



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • October 6, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Congratulations on the successful completion of conferences. It was great to see so much activity on campus over the past couple of weeks! I hope that you found your conference(s) informative and helpful. If you still have questions after the conferences, please direct them to your child's teacher(s).

Middle School students have one and one-half weeks left before the end of the first quarter. All middle school parents have access to the Pinnacle Internet Viewer, which allows you to monitor your student's grades and attendance online in real time. A letter detailing your username and password was sent home in early September. Please contact the school office if you do not know how to access this program. If you are at all concerned about your middle school student's progress, please contact your child's teacher or our academic counselor, Liz Morotti, at (408) 423-3354.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual Walkathon next Friday, October 15th from 9:00- 11:00AM!

Please keep in touch.

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API Scores:

As you probably already know, the state has released the API scores for all schools in the state. Our school gained 44 points last school year, and we now have an API score of 842! That was an outstanding accomplishment. Congratulations to our teachers and students for their hard work! I am confident that our school will continue to grow in the coming years. If you would like more details on the scores, please log on to the state website using the following address: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/>. Then, click on either the APR or STAR links to get school level reports.

Don Callejon Music Polo's:

If you have a Don Callejon School Music polo that you are no longer using or no longer fits, please consider donating it to the school for children who need assistance in getting the uniform. To donate a shirt, please contact Mrs. Chiet at [<echiet@scusd.net>](mailto:echiet@scusd.net). Thank you in advance for your donation!

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Crazy Hair Day. Do something crazy with your hair.

Drop-Off and Pick-Up:

Please help us avoid and alleviate traffic problems by following the new Don Callejon pick up and drop off guidelines found in your registration packet. Please do not walk to the classrooms or wait in the middle of campus to pick up your student, as this disrupts instructional time and other classes that are still in session. The procedure continues to get better each day! We appreciate your cooperation with this new policy!

Visitors on Campus:

In order to keep our campus safe, all visitors must sign-in at the office before entering campus. You will be given a visitor's badge to identify you as a Don Callejon visitor. Please do not plan on visiting your son or daughter during the school day, including lunch.

After School Sports:

Volleyball season has concluded for our middle school students. The 6th grade and boys' teams advanced to the playoffs! Thank you to all of the parents and teachers that came out to support the teams, and to the coaches for their superb commitment and dedication!

Flag Football season has begun for fourth and fifth graders. Our next flag football game will be at home this Thursday, October 7th versus Bracher Elementary. Please come out and support your Cubs!

Walk-A-Thon Volunteers Needed:

Volunteers are needed to help with the DCSCO Walk-A-Thon on Friday, October 15th. For more information, please contact Renata Pang at renatapang@hotmail.com

New Volunteer Policy:

As you know, we are proud to have an extremely active parent and community volunteer program here at DCS. In response to new State of California mandates, the Santa Clara Unified School District Board has passed new regulations for volunteers, effective for this school year. On our school website, you can find the following attachments: A letter of explanation from the School District, Board Policy 1240, the Administrative Regulations that accompany it, and the new four-page volunteer application. If you have any questions about volunteering or training, please contact the Vice Principal, Mary Rodriguez at 423-3303 or mkrodriguez@scusd.net.

Important Dates and Details:

- **End of First Quarter (6-8):**
October 15th
- **DCSCO Walk-A-Thon:**
October 15th
- **Staff Development Day (No School):**
October 18th
- **Picture Retakes:**
October 22nd
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
October 27th
- **Red Ribbon Week:**
October 25th – 29th