate on their playground and reinforce friendship skills.

The Kindergarten book for May is *Try and Stick with It* by Cheri J. Meiners. This book is about perseverance. It discusses this skill as a process that helps children develop assertiveness, courage, patience, determination, and persistence.

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

Summer Fun with Starting Arts Camps!

It's not too late to sign up for our fun-filled summer camps. Whether you like art, dance, musical theater, photography, or film and video production—there's something for everyone. Light up the stage in one of the big musical theatre productions: *Bye Bye Birdie* (grades 3-12) or *Cirque de Summer* (K-3). Learn techniques from the master artists...create your own cartoons...get messy with paint and clay...get funky with the latest hip-hop moves, learn the songs & dances from the hit TV show *Glee* or dance like a Broadway star...see yourself on the big screen or get behind the camera in one of our video or film camps. It's even more fun to sign up with a friend.

All camps are conveniently located in Santa Clara. For more information and to sign up, call Starting Arts at 408-492-9022 or check out our color brochure at www.startingarts.com. See you this summer!

Important Dates and Details:

- **Staff Appreciation Week:**
May 2nd – May 6th
- **Spring Concert:**
May 9th
- **District Science Fair:**
May 11th
- **8th Grade Panoramic Picture:**
May 13th
- **DCSCO Spring Fling:**
May 14th
- **ELAC Meeting:**
May 19th – 5:30 pm
- **Open House:**
May 19th – 6:15 pm
- **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

