



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • November 17, 2010

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

Wow- we are almost to Thanksgiving! We want to thank you for being such active members of our DCS community. We are very fortunate to serve such an active parent community and your wonderful students!

The end of the trimester was marked last Friday with the distribution of elementary report cards. We often have many questions from parents at this time of the year about report cards, as they can be difficult to understand. Please remember that each report card is based on end of year standards, so most students will receive 1's or 2's on their reports. This is due to the fact that during the first trimester, teachers are introducing many standards, but may not test the standards or complete teaching them. If you have any further questions regarding your child's report cards, please refer them to your teacher(s).

There will be no newsletter next week due to Thanksgiving break. Enjoy your time off! Once again, we ask you to please try to plan your vacations around the upcoming school breaks so that your student does not miss any class time. We greatly appreciate your support with this effort.

This is a crucial and stressful time in the lives of all of our students, and if they need added support we are here to give it. Please let us know what we can do to help.

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## EarthCare Ewaste Fundraiser:

Wait! Don't throw that away!! Save all of your old electronic equipment and donate it at Don Callejon's first EarthCare Ewaste Fundraiser, Saturday December 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Don Callejon parking lot. EarthCare Recycling accepts everything from batteries to TV and computer monitors, home and office electronics, small appliances, and more. Help the environment as well as our school! For more information contact Krista Woodward (408)423-3427 or [kwoodward@scusd.net](mailto:kwoodward@scusd.net).

## Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Pajama Day. Wear some appropriate pajamas. Robes count too!

## New Law Regarding Tdap Pertussis Booster Shots:

Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) is widespread in California. There is a new law which requires all students who will be entering 7th – 12th grade next fall to show proof of having received a Tdap Pertussis booster shot given after their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. Without this proof, those students will be excluded from starting school in the fall. If your child is 10 years or older and has not yet received the Tdap pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department at **408-885-3980** for clinic dates and locations. When your child receives the Tdap booster shot, please be sure to bring in the immunization record to the school office as soon as possible.

## After School Sports:

Girls Basketball has begun and our next game will be against Burnett, here at Callejon this Thursday.

## Library Link:

Tradition and Thankfulness fill the month of November. Both of those will be evident in the library in the coming weeks. My ongoing thankfulness to the amazing volunteer community here at DCS - without you, our library would not operate as smoothly as it does. If you have not been around our library to see the flurry of volunteer activity, I would like to share some of the many tasks that our fantastic volunteers take care of: shelving the thousands of books that are checked out each week, helping classes with book check out, cleaning and straightening constantly, helping students find books, collecting books for teachers to check out, library appearance, book fair prep, book repairs and many more tasks. If this sounds exciting to you, please stop by once you have completed the volunteer packet. One of the best things ever is to see the look of delight in the eyes of a child who has just found something wonderful to read.

Tradition brings our annual Scholastic Book Fair back to the library right after the Thanksgiving break. Scholastic has promised me a fantastic assortment of books this year for all grade levels. This is a terrific opportunity to get a good start on that holiday shopping or just load up on some gifts to have on hand, as well as enriching your family library. This year Scholastic will again be returning to DCS 65% of our sales – a great way to enhance our school library and our teachers' classroom libraries. THANK YOU in advance for your support of our book fair. For more information about the book fair schedule, please see the Library Information section of the DCS home page and click on Scholastic Book Fairs.

Hicklebees sent another exciting event for our students on November 9 – the National Geographic Travelling Quiz Show had all our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders participating in this Jeopardy style contest. Congratulations for a job well done to all our contestants. Each time we sell books from a Hicklebees sponsored event, our school library receives 10% credit back in order to purchase new books for our library – another Thankfulness opportunity!

Wishing you great books to read with your families  
Michele Taylor  
Librarian

## Honor Roll Breakfast:

It has come to my attention that the Honor Roll Breakfast last Friday did not go as well as we would have liked. I was out ill, and I want to want to take a moment to apologize for the glitches that occurred at the event. Please be assured that the next breakfast will be back up to the standard and will be an excellent way to honor our outstanding students. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

## Family Literacy and Math Night:

The time has come again! For new and kindergarten parents, this is an event you don't want to miss! On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, it is our annual Literacy and Math Night from 6-7:30 PM in the MPR. Come learn about language arts and math strategies/games that our school math and literacy programs are using to help further your student's understanding. Also, come see different grade level materials and pick up a few helpful handouts to try out at home.

Bring in your used books and trade them for other books at our Book Trading station/table (a crowd favorite). Other activities you may see include: poetry in motion, write a story center, plays, geometry fun, making patterns, algebra, fractions, word lists, learn a language, and much more! You will also have a chance to shop at our Book Fair in the library...which is open late just for you! Ask any of your friendly team organizers about this special night if you have any questions- Ms. Le, Mrs. Lindsay, Ms. Chavez, and Ms. Supp.

## Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
November 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- **Thanksgiving Holiday:**  
November 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>
- **Fall Book Fair:**  
November 29<sup>th</sup> – December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Family Literacy Night:**  
December 1
- **Winter Concert:**  
December 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm
- **End of Second Quarter (6-8):**  
December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Minimum Day:**  
December 17<sup>th</sup>
- **Winter Break:**  
December 20<sup>th</sup> - January 3<sup>rd</sup>