

March 19, 2008

HOOVER HAPPENINGS



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SCHOOL CONTACTS

Attendance 248-1306
 Administration 759-2783
 Counseling 759-2787
 GATE 263-6842
 YMCA (Cameron Burch)
 832-0622
 Ms. Judy Dong (Principal)
 263-6782

*Please call attendance number when your child will be absent from school. Be prepared to give their full name, grade, homeroom number, and reason for absence.

*When calling the school, you will be asked to leave a message. Calls cannot be forwarded to classrooms.

COUNSELING OFFICE VOICEMAIL

- Mr. Graven, Asst. Principal: 273-5451
- Ms. Gibbons, Head Counselor: 273-5710; gibbonsn1@sfusd.edu
- Mr. Leonard, Gr. 8 Counselor: 273-1075; counselor@frankleonard.com
- Ms. Castillo, Gr. 7 Counselor: 759-2783
- Mr. Koppes, Gr. 6 Counselor
- Joanna Wardell, ELD and Immersion Counselor: 273-3299, wardellj@sfusd.edu

TO BETTER SERVE YOU

We want to better serve you by being able to direct your calls more efficiently. Parents or caretakers are to use the most direct school telephone numbers to relay their questions and concerns.

*Call 248-1306 to report student absences.

*For any student related concerns, call 759-2787 or 2793 to reach the Counseling Department.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet every month on a TUES, alternating morning and afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.
 APR 8 @ 3:45pm
 MAY 13 @ 8:10am

CALENDAR

MAR 17-21 Parent-Teacher Conference: 230-530pm
 MAR 24-28 Spring Break- NO SCHOOL
 MAR 31 Cesar Chavez Day- NO SCHOOL
 APR 8 School Site Council Meeting
 APR 9 Arts Night- Electives Showcase
 APR 11 Last Day Physical Fitness test (7th G)
 APR 13-18 Spirit Week
 APR 16 PTA Meeting (All parents welcomed): 6-7pm, Main Office

TRAFFIC SAFETY: A reminder to parents:

The **Castenada Street** entrance is not a pick up or drop off area for students. It is a staff entrance. The neighbors are concerned about the increase in traffic and student safety.

FUN POPS CONCERT BOOSTS PTA FUND!

*Thanks to our wonderful music teachers and fabulous Advance Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Advanced Chorus performers, attendees at the Evening at the Pops and All That Jazz on MAR 5 enjoyed a great evening of music. With the addition of a bake sale and raffle, the entertaining event also generated over \$1200 to the Annual Fund. Eleven lucky folks walked away with raffle prizes including a Ralph Lauren blazer from Macy's, a dinner out, and an array of cool gift cards.

*The Hoover PTA appreciates the donors who made the evening possible: Stephen Etling, Jill Fox, Julie Hagelshaw, Jennie Lee, Amy McGeever, Metro Kathmandu Nepalese Restaurant, Diego Montoya, Joyce Oishi, Caroline Scott, Judy Shawley, and Mel Washington; the student performers; and teachers Jon Frank, Alison Kim, and Paul Yonemura. Special "shout out" to Mr. Kim for narrating the Three Little Pigs. Who knew this talent lurked behind his math teacher mask! If you missed this show, you missed a great time. Be sure to check it out next year and continue to support the Annual Fund.

*To date, we have received \$9,200 in contributions. The Hoover PTA's \$85,000 fundraising goal for the school year includes \$60,000 in school staff salaries. These staff, including the counselors and librarian are not fully paid by the school district and without parent funding from us, would not be providing the value they do to our children every school day. A Suggested minimum of **\$250** contribution from each family with one child at Hoover, and a **\$350** contribution from each family with multiple children at Hoover. We appreciate any amount you can give.

-----Please cut and turn in (or mail) with your donation to the school-----

() **Yes, I can contribute to the Hoover Annual Fund!**

() **Yes, I can contribute/match the Annual Fund through my company.** _____ (name of the company)

Please make checks payable to **Hoover PTA**. Please return this form to the PTA mailbox in the school office, or mail it to us.

Your

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Your child(ren)'s name(s) & homeroom number(s) at Hoover

If you prefer, you can also make an online donation by credit card through PayPal by visiting <http://sfpta.org/Hoover> and clicking on "Make A Donation". Please indicate your contribution amount:

[] \$1,000 [] \$500 [] \$350 [] \$250 [] \$150 [] \$100

Other: \$ _____

PTA CONTACTS

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Article Due

Distribution Date

MAR 28	APR 2
APR 11	APR 16
APR 25	APR 30
MAY 9	MAY 14
MAY 23	MAY 28
MAY 30	JUN 4*

*Last Edition

GOT NEWS?

