

April 30, 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

## CALENDAR

SAT MAY 3	Beautify Hoover Day
APR 29/MAY 8	STAR 9 Testing: 9:15am-3:25pm, Classrooms
TUES MAY 6	African American Parent Meeting
THURS MAY 8	Teacher/Staff Appreciation: 11:00am-1:30pm, Lunch, Library
WED MAY 14	PTA Meeting: Elections/ <b>Volunteer Appreciation Night</b> : 6:30pm, Library

\*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](mailto:gibbonsn1@sfusd.edu)
- Mr. Leonard, Gr. 8 Counselor: 273-1075; [counselor@frankleonard.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Saliante@aol.com)
- Jill Fox, Vice President: 285-9211; [ibjill@comcast.net](mailto:ibjill@comcast.net)
- Debi Skaggs, Secretary: [dbskaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:dbskaggs@yahoo.com)
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com)

## CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PTA FUND!

To date Hoover PTA community has raised about \$40,000 with various fundraisers including \$16,000 in direct contributions to our annual fund goal of \$85,000". Please send in whatever you can contribute to help Hoover with the huge funding cuts for 2008-2009. 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.

## 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.

**COMMUNITY NOTE:** The counseling office, specifically Ms. Gibbons, has been working with two of our communities at school. The African American and Latino (meeting in Spanish with English translation) parent groups have been meeting to share ideas and help us improve services to our kids. All are welcome to these meetings.

## SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL:

Way to go! Jon Frank:  
Congratulations to all the orchestra students who performed in the Solo Ensemble Festival this past Saturday at Marina Middle School. All groups performed well and received positive comments from the judges. The groups of Danielle De Brain, Lena Wilson, and Samantha Beutler: William Liem, Cary Lo and Nicholas Lee, Cerise Huang and Jessica Huynh; and Isabel Li, Ruta Ropati, Kimberly Nnameka and Sutika Parkeevincha received a superior rating. The string quartet of Anna Li, Linda Chen, Mari Galicer and Yuri Guan received an excellent rating.

## CMEA FESTIVAL:

Mr. Frank:  
Congratulations are in order for the Advanced Orchestra for their superb performance this past Saturday at the CMEA Orchestra Festival at Aragon High School in San Mateo. The orchestra earned a "Unanimous Superior" from all three judges, the highest possible rating! Great Job!

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL THANK YOU

To all of the parents who contributed time and efforts to this event, we thank you. You made the incoming students and parents feel welcomed by greeting them and answering their questions. YOU are what makes our school special. Judy K. Dong, Principal

## THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS WHO HELPED PE TEACHERS WITH FINAL FITNESS TESTING:

PE teachers and PE volunteer coordinator, Pat Madden, would like to thank Deborah de Lambert, Angela L. Morrison, and Betsy Segarra for volunteering. A special note of thanks to Julie Hagelshaw for helping 5 days.

## 17 PARENTS NEEDED TO HELP SUPERVISE A FUN EVENT WITH 6<sup>TH</sup> & 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS –

GOLDEN GATE I.N.G. MIDDLE SCHOOL RUN!

\*PLEASE SIGN UP BY MAY 1 SO DISTRICT GETS PAPERWORK IN TIME.

\*WHO'S GOING? Select P.E. periods 1-3 are invited (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders); Staff: Ms. Vasquez, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Brewster, Ms. Newman (V.P.), some counselors.

\*FREEBIES: Students and Parents get freebies from I.N.G. company!

\*PARENTS NEEDED TO: Help school staff supervise students. Parents may run or not – your choice.

\*WHEN: THURS MAY 15, 9:00am – 12:50pm; \*VOLUNTEER CHECK-IN: 8:45am, Main Office: sign in with Ms. Newman.

\*TRANSPORTATION: Students and parents must ride the school buses.

\*PARKING AT SCHOOL: Parents may park on Hoover campus behind the P.E. building – enter driveway on 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. just up the hill from the school bus zone above Santiago.

