

April 16, 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.
 MAY 13 @ 8:10am

PTA CONTACTS

- Linda Renteria, President: 850-5165; Saliante@aol.com
- Jill Fox, Vice President: 285-9211; ibjill@comcast.net
- Debi Skaggs, Secretary:

CALENDAR

APR 13-18	Spirit Week
APR 16	PTA Meeting (All parents welcomed): 6-7pm, Main Office
APR 17	Talent Show: 7pm
APR 17	Hawaiian Day
APR 17	Dance – "Fun in the Sun"
APR 24	Ice Cream Social for incoming 6 th graders: 630-830 pm, Cafeteria

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PTA 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: \$ _____

The **PTA CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET CUTS IS "FLUNK THE BUDGET"**. It is one of or the worst cuts ever to education in California. Please visit the "Flunk-the-Budget" section at www.capta.org to obtain more information on "Flunk-the-Budget Fridays" activities, fact sheets, sample letters and the "Flunk the Budget" logo.

*Hoover will be impacted by elimination of 0 period, about 3 teaching positions and no funding for next year's supplies. As a community, Hoover PTA needs raise our goal for the year to help fund supplies and other programs for the our Hoover kids' education. Send in your money to our Hoover Annual Fund. Please visit our Hoover PTA website at <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>
 * But, just as important, help us advocate for our kids education by doing any or all of the following:

TAKE ACTION NOW!

Join us in protecting our children and California's future. The Governor's proposed 2008-2009 budget contains disastrous cuts to education and children's programs. We urge you to take three actions to "Flunk-the-Budget."

1. Starting this Friday and continuing each and every Friday; email, call or visit your local legislators in their district office to express how harmful these budget cuts will be to our children. A sample letter and phone script are available here: <http://www.capta.org/sections/advocacy/downloads/FTBLetterSamples.pdf>
 *To find your legislator go to: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html>
2. Participate in "Flunk-the-Budget Friday" activities, including a SUPER "Flunk-the-Budget Friday" activity on April 25th. Contact your local PTA council or district to see what may already be planned in your area. Send the message loud and clear to your local legislators that this budget hurts our children! For more ideas go to: <http://www.capta.org/sections/advocacy/downloads/FTBTakeAction.pdf>.
3. Join us in Sacramento on THURS APR 24 at 11:00 am for a rally at the capitol. This event will include PTA members from all over the state. (If your PTA is planning to join us, please let Lindsay Shoemaker, Communications Specialist (lshoemaker@capta.org) know.)

PARENTS DRIVING THROUGH CAMPUS:

from Judy Dong:
 Please, please do not drive onto campus from any of the school access points for morning drop-off or dismissal pick-up. We have students & staff pedestrians moving through campus & we have concerns for everyone's safety along campus pathways. The arrival drop-off and dismissal pick-up from campus exceptions would be for students on crutches or with special needs. The signs posted say STAFF ONLY, so please assist us in keeping a safe school for everyone. Thank you.

HOOVER SWEATSHIRTS (Grey w/Hawk) FOR SALE

The sweatshirts are for sale in the student store at school. You can also contact our sweatshirt/t-shirt coordinator, Teri Hu (6th grade mom) at cell 510-825-2000 or email her at terihu@gmail.com. She is also working on a Hoover T-shirt designed by one of our students.

*SPRINGTOPIA THANK-YOU!! from Debi Skaggs

*I want to give a huge thank-you to every parent, student, teacher, & staff not mentioned in this article, as I am sure there are names missing.
 *For the student & parent names that I do have that helped with planning, organizing, shopping, serving, baking & counting...Tricia Carlin, Julie Hagelshaw, Alvin Tong, Laurie Petrelli, Linda Renteria, Melissa Serrano, Angela Landry, Natalie Huang, Shirley Cheong-Low, Connie Wong, Shelley Forrest, Cheryl Heinonon, Brian Ikeda, Shauna Woods, Julie

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- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: dilinc@hotmail.com
- Carol Lee, Membership Chair: 664-5093; phonymom@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER

OPPORTUNITIES:

*Susan Tong, Volunteer Chair: susan.tong@sf.frb.org

HOOVER HAPPENINGS:

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MAY 9	MAY 14
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MAY 30	JUN 4*

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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>

ELECTIVES for 7th and 8th GRADERS:

We've added the Hoover electives forms for next year's 7th and 8th graders. Just in case you lost these sheets or did not see them. Please visit www.sfpta.org/Hoover.

Garcia, Jannice McDonald, Sarah Willmer, Virginia Chan, Rachel C, Erin Enderlin, Audrey Shawley, Josie Velis, Antonia Guatemala, Paula Guevara, Karen Leung, Billy Lam, Kaitlin Leong, Julia Li, Sharon So, Hadas Naizghi, Mariko and Ema Jordan, Linda Juliano, Colleen Kanaley, Monika Yungert, Amy McGeever, Pam Newcomb, Judy Shawley, Deborah deLambert, Jennie Lee, Catherine Kahookele, Joni Pon, Jordan Lee, Kelley Carlin, Jordan Lee, Kristine Fong, Judy Lee, Annah-Leah Adriano, Stefani Kahookele, Carolyn Johnston, June Komater, Sierra Calvetti, Nicholas Toy, Brandon Zhen, Heidi Chan, & Dawn Shaw. Your volunteer help was much appreciated!!

