

# January 14, 2009: *Happy New Year!*

## HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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### SCHOOL CONTACTS

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### 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 & 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

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- \* Linda Renteria, Volunteer Chair:  
[Saliante@aol.com](mailto:Saliante@aol.com)

### SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet every month on

### CALENDAR

JAN 14-15	8 <sup>th</sup> graders sweatshirt sale
JAN 15	BSC & SSC Community Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-8pm: Cafeteria
JAN 19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
JAN 20	Professional Development – NO SCHOOL
JAN 26	Lunar New Year – NO SCHOOL
JAN 30	Coffee with Principal Dong: 9am: Main Office
FEB 3	PIE Meeting (Immersion): 630-830pm: A12b
FEB 11	PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): Budget: 6pm: Main Office

### HOOVER SSC COMMUNITY DINNER MEETING

**Where:** The Hoover Cafeteria

**When:** THURS JAN 15, 6pm for dinner;  
630pm for the meeting

**DINNER, CHILDCARE, & SPANISH & CHINESE TRANSLATION PROVIDED!**

Hoover Middle School is developing its Balanced Scorecard, & we need every member of our community's help. We need YOUR ideas & perspectives so that we can lay out the goals, activities, & timeline that Hoover will follow to reach the SFUSD's Strategic Plan goals for the success of all Hoover kids:

- Access & Equity
- Achievement, and
- Accountability for ALL.

All kids, whose parents attend this meeting, will receive a special colored Hawk award for a special drawing on FRI JAN 16, 2009 during their lunch period. Please come to this meeting in the cafeteria & have YOUR voice heard!

### PROMPTNESS TO CLASS:

We have noticed that too many students are late to class. This is affecting school climate, student learning and disrupting instruction. Starting the first day of Spring semester, JAN 21st, Hoover will focus on encouraging promptness to class. Students who are tardy will be warned and after the third tardy warning, will be assigned detention (after school or lunchtime detention under the supervision of counselors and teachers). We will be calling families of all students who are tardy and asking for their support in this effort.

### ATTENDANCE ABSENCE PROCEDURE:

We can no longer release kids from school without written consent (note, email or faxed {759-2881} note). We also no longer accept phone calls to excuse absences. We need written notes to excuse any absences, when they return to school. Otherwise, they will be marked as unexcused absence. Thank you, Counseling & Attendance

### AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP DROP-IN: MON & WED 345-445pm, B25:

After School Drop-in Homework/Tutoring: The counseling department will be offering an after-school drop-in homework and tutoring room from 345-445pm on MON & WED starting next MON JAN 12, 2009 in Room B25 (near the counseling office). Ms. Renteria, Ms. Wardell & Ms. Wax.

### HOOVER'S ANNUAL FUND END-OF-YEAR DONATION:

\*Parents, please write your check to the Hoover PTA. You can also pay by credit card through the Hoover School website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>) & donate under "Click & Pledge."

\*The Annual Fund raises money for the needs & wants of the teachers & programs at Hoover that would not be covered otherwise. The Annual Fund letter is due to be mailed late January. Please contact Diego Montoya at [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com) to get Hoover's non-profit tax ID number for your tax-deductible donation. All levels of donations appreciated - \$25, \$50, \$250, \$500. Thank you!!

a TUES, alternating morning & afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

### **STUDENT CLUBS:**

[http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student\\_body\\_clubs.htm](http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm)

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

\*Clubs have different days & 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
JAN 23	JAN 28
FEB 6	FEB 11
FEB 20	FEB 25
MAR 6	MAR 11
MAR 20	MAR 25
APR 3	APR 8
APR 17	APR 22
MAY 1	MAY 6
MAY 15	MAY 20
MAY 29	JUN 3

### **GOT NEWS?**

\*Please e-mail website items to [syalca@yahoo.com](mailto:syalca@yahoo.com)

\*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.**

### **SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS '08-'09:**

-PJ Day: FRI 12/19/08

-Twin Day: FRI 02/13/09

### **CLIP AND BRING IN YOUR BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

#### **LABELS:**

You can make a difference for Hoover every time you shop for groceries! You can clip 10¢ Box Tops labels from hundreds of your favorite products & bring them to the office or your child's homeroom teacher. Hoover can earn cash for needed school supplies & equipment.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/Products.aspx>

Contact Frances Lee, if you have any questions or would like to help: [mbe24th@dslextreme.com](mailto:mbe24th@dslextreme.com)

**RAINY DAY ARRIVAL:** AM - kids can go to gym at 830am.

### **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

8<sup>th</sup> graders: If you have not turned in your service time sheet, be sure to do so now. For those who have not done the service, get started. With the winter holidays approaching, it is a good time to have a plan to get our service. J. Dong.