\*VOLUNTEERS NEED TO RESPOND BY 05/01/08 TO: Ms. Newman at [Andres-newmang@sfusd.edu](mailto:Andres-newmang@sfusd.edu) or 759-2783 (main office). Please say "I.N.G. Run" and leave 1) your name, 2) child's name, and 3) phone number.

## HOOVER SWEATSHIRTS (Grey w/Hawk) & T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

The sweatshirts and T-Shirts are for sale in the student store at school. See the order form for details:

<http://www.geocities.com/terihu/HooverTshirtOrderForm.pdf>;

[Huhttp://www.geocities.com/terihu/HooverSweatshirt.htm](http://www.geocities.com/terihu/HooverSweatshirt.htm)

You can also contact our sweatshirt/t-shirt coordinator, Teri Hu (6<sup>th</sup> grade mom) at cell 510- 825- 2000 or email her at

Teri

[terihu@gmail.com](mailto:terihu@gmail.com). We will take pre-orders on the T-Shirts through 05/16/08.

- Carol Lee, Membership Chair:  
664-5093;  
[phonymom@yahoo.com](mailto:phonymom@yahoo.com)

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

\*Susan Tong, Volunteer Chair:  
[susan.tong@sf.frb.org](mailto:susan.tong@sf.frb.org)

#### **HOOVER HAPPENINGS:**

Article Due	Distribution Date
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](mailto:bkbkikeda@aol.com).

**Electronic submissions preferred.**

#### **JOIN HOOVER PTA:**

Please contact Carol Lee:  
[phonymom@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm)

#### **2007-08 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

##### **INFORMATION:**

\*A page has been added to the Hoover PTA Google Group, which contains valuable information for 8th graders.

<http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta/web/2007-08-8th-grade-information?hl=en>  
or Home Page of the group at <http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta>

##### **ELECTIVES for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:**

We have 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](http://www.sfpta.org/Hoover).

Two businesses have offered ways to **SUPPORT HOOVER:**

\*We have received donations from Office Depot & Washington Mutual Bank.

\*When you are shopping at Office Depot, be sure to use ID # 70014080 to get on the "5% Back to Schools Program" on all qualifying school supply purchases.

[www.school.com](http://www.school.com)

<<http://www.school.com/>> & click on the 5% Back to Schools Program or call Hotline at 877-567-5BTS (877-567-5287). We have been using the credit to purchase copy paper. \*Washington Mutual customers have chosen Hoover to be part of the "WAMoola for Schools" program. 1-888-354-7099 or [www.wamoolaforschools.com](http://www.wamoolaforschools.com)

[terihu@gmail.com](mailto:terihu@gmail.com). We will take pre-orders on the T-Shirts through 05/16/08.

#### **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

#### **BAND SCHEDULE:**

- FRI, MAY 16: Band Concert, Hoover Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., All Bands
- Week of MAY 19: Youth Arts Festival, Golden Gate Concert Shell, time TBA, Symphonic Band
- WED MAY 21: Youth Arts Fest., De Young Museum, 4 p.m., Jazz Band
- FRI MAY 30: Choral Concert, Hoover Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., Jazz Band
- TUES JUN 03: SF Giants, AT&T Park, 6 p.m., Symphonic Band
- TUES JUN 10: 8th Gr. Assembly, Hoover Auditorium, 9:30 a.m., Jazz Band
- WED JUN 11: Graduation, Lincoln High School, 8:30 a.m. call, Symphonic Band

#### **PTA MEETING: ELECTIONS and HOOVER APPRECIATES VOLUNTEERS: WED, MAY 14 @ 6:30pm, Library**

If you volunteered in any way for Hoover this year, the PTA Board and school staff invite you to a reception to thank you for your service to the school. Join us in the Library. Enjoy light refreshments and celebrate the end of another school year with other volunteers! The evening will also include a brief presentation - the Principal's Report, our PTA Budget Report, and election of PTA Officers for next year. We hope to see you there.

