



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • September 1, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome to week three at Don Callejon School. At this point in our year, you will see students really begin to work on curriculum in their classrooms. This is a crucial time for you and your student(s) to talk about daily classwork and homework and to monitor their work completion. Remember to use the homework folders and agendas to check for homework and assignments daily. Good habits start now, and that daily contact with your student(s) will pay off later in the year.

We look forward to seeing all parents and guardians at Back to School Night tomorrow night. The night will begin with a DCSCO General Meeting at 6:00PM. I will take the microphone at 6:30PM for an official welcome and introductions. Elementary parents will be released to classrooms at 6:45PM, and middle school parents will be released at 7PM. Please refer to the handout that was sent home with your child last Wednesday for more specific information on the agenda.

Please leave children at home. This is a night for adults only. You will have a chance to tour the school, meet your child's teacher(s) and find out about plans for the year. If you have individual student concerns about your child, please make an appointment with your child's teacher for a separate time. Tonight is not a night for individual conferences.

We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing our plans for the upcoming school year.

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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. Vice Principal Mary Rodriguez will be holding a required training for all volunteers in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday, September 9, 5:30PM – 7:00PM. Please bring the completed four-page application to the meeting with you.

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. The new procedure went much smoother yesterday, as parents waited to pick students up after school at the designated waiting area near the front of the library. 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. Thank you for your help and patience with this new procedure. We are confident that it will help keep students safer and help alleviate traffic congestion.

Supervision:

Please help us to keep all students safe and supervised. Students should not be on campus before 7:55 AM (unless they arrive on the bus). Students must leave campus **immediately** after their day ends unless involved in a supervised activity. We do not provide babysitting in the office or library.

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.

Back to School Night:

Back to School Night will be Thursday, September 2nd. Middle School Parents will need to get their students schedule from them. The night will begin with a DCSCO General Meeting at 6:00PM.

Fall Fundraiser Kick Off:

Students received their fundraiser packets yesterday. Please encourage them to sell as much as possible. All money raised from the fundraiser will benefit Don Callejon School. All orders and money are due on September 15th.

School Pictures:

Elementary School pictures will be taken on Thursday, September 9th and Middle School Pictures will be taken on Friday, September 10th. An order form is coming home today.

Child Nutrition Update:

Did you know that you can make online payments to your child's lunch account? You can also check their balances and apply for the free or reduced lunch program. You can access their account at the following websites; you will need their student id. You can contact the school office if you need that information. www.mynutrikids.com as well as <https://onlinemealapps.scusd.net>

Important Dates and Details:

- **Back to School Night:**
September 2nd
- **Minimum Day (Early Dismissal):**
September 3rd
- **Labor Day Holiday (No School):**
September 6th
- **Elementary School Pictures:**
September 9th
- **Middle School Pictures:**
September 10th
- **Fall Fundraiser Ends (All Money and Orders Due) :**
September 15th
- **Conferences (Minimum Day Schedule):**
September 22nd – 29th