

November 05, 2008:

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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

*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.

COUNSELING OFFICE VOICEMAIL

- Mr. Graven, Asst. Principal: 273-5451, gravent@sfusd.edu
- Ms Schuran-Castillo, Gr. 8: 759-2783, schuran-castillor@sfusd.edu
- Ms Joanna Wardell, Gr. 7: WardellJ@sfusd.edu
- Ms Kim Warman, Gr. 6: warmank@sfusd.edu
- Nick Pzrbyla, ELD and Immersion Counselor: 273-3299, przybylan@sfusd.edu
- Peter Babnis, Head Counselor: babnisp@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.

PTA CONTACTS

- Debi Skaggs, President: dbskaggs@yahoo.com
- Julie Hagelshaw, VP 1: jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net
- Tricia Kelly Carlin, VP 2: plkcarlin@aol.com
- Caroline Scott, Secretary: carolinescott@zephyrsf.com
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: dilinc@hotmail.com
- Janet Chan, Membership Chair: jlchan@yahoo.com
- Karen Robbins, Reflections Chair: kdwr@sbcglobal.net

CALENDAR

NOV 5	Magazine Drive Bonus Turn-In Day: Cafeteria: 9am
NOV 6	School Dance
NOV 8	SFUSD Enrollment Fair (Saturday) – Concourse Exhibit Center, East Hall, 620-7 th Street: 9am-3pm
NOV 10	Reflections Due Date
NOV 11	Veteran's Day: NO SCHOOL
NOV 12	PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): Main Office: 6-7pm
NOV 12-14	Scholastic Book Fair: Library: 815am-4pm
NOV 13	8 th grade Panoramic Picture
NOV 19	PTA GA/Wellness Meeting (High School Info. Night): Cafeteria: 7-9pm
NOV 26-28	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL

HOOVER SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Elections are completed for all members: 2008-2009 SSC:

- Marilyn Garcia, Teacher
- John Kim, Teacher
- Carl Martin, Non-classroom Staff Member
- Leonard Raznick, Teacher
- Christina Yan, Teacher
- Dale Pitman, Parent
- Caroline Scott, Parent
- Gayline Tom, Parent
- Louise Whitfield, Alternate Parent
- Judy Dong, Principal
- Michael Evans, Student
- Ryan Hoang, Student
- Vicky Guan, Student

The next School Site Council meeting is **TUES NOV 18 at 8:05 am** in the Library. All are welcomed to attend

GOING PUBLIC: PARENTS TALK @ CHOOSING & IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR

THEIR KIDS: Get tips & advise on the enrollment process & hear first hand from families about their enrollment & public school experience. Speakers include Vicki Symonds & friends from Parents for Public Schools.

- SUN NOV 2: Mission May Branch Library @ 3-430pm
- MON NOV 10: Sunset Branch Library @ 7-830pm

SCIENCE NIGHT- A GREAT & WONDERFUL SUCCESS! Ms. Prak & her Science-Night Club kids did a terrific job of providing wonderful, interesting & fun science & math activities. The kids & parents had a great time! The Exploratorium was very impressed with the kids & their activities, some very similar to ones at the Exploratorium! Thank you to David Yee (Daniel's dad- 7th) for the Nitrogen ice cream experiment, it was tasty & very interesting! Thank you to all the parents who provided supplies, live animals & supported your kids at the booths! Thank you to the Exploratorium for the team that came & taught us how to build a Tetrahedron out of newspapers & straws, Ms. Prak's classes will continue to build it! Thank you to the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers for your attendance & continued support. Congratulations to the winners of the raffle (science kit, cell phone & laptop)!

DANCE CLASS PERFORMANCES WERE TERRIFIC! Thank you Ms. Nehm for the fabulous presentation on THURS OCT 30! The dances, the music & the kids were great! Unbelievable what you & the three classes accomplished in such a short time! Sorry for those of you who missed the show! Most of the kids at school saw the show during assembly. The closing number, "Thriller" was great! Thanks to Janay Griffin, Kathleen Broomhead & Linda Renteria for their support backstage & "make-up" room. The Dance class will be performing at SFSU DEC 7.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT FAIR for 8th Grade Families: SAT NOV 8, 9am-3pm: Concourse Exhibition Center- East Hall (620 7th Street, SF): 8th grade students & families are invited to the SFUSD Enrollment Fair to learn about the district high schools. There is bus transportation available to & from the fair from Burnett CDC, Chavez Elementary & Gordon J. Lau Elementary School.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

* Linda Renteria, Volunteer Chair:
Saliente@aol.com

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.

STUDENT CLUBS:

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

*Stay tuned to this column for the upcoming news on Clubs 08-09 and the club sign up event during lunch periods.

*Clubs have different days and times of the year they start. Please read the Happenings for further information.