\*We still have positions available. You can share a position with another parent! Here's a brief description of the positions still open:

Position	Brief Position Description
<b>VP</b>	Serve as the primary aide to the president perform the duties of the president in the absence or disability of that officer.
<b>Sec</b>	Keep an accurate record of the proceedings of all meetings in a bound book (legal record), keep a current list of PTA members, send out notices of meetings, and conduct all PTA correspondence.
<b>HH Chinese Translation</b>	Translate HH newsletter in Cantonese. Assist at meetings with translation.
<b>PTA membership</b>	Promote and collect all PTA membership applications. Work with treasurer and district PTA.
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Track and match volunteers, events, field trips, projects, to various activities, communicating with parents, teachers, coordinators of events and projects. 4 to 5 hrs to start then 1-2 hrs/ wk.
<b>Reflections</b>	Coordinate, promote, compile PTA reflections program at Hoover.
<b>PIE</b>	Committee Chair for Parents for Immersion Education for CIP/SIP.
<b>Chorus</b>	Work with chorus teacher on various activities and fundraisers.

#### **ASIAN HERITAGE STREET CELEBRATION (AHSC) SCHOOL RAFFLE PROGRAM**

\*Principal Dong will be coordinating the Asian Heritage Street Celebration (AHSC) School Raffle Program for the CIP classes. It will be an opportunity for CIP students to raise funds for CIP activities. We hope the Hoover community will get involved in this event and opportunity. More information will be forthcoming.

\*The AHSC School Raffle Program is a community-based project headed by the AsianWeek Foundation to provide a no-risk fundraiser opportunity for our public schools to enhance our children's learning and extracurricular activities. Prizes are donated from area business in the San Francisco and are critical success of the program. Raffle tickets are sold for \$3 each. \$2 of every ticket will go towards the school. \$500 will go to the top seller in each category (elementary, middle and high school). Additionally \$100 will be awarded to each school selling at least 20 tickets. Raffle tickets will be offered to the CIP classes; Please contact Ms. Dong if you would like to help CIP raise funds.

\*Last year, 25 different schools participated, representing over 17,000 students. The program raised close to \$10,000. The AsianWeek Foundation in turn donated 104% of the proceeds to participating schools in the San Francisco Unified School District for things such as Chinese classes, field trips, sports teams, etc.

#### **FORGOT TO ORDER GIANTS TICKETS?**

We have a limited number of bleachers seats (\$18.50 each) remaining for the Giants vs. N.Y. Mets game at 7:15 pm on TUES JUN 3, at which the Hoover Symphonic Band will play the national anthem. I cannot guarantee availability by the time the newsletter is distributed, so please contact me as soon as possible at [daphne\\_powell@yahoo.com](mailto:daphne_powell@yahoo.com) if you would still like to purchase tickets. Thanks to everyone who has already bought tickets! Daphne Powell.

#### **HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER INTENSIVE MANDARIN:**

[http://caisnstitute.org/en/students/language\\_programs/summer\\_intensive](http://caisnstitute.org/en/students/language_programs/summer_intensive)

**Application Deadline:** MAY 1, 2008; **Notification Deadline:** MAY 15, 2008

\*CAIS Institute at the Chinese American International School, in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District, is offering this unique language immersion course for students entering their ninth grade year or higher. Students will learn Mandarin in a language-based class under the instruction of our own highly experienced teachers. No prior Chinese language skills are necessary to participate in Chinese Level I. Chinese Level II applicants must have passed the Chinese Level I final exam, or take an entrance exam to place directly into Chinese Level II. Priority will be given to students who register for Session I and Session II, committing to eight weeks of intensive immersion language learning.

\*Students will enhance their language skills from a beginner (with no prior Chinese experience) to a high beginner/low intermediate level. Participation in one session, with a passing grade, is the equivalent of 60 hours of foreign language course work. Students will earn 5 district course credits for foreign language from San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). Completion of two sessions, totaling 120 hours of language instruction, can receive up to an entire year of foreign language credit from SFUSD.

\***CHINESE LEVEL I – BEGINNER Program Dates: Session I: JUN 23-JUL 18, 2008; Session II: JUL 21- AUG 15, 2008**

\***CHINESE LEVEL II - ADVANCED BEGINNER: Program Dates: Session II: JUL21- AUG 15, 2008**