Please drop Hoover
Happenings items in the
PTA Happenings mailbox
or send items via email to
Kate Ikeda:
bkbkikeda@aol.com.
**Electronic submissions
preferred.**

JOIN HOOVER PTA:

Please contact Carol Lee:
phonymom@yahoo.com

SEASONAL SPORTS: INFORMATION:

<http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/athletics.htm>

STUDENT CLUBS:

http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm

2007-08 8th GRADE INFORMATION:

*A page has been added to the Hoover PTA Google Group, which contains valuable information for 8th graders. To access this page visit:
<http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta/web/2007-08-8th-grade-information?hl=en>
or go to the Home Page of the group at
<http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta>.

BASS BASH A SUCCESS! From Jon Frank...

Congratulations are in order for the Hoover Bassists who participated in the annual Bass Bash at Davies Hall this past Saturday. Three Hoover groups performed and attended a workshop along with many other middle school, high school and college groups. The participants were Chris Edwards, Tyler Grant, Mireya Lear, Zoe Robins, William Anna Chen, Hannah Marsh, Ken Rivera, Shawn Taxerman, Samantha Beutler, Lena Wilson, Elijah Alperin, Ema Jordan, Nate Spielman, Jhaxi Ushijima, Anthony Xoaddungjun, Jorge Aguirre, Saadiq Anderson, Liam Calanog, Rachel Edwards and Crystal Lee.

STUDENT BODY DANCE: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: THURS APR 17 @ 3:15-4:45pm: Coordinator Ms. Diane Woodhull

*5 parents man the doors in the cafeteria and to assist with clean-up. Need one or more parents' help to shop & prepare snacks and drinks.

*Please contact volunteer coordinator at: susan.tong@sf.frb.org

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SEW:

*Ms. Dong is looking for volunteers to donate cost and make sturdy lightweight black cloth covering for front of stage attached by velcro strips. It would be great if the covering were complete by 1st week of June. If not, she is flexible and can work with your schedule.

*Please contact volunteer coordinator: susan.tong@sf.frb.org, 415-850-1346

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION/PTA ICE SCREAM SOCIAL: THURS APR 24

*Need one coordinator and number of volunteers for the following:

*Before APR 24:

- Contact vendors to negotiate discounted price on ice cream (i.e. 10% off from Smart & Final on 500 pops for yr 06-07)
- Make arrangement to purchase and deliver the ice cream to Hoover by **5p.m.**

*On the day of the event:

- Work with principal to borrow cafeteria freezer to store ice cream
- Prepare and gather information to be shared with new families
- Make copies for flyers and information sheets

*On the date of the event:

- Set up the cafeteria: put up signs, balloons and staff tables for PTA membership drive, Escrip enrollment, volunteer sign-up, school related information and Q&A
- Assign volunteers to staff tables
- Serve ice cream
- Direct families to Gym and around school

*Please contact volunteer coordinator: susan.tong@sf.frb.org, 415-850-1346

2nd ANNUAL BEAUTIFY HOOVER DAY: SAVE THE DATE - SAT, MAY 3

Students, faculty, families, friends are welcome. If you have any questions or would like to help organize, please call: Niki Gibbons, Head Counselor, 752-2788

BULLYING AFFECTS ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL KIDS: Excerpt from Family Guide

*Many middle school kids experience confusion between the desire to be accepted, which is strongest in middle school, at the same time that:

- Kids report more bullying than students in grades 9 and 10.
- Almost 9 out of 10 kids say they have seen someone being bullied.
- For every 25 middle school kids, an average of 2 kids are harassed daily and another 2 to 3 are bullied weekly.
- Modern technology has added new ways to bully—cyber bullying.

*During this transition from childhood to adolescence, middle schoolers begin to place more importance on making friends and being part of a group. They also start to check out how other kids act, look, sound, and dress. Some kids may seem to be searching for a reason to tease or torment another student.

*Alone or as part of a group, youth can take part in bullying. In a growing number of incidences, the term “bully” includes the children who watch the bullying occur—even if they do not actively participate. Witnessing bullying behavior can be defined as condoning it.

*Please visit http://family.samhsa.gov/teach/middleschool_bullies.aspx for the full article and more Family Guide information.