***Have your kids check in with a favorite teacher to see what club they are sponsoring or if your child wants to start a club with one of them.**

HOOVER HAPPENINGS:

Article Due	Distribution Date
NOV 14	NOV 19
**NOV 25	DEC 3
DEC 12	DEC 17

**Thanksgiving Week

GOT NEWS?

*Please e-mail website items to syalca@yahoo.com

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

Electronic submissions preferred.

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

Designed by a Hoover student & for sale in the student store. An order form will be given to all students by their homeroom teacher. You can also contact Teri Hu, sweatshirt/t-shirt coordinator, on her cell phone @ 510-825-2000 or email her @ terihu@gmail.com.

<http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/fundraising.htm#sweatshirt>.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS '08-'09:

-Costume Day: FRI 10/31/08
-Hat Day: FRI 11/14/08
-PJ Day: FRI 11/14/08
-Twin Day: FRI 02/13/09

CHINESE TRANSLATION: Karen Wu (Chloe- 6thG) is volunteering with Cantonese/Mandarin translations for our Chinese Speaking families on WED 9-11 a.m. in the Counseling office. She also volunteers selling the PE uniforms on Wednesday's during homeroom. Thank You Karen!

MAGAZINE/GIFT FUNDRAISER TOOK IN \$33,000: THANK YOU parents/guardians for all your support. Volunteers worked all day counting money & reconciling orders. THANK YOU volunteers for doing a great job. Our goal is \$40,000. WED NOV 3 is our final BONUS Day.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION: Updated on-line site:

http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High_School_Open_House_Calendar.pdf

- 11/13/08: City Arts & Technology: 630-8pm
- 11/20/08: Balboa High School: 6-8pm
- 11/20/08: Metro: 6-730pm
- 11/21/08: SOTA tour with Spanish Translation: 1pm
- 12/02/08: City Arts & Technology: 630-8pm
- 12/18/08: Metro: 6-730pm
- Every FRI: SOTA: 1-3pm

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM: Judges needed for the Reflections program in the categories of: literature, musical composition, photography, & visual arts. The theme this year is "Wow!" For more information about Reflections go to www.sfpta.org & click on the Reflections link at the top. The due date for entries is NOV 10 & judging starts NOV 12 at Hoover. You cannot judge if your child has submitted an entry. No specific qualifications needed, but background in each area is helpful. Contact Karen Robbins for more information @ judging 415-759-7795 or cell 415-317-5237 or email kdwr@sbcglobal.net. Entry forms available on the website or in the main office.

A STRATEGY FOR TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN TO SET GOALS:

<http://www.pta.org/2203.htm#1>

Children as young as five can be taught to set simple goals that yield quick results. The important thing is to instill the habit of setting goals, & show children how to plan their actions to achieve them. Here are five steps to get started, according to Terri Khonsari, author of "Raising A Superstar: Simple Strategies to Bring Out the Brilliance in Every Child":

1. **Define the goal:** Help your children define their goal & what they want to achieve. Resist the urge to set goals for them.
2. **Put it on paper:** Ask your children to write down their goals or draw a picture of them & placing them on a wall or a door.
3. **Lay out an action plan:** Help them understand the importance of having a plan. Help them create a road map & set a date for the goal to be reached.
4. **Teach persistence:** Help your child when they get discouraged & frustrated. This is when they learn to overcome failure. Encourage them to visualize success in their mind. Give your children the motto of "when you believe it you can achieve it!"
5. **Celebrate success:** Acknowledge your child's good work & celebrate success!

When you teach the process of goal setting it is essential for your children to see you as their role models. Share your own goals with your family & brainstorm with them when you create your personal action plan. Get them involved & practice mutual support in helping each other. This way the benefits of goal setting & hard work are clear to the whole family, & you can all share in the rewards! To learn more about Khonsari's work visit RaisingASuperstar.com & sign up for more free tips on raising happy, healthy & successful children.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: NOV 12-14: Library: 815am-4pm: We need parents throughout the day. You can do 1-2 hours or 1/2 day or all day! Funds from this fundraiser come in the form of books for our school! Contact: Connie Wong, calcon11@sbcglobal.net.

WISH LISTS: Please check w/ teachers for specific items & the PTA website for all wish lists.

* **LIBRARY: ELIZABETH SUTCH:** Magazines wished for this year are: Boys Life, Girls Life, Discover, National Geographic, Newsweek, Time, Nickelodeon, Sports Illustrated Kids, Seventeen, Transworld BMX, Transworld Snowboarding, Surfing, & Rolling Stone. 1 subscription of each. If there are others that the parents would like to include, let me know.

***INDEPENDENT LIVING: "Can Openers?"**...need 2-3 well-working can openers. If you'd like to donate any can openers, please send them to B18 or leave in Ms Cheng's mailbox.

***NEWSPAPERS:** Please donate your recycled newspapers. Send them in bags or tied together. Hoover no longer receives free Newspapers.

Special **THANKS** to Mrs. Yuen (Brian Yuen's mom) for donating brand new frying pans & to Gayline Tom for sewing supplies & classroom help!