*I want to thank the following people and places for their prompt delivery & willingness to make massive quantities of fresh, hot, delicious food for the fair...Tops Cafe, Danny Lim for the chow mein, fried rice, and spring rolls & Mozzarella di Bufala, West Portal, for the cheese and pepperoni pizzas. And a special thanks to CASA SANCHEZ for the generous donation of their signature fresh salsa and chips!! *Most of all, thank you Spring Fair Committee!! You helped make my job so much easier to run the fair. Jennie Lee, food; Karen Seiki, prizes; Caroline Scott, volunteers; & Evan Hong, accounting. Except for Evan, I had a whole new group that I had to recruit for this year's fair, & everyone's effort was, again, much appreciated.

*Thank you Mr. Yonemura & Hoover Jazz Band for the lively tunes played all day! Thank you Wellness Club & Recycling Club, & your teacher sponsors - Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Lee, for your contribution to keeping everyone well hydrated & recycling. Thank you Ms. Pai & all your creative art students for making all the signs for the fair. Thank you Ms. Cheng for the lovely cloth aprons so our volunteers did not walk away with stained clothes. Thank you Lynn for the use of the cafeteria warming oven & pans so our food was stored and kept warm in a safe & sanitary way. And last, but not least, Ms. Andres-Newman!! I love, every year, having you there & your collaboration. It equals a true team effort & puts in place the meaning of the "P" & the "T" in Hoover's PTA!!

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

TALENT SHOW RAFFLE: APR 17 - Tickets \$1 at the Show! Yes, we are having a raffle at the talent show! Donations welcome – please contact me if you would like to contribute. The Pops Concert Raffle raised \$541.00 for the PTA Annual Fund. It was so successful and so much fun, we're doing it again at the Talent Show on APR 17. We will sell \$1 tickets in the lobby. Drawing that night. All donations welcome for prizes – \$10 to \$25 gift cards for things students and parents enjoy were well received: Movies, Starbucks & Peets, Target, Macy's, restaurant gift certificates, etc. Anything is fine. I hope to have about 10 prizes. Please contact me if you would like to donate. Thanks, again, to everyone who donated and helped at the Pops Concert Raffle. Jill Fox; ibjill@comcast.net; or call 285-9211

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM AND AWARDS CEREMONY: Celebrate our wonderful student entries in the 2008 PTA Reflections art program. Get to see and hear entries that were sent on to the CA State Competition. All submitted art entries will be on display. SAT APR 19; Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm; Irving G. Breyer Board Room, SFUSD, 555 Franklin St,

Now is your chance to pre order a **HOOVER 2008 YEARBOOK**. It is a wonderful yearbook that you will treasure forever. The sale is Tuesday, April 22nd to Thursday, April 24th. The cost is \$25 with an ASB sticker, or \$26 without one. Bring checks or cash to your homeroom teacher. Make checks payable to Hoover Middle School. Mr. Raznick and the Yearbook Staff

CONGRATULATIONS to the SYMPHONIC BAND for the Unanimous Superior rating received at the CMEA Festival on FRI FEB 11!

BAND SCHEDULE: THURS APR 24: Ice Cream Social, Hoover Auditorium, 6:30 p.m., Jazz Band

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

SAVE THE DATE!!! SAVE THE DATE!!! SAVE THE DATE!!! Beautify Hoover, celebrate Earth Day! SAT MAY 3, 900am - 400 pm Clean to the beat of KMEL! Meet District 7's Supervisor Sean Elsbernd! Breakfast and lunch provided. Bring your work gloves, cleaning tools and buckets, rakes and hoes. We will be organizing work parties for specific projects. Looking for Team Leaders. Looking forward to your participation. Sponsored by the 6th grade Class of 2010 in collaboration with SFPD GREAT Program. Send an email to Niki Gibbons if you are interested in helping: gibbonsn1@sfusd.edu

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! TUES JUN 3 @ 7:15 pm

*The Hoover Symphonic Band will be playing the Star-Spangled Banner at AT&T Park for the game against the N.Y. Mets. If you have never seen the Hoover Symphonic Band march on to the field at the ballpark, you are in for a thrill!! The band will perform just before the 7:15 game. All Hoover families and friends are invited to participate in this special Hoover tradition. We have priority access to blocks of tickets in the left field bleachers and the upper view reserved section near third base.

*Every person age two or older, including musicians, needs a ticket, and students MUST be accompanied by an adult. If your child will be attending the game with another family, please arrange to order his/her ticket as part of that family's order. We will not be issuing single tickets to students.

*To buy tickets, send in the order form below, along with your check (no cash) made out to Hoover Middle School Band. The form and checks should be returned to the band room, to the Giant tickets box in the main office, or via mail to: Hoover Middle School, 2290 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, Attn: Giants tickets. Final order deadline: Friday, April 25. We will send you an email confirmation within 2 weeks of receiving your order. Tickets will be mailed to you in mid May.

YES, I want to buy tickets to the TUES JUN 3, Giants game:

Number of bleacher tickets desired _____ x \$18.50 Total: \$ _____

Number of upper reserved tickets desired _____ x \$20.50 Total: \$ _____ Total money included \$ _____

Contact information: Name: _____ Home phone: _____ Email: _____

_____ Address _____ Zip _____

Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____

If Band student, please list the period of student's band class _____

*Write checks to: Hoover Middle School Band. If you have questions, please contact Daphne Powell at daphne_powell@yahoo.com. This form can also be downloaded and printed out at the Hoover PTA website: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover/>

*ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 25