



Don Callejon School Weekly News

Principal Hans Barber's Newsletter for Don Callejon Families • September 8, 2010

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Dear Don Callejon Families,

Welcome to week four at Don Callejon School! By now, you should have some indication of how your student is doing in school both academically and socially. Parent conferences will take place for elementary students from September 22-29, and the first middle school progress report will be mailed home next Friday, September 17. If you have a question regarding your student's progress, please contact his or her teacher(s) first. Staying in touch with your student's teacher is simply the best way to affect their performance in school. Visit our school website for specific information on how to contact teachers or other support staff, or call the office if you need further assistance.

Thank you for making our Back to School Night a roaring success. It was great to see such a large turnout for our special night. I truly enjoyed touring the classrooms and getting to interact with so many of you. It was obvious that we truly have a phenomenal teaching staff to serve you. If at all possible, please sign up for the DCSCO Two Hour Power volunteer initiative. Your volunteer hours mean so much to our school.

Remember, the key to our schools' success is communication. Please stay in touch with us if you have questions or concerns.

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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.

Spirit Days/Spirit Wear:

Don't forget to show your DCS spirit by dressing up for spirit days every Friday. This Friday is Mis-Match Shoe or Sock Day. Wear different shoes or socks.

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.

School Pictures:

Elementary School pictures will be taken this Thursday, September 9th and Middle School Pictures will be taken this Friday, September 10th.

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>

After School Sports:

Volleyball has begun for our middle school students. Our first home game will be on Tuesday, September 14th, versus Crittenden. Elementary Flag Football will start practicing soon. Their first game will be on September 30 here at Don Callejon, against Washington Open. Please come out and support your Cubs!

Important Dates and Details:

- **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
- **School Site Council Meeting:**
September 29th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Library Link:

The magic is out!! Our classes have all been through the library, book check out has begun and the magic of words and illustrations, ideas and learning has been released. All of our classes will continue to visit the library on a weekly basis for book check out, stories and library lessons. The first and most important library lesson I have shared with our students concerns the "most important thing" in the library. As readers, they are always the most important. Please help your students to develop the habit of bringing their library books back to school on their library day so they always have new books to read.

Our library is open for students from 7:55 – 3 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 7:55 – 2:00 on Wednesday. Elementary students are asked to come to the library with an adult before and after school. Parents are welcome to check out library books during the posted hours of 7:55 and 8:15 am and 2:35 – 3 pm. During the school day, scheduled classes are in the library.

Thanks to Hicklebees Bookstore in Willow Glen, our 6th, 7th and 8th graders had the pleasure of meeting author Margi Preus. Her brand new book, Heart of the Samurai, was discussed. This Friday, September 10, also thanks to Hicklebees, our 4th and 5th graders will be meeting the authors of the newly published series, The Familiars. Students will be receiving an order form to purchase an autographed copy of the book. The exciting thing about these new series and new authors is that we never know which one may become the next JK Rowling. Watch for many more author visits throughout the year for all grade levels from Hicklebees.

Thanks to those of you who have been helping out in the library – there is always something to do and your willingness to volunteer truly keeps books in the hands of our students. I look forward to meeting all of our classroom library parents in the coming days.

"Anything can happen when you open a book"
(author unknown)

Happy Reading
Mrs. Taylor
Librarian