



# Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • September 29, 2010

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## Dear Don Callejon Families,

As you know, parent conferences have been happening over the past week for elementary school. I hope that you have found (or will find) the conferences useful and informative. By now, you should have some indication of how your student is doing in school both academically and socially.

Some conferences have also been held and/or scheduled for middle school students during this week. There are just two and one half weeks left in the quarter. If you would like to schedule a conference for your middle school student, please contact our school counselor, Liz Morotti, at (408) 423-3354.

By now, students have settled into their daily routines and are beginning to get comfortable at school in their classes. For this reason, October is a key month for students of all ages. Please call the school office or your son/daughter(s) teacher(s) if you have questions regarding your student(s).

Thank you for your continued support.

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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 Polos:

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 Callejon Day. Wear your Don Callejon gear or school colors.

## 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 has begun for our middle school students. Our second home game will be tomorrow, September 30<sup>th</sup> versus Peterson. Flag Football practice has begun for fourth and fifth graders. Our first flag football game will be here at Callejon tomorrow, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come out and support your Cubs!

## 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](mailto:mkrodriguez@scusd.net).

## School Site Council:

Our first School Site Council Meeting will take place tonight, Wednesday, September 29, from 5:00- 6:00PM, in the school office. These meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend. Thank you to the parent volunteers who will serve on this committee!

## Important Dates and Details:

- **School Site Council Meeting:**  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **End of First Quarter (6-8):**  
October 8<sup>th</sup>
- **DCSCO Walk-A-Thon:**  
October 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Staff Development Day (No School):**  
October 18<sup>th</sup>
- **Picture Retakes:**  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Red Ribbon Week:**  
October 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>