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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.

PTA CONTACTS

- Linda Renteria, President: 850-5165; Saliante@aol.com
- Jill Fox, Vice President: 285-9211; jbjill@comcast.net
- Debi Skaggs, Secretary: dbskaggs@yahoo.com
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: diliinc@hotmail.com

CALENDAR

WED JUN 4	8 th Grade Picnic: McNears Beach
FRI JUN 6	Athletic Awards Assembly – Auditorium
MON JUN 9	6 th & 7 th Grade Awards – 6 th and 7 th periods
TUES JUN 10	8th Gr. Assembly, Hoover Auditorium: 9:30 am, Jazz Band
TUES JUN 10	8 th Grade Dance: Cafeteria
WED JUN 11	Graduation, Lincoln High School: 9:30am-1:30pm; 8:30 am call, Symphonic Band
WED JUN 11	6 th & 7 th Grade Silly Olympics – All day.
WED JUN 11	PIE End of the Year Party: 6:30-9:30pm: Cafeteria
FRI JUN 13	Last Day of School- HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
MON AUG 25	First Day of School

FALL 2008 MORNING SUPERVISION:

Beginning Fall 2008, we ask parents and caretakers to make arrangements for students to arrive no earlier than 8:30 am. Students will be allowed early entry only for morning classes, clubs, rehearsals, or appointments with staff members. At 8:30 am Hoover staff will be on supervision for students entering the building for breakfast service and entry to the school yard. Students will no longer be congregating at the front of school or on the sidewalks. We ask for your cooperation in maintaining student safety and supervision.

SILLY OLYMPICS FOR 6th and 7th GRADERS- WED. JUNE 11, 2008

The Climate Committee is organizing Silly Olympics during the 8th grade graduation. Homerooms will come up with banners, team names/colors and chants. They will compete in various activities organized by the teachers throughout the day. Need at least one parent per homeroom to help out on June 11. Please contact Petra Nygard at petra@nygard.net if you can volunteer.

2007-08 8th 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>

RETURNING TO HOOVER NEXT YEAR?

Parents and Guardians of 6th and 7th Graders. If there are any families who are planning not to return to Hoover next year, could they let Mr. Graven know via email at gravent@sfusd.edu or by calling 613 5424. Letting us know you are leaving allows other families currently on the waiting list, the opportunity to join our community, and helps us better plan our capacity for next year. Thank you Mr. Graven

CALLING FOR MORE HELP: 8th grade dance on TUES JUN 10: 2-5:30pm

*We have a 8th grade coordinator and she needs more help. The vision is to make this not just a dance, but a last get together for this group of kids. She needs help with parent volunteers to setup, serve, coat/backup check and cleanup.

*The kids normally do not want their parents at the dance. Traditionally, 7th grade and 6th grade parents in the 8th grade dance. Please consider volunteering at this event if you can.

*Also, 8th grade parents can help in cleanup when you pick up your child after the dance. Clean up is usually fast if there are plenty of adults!

*Photographer? Anyone know someone or any amateur photographers who have cameras and printers?

*Please call Marjorie at 415-731-0568. Thank you very much!

LOST AND FOUND:

The PE department has a lost and found. Please come by before the end of school to look for your lost jackets...

- Carol Lee, Membership Chair:
664-5093;
phonymom@yahoo.com

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

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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

ELECTIVES for 7th and 8th 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.

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>> & 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

SPRING MUSIC CONCERTS for HOOVER BAND SCHEDULE: Please let Mr. Yonemura or me know if you can chaperone.

- TUES JUN 10: 8th Gr. Assembly, Hoover Auditorium, 9:30am, Jazz Band
- WED JUN 11: Graduation, Lincoln High School, 8:30am call, Symphonic Band

GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED:

A round of applause and thank you go to the Foreign Affair Ministry and the Italian Consulate of San Francisco through ente Gestore Italian Cultural Society for a grant of \$3,000 for the 2008-2009 Italian Language Program. This program began in Spring of 2000 and has been a fun and enriching activity for our students as taught by Ms. Mariapia La Rocca. This coming year, Ms. LaRocca will be teaching a beginning class and will provide an advanced class for returning students. Be on the lookout for the announcement in the Fall for the start of Italian classes.

PARENTS FOR IMMERSION EDUCATION at Hoover Middle School Invite you and your family to the END OF YEAR PARTY:

*Hoover Cafeteria: JUN 11, 2008: 6:30pm – 9:30pm
*Drinks And Food for \$5.00 per person
*NEW THIS YEAR....Video Game Tournament: \$1 per Ticket to Play. First 30 minutes warm up is free.

- _____ Number of people (including student) coming.
____ I can volunteer to help set up. Come 30 minutes early.
____ I can help with food service or clean up.

___ No, we can't come, but want to donate \$_____

*If you can help with set up, food service or clean up, please include your name and contact information (phone or email).

*Hoover students: please return the bottom portion of flyer to your immersion teacher by JUN 6. Incoming 6th graders, please RSVP to email address below and put "immersion party" in the subject or return by mail to PIE, Hoover Middle School, 2290 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116.

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>;
<http://www.geocities.com/terihu/HooverSweatshirt.htm>

*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. We will take pre-orders on the T-Shirts through 05/16/08.

BEFORE SCHOOL SOCCER (7-9 am) COMING NEXT FALL, EARLY SEPT. OPEN TO ALL BOYS AND GIRLS WHO WISH TO LEARN OR IMPROVE THEIR SOCCER SKILLS.

*Our math teacher, Mr. Haycox, who doubles as the Hoover soccer coach, has just been awarded Sports for Health Grant from Philanthropic Ventures Foundation in Oakland to hold soccer training for Hoover students who have an interest in learning and practicing soccer. Students may come from 7-8am or 8-9am once a week.

*You do **not** need to be on the soccer team to take part. Students who do not have the grade point average to qualify for team sports at Hoover, or those who tried out but did not make the soccer team are encouraged to take part. This grant will allow Mr. Haycox to purchase new soccer equipment! Look for more information next fall or talk to Mr. Haycox (Room 37).

*Mr. Haycox thanks parent volunteer, Pat Madden, for her assistance in getting this grant.

*Parents and Students: do you have an idea of how to get Hoover students more physically active? If so, contact Ms. Lee, Chair, P.E. Dept., (759-2783 ext. 3201, 12-1:40PM & 3:30-5PM except Wed.).

CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PTA FUND!

To date Hoover PTA community has raised about \$44,000 with various fundraisers including \$20,000 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.