**\*Community Service Opportunities:** For 8th graders who have not completed their 8th grade community service requirement and for those who would like to join a President-elect Obama's call for a day of service on JAN 19, Martin Luther King Jr. day. San Francisco Park and Rec has organized various Community Service projects throughout the city. Please pick up a sheet with project information in the counseling office.

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

[http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High\\_School\\_Open\\_House\\_Calendar.pdf](http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High_School_Open_House_Calendar.pdf)

**CLASS OF 2009 INFO:** Key dates for applications. [www.sfpta.org/Hoover](http://www.sfpta.org/Hoover)

**8th GRADERS:** Kids shadowing need to bring back proof of their attendance at the high school upon return to Hoover for an excused absence.

### **eWASTE RECYCLING & FUNDRAISER EVENT:**

-SAT JAN 31, 9am to 4pm

-Location: Sunset Elementary School, Ortega Street between 40<sup>th</sup> & 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues

\*We will be collecting computers, monitors, laptops, printers, TVs, VCRs, microwave ovens, fax machines, telephones, radios, stereo components, cables/cords & other items. This is a great way to get rid of old electronic equipment while making sure that it is recycled to help protect the environment. The event is co-sponsored by Sunset Elementary, West Portal Elementary, Hoover Middle & Lincoln High Schools. If you are planning to get rid of old electronic equipment, please hold onto it for this event. There is no charge, all you have to do is drive in & drop off! ASL, the eWaste recycling company, will actually pay us for our unwanted eWaste! All proceeds will go toward the Education Funds at the sponsoring schools. Look for the eWaste fundraiser brochure to be sent home with your child for a complete list of items that will be accepted.

\*If your office has a large number of computers & monitors to recycle (50 or more items including at least 1 CRT monitor), please contact Rachel Cummings at [rcummings@aslrecycling.com](mailto:rcummings@aslrecycling.com) to schedule a free pick-up from your office. Please be sure to tell Rachel to credit your donation to the JAN 31 event being held at Sunset Elementary.

### **ITALIAN CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Classes will resume on WED 01/21/09. Ms. LaRocca sends her wish for all of you for a wonderful holiday break.

The **PIE meetings** for immersion are changing a bit. No meeting in January & March.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: from President Debi Skaggs:**

\*Hoover PTA is now looking for parents to be next school year's board. We need parents to attend the Board meetings from January until the end of the year so that there is a smooth transition into next year. These are very important times for Hoover, & for SFUSD in general, & I would like everyone to please take the time to start helping the teachers & staff at Hoover continue on with a valuable link for them.

\*The position that needs a parent, first & foremost, is for our Treasurer position. Diego Montoya can be reached at [diliinc@hotmail.com](mailto:diliinc@hotmail.com). He will be gone next year, & has spent three years getting the books in perfect order. Someone can easily slip in & learn a lot from him now before his position ends.

\*Next is our President & Vice President positions. We need parents whose children are in 6th or 7th grade to please attend the Board meetings to shadow along with us for the rest of this very busy hump to the end of the year. Our meetings are regularly scheduled every second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the main office.

\*Other positions that will be opening up for next school year is the secretary, PTA Membership chair, Hoover Happenings Editor, PTA Reflections chair, another VP position, Volunteer Coordinator, Communications chair, & Sweatshirt/T-Shirt chair. Almost all of the chair & board positions are occupied by 8th grade parents graduating out. There will be a huge number of vacancies & a huge undertaking to get everyone on board for next year. Please volunteer now to help us out!

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

\***MARILYN GARCIA:** Room C36: 15 to 30 Crayola brand watercolor paint sets with brush included; Blank CDs & CD envelopes; Sets of colored pencils; Boxes of Kleenex

\***INDEPENDENT LIVING:** Paper towels; paper napkins; good condition pots, regular kitchen size.

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

### **INDEPENDENT LIVING THANKS YOU!**

Thank you to John Lee for helping fix a problem in one of kitchens, thanks to Gayline Tom for donating several can openers, & thank you to Brian Yuen's mom for donating frying pans! You're the best! Ms Cheng