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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. For any student related concerns, call 759-2787 or 2793 to reach the Counseling Department.

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.

PTA CONTACTS

- Debi Skaggs, President: dbskaggs@yahoo.com
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet every month on a TUES, alternating morning & afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

CALENDAR

JAN 30	Coffee with Principal Dong: 9am: Main Office
FEB 3	PIE Meeting (Immersion): 630-830pm: A12b: Celebration of Chinese New Year and recent Mexico trip.
FEB 11	PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): Budget: 6pm: Main Office
FEB 16	President's Day – NO SCHOOL
FEB 18	PTA General Meeting – Budget: 7pm: Cafeteria
MAR 3	PIE Meeting (Immersion): 630-830pm: A12b
MAR 5	POPS Concert (Band, Orchestra, Chorus & Jazz Band): 7pm: Auditorium
MAR 7	Summer Resource Fair: Concourse Exhibition
MAR 11	PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office

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.

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 and WED in Room B25. Ms. Renteria, Ms. Wardell and Ms. Wax will be supervising the homework room.

CHINESE TRANSLATION:

Karen Wu will be available for Chinese Translation on THURS mornings from 9-11am or by appointment.

PE UNIFORM: Ms. Woodhall from the school STORE will start selling PE uniform in FEB: top (\$17) & bottom (\$13) on MON, WED & FRI from 830-9am in the morning.

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 diiinc@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!!

Box Tops for Education - You can make a difference for Hoover every time your shop for groceries! 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 and equipment. Please contact **Frances Lee**, mbe24th@dslextreme.com if you have any question or would like to help.

eWASTE RECYCLING & FUNDRAISER EVENT: SAT JAN 31, 9am to 4pm

-Location: Sunset Elementary School, Ortega Street between 40th & 41st 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 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.

The **SAN FRANCISCO ARTS EDUCATION PROJECT** (SFArtsEd) celebrates the eighth year of its musical theater company, The SFArtsEd Players, with a **TWO-WEEK RUN of BROADWAY'S CLASSIC MUSICAL, THE PAJAMA GAME**, at San Francisco's Eureka Theatre.

-SAT FEB 7 at 2pm & 8pm (gala performance)

-SUN FEB 8 at 2pm

-SAT FEB 14 at 2pm & 730pm

-SUN FEB 15 at 2pm

*FEB 7, SAT evening, B.D. Wong will be the host of the benefit evening that will raise money for scholarships for SF Arts Ed's special programs. Mr. Wong currently stars in *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit*. He is a San Francisco native, who attended public schools, & is a long time activist for alternative families & arts education.

*Tickets and Information

Tickets to The SFArtsEd Players' performances of The Pajama Game are \$15 each for adults & \$10 each for seniors & students. The cost for the gala performance on FEB 7 is \$30 for all tickets. To purchase tickets, call City Box Office at (415) 392-4400, or visit the City Box Office website at www.cityboxoffice.com. For more information about SFArtsEd and its programs, please call (415) 551-7990.

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 & 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
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 svyca@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.

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

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

Updated on-line site: http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High_School_Open_House_Calendar.pdf

CLASS OF 2009 INFO: Dates for applications. 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.

8th GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE:

8th 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, 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.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT TEMPORARY SURVEY ADMINISTRATORS:

Education, Training, and Research (ETR) Associates, a private, non-profit, health education organization, is seeking qualified people to join its Research Department as Temporary Survey Administrators. ETR Associates' San Francisco research office is administering voluntary health surveys to students in the San Francisco Unified School District. <http://sfbay.craigslist.org/sfc/npo/981215080.html>

SPRING BASEBALL for 7th/8th graders: Top10Baseball, a group of coaches and parents that wants to create more opportunities for our kids to play our National Pastime, is looking for energetic 7th and 8th grade boys for the spring season to play in the Park and Rec league. There are still spots available. Please visit <http://www.top10baseball.com> to read all about this exciting opportunity. Coach Tony Lopez is available to talk with you and answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at 415-515-1986 or ALopezsf@yahoo.com.

FREE DENTAL CARE: From Valerie Satow, Hoover Nurse. Free Dental Care for students aged 4-17 years available on SAT FEB 7, 2009, from 9am to 430pm at UCSF School of Dentistry, 707 Parnassus Avenue, SF. Care will include free dental sealants, free fluoride treatments, free toothbrush, toothpaste, & floss, free screening for kindergarteners & first graders, free oral hygiene education. All services will be on first-come, first-serve basis.

PARENTING SKILLS PROGRAM: Here is some information regarding a Parenting Skills Program sponsored by Community Youth Center of San Francisco (CYC).

*TUES evenings 530-730pm at The Juvenile Justice Center 375 Woodside Avenue in SF, Main Conference Room

*Enrollment is open; they accept new parents weekly. They are a court-approved service provider (participants receive certification upon completing 10 classes). They accept participants by referral from various agencies citywide & also welcome parents who wish to come involuntarily Certificates provided upon completion of tenth class. Classes provided free to participants; refreshments served

*Classes are offered in Spanish on Monday evenings and Cantonese on Thursday evenings. For additional information contact: Debra Valdivia, Project Coordinator, (415) 753-7594. This event serves a great opportunity for parents to learn new tools in dealing with their children, & how to build healthy relationships with their children.

YOUTH UMPIRING PROGRAM THROUGH SAN FRANCISCO LITTLE LEAGUE:

Youths age 13-18 are eligible to be paid for umpiring after attending our mandatory training sessions. Returning or otherwise demonstrably experienced umpires between the ages of 18 and 21, who are still students are also eligible for our paid program. Youth umpires are paid \$30 per little league game and \$35 for Juniors baseball and softball games. Training provided too. <http://www.sflil.org/page/show/58473-youth-umpiring-program>

SYMPHONIC BAND will perform the NATIONAL ANTHEM for the SF GIANTS on MAY 26, 2009!

Tickets will be available for sale in late March early April. Remember our invitation to perform is based on our selling a certain number of tickets!

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: *There are many ways to help our kid's school- HOOVER. Donate newspapers, donate to teacher's wish lists, a few hours in the library or from home. Here are a few upcoming opportunities.*

-HOOVER PTA- OUR Kid's school, HOOVER, needs us!

Most of the current Hoover PTA Board members are 7th grade or 8th grade parents. We desperately need more parent support to have a functional board next year! Please, please consider being part of the PTA Board, share the role with a friend or seek a position that can be done from home! These volunteer positions are for the NEXT YEAR school year- we want to mentor parents for a smooth transition. Newsletter editor, treasurer, VP, secretary, & many more opportunities! Please contact me at my at school (415) 759-2783 or email Linda Renteria at saliente@aol.com.

-LIBRARY

Ms. Sutch received a large donation of books from Daniel Handler (aka Lemony Snicket). She needs help processing the books to put them on the shelves. If you can help, email Ms. Sutch and let her know when you'll come in. She will train you on how to process the books.

-CHAPERONES: MAR 12th 10am-325pm to SOTA MUSICAL. 15 needed!

*The field trip to SOTA is on March 12th to see *The Wedding Planner...* a play. There will be seven classes attending.

*Leave Hoover after first period @ 1015am; meet in front of the s-wing for attendance & then walk to West Portal to catch the 48...we should be at Sota around 11am. The play is from noon until 230pm; we'll take the bus back to Hoover & some students if they hand in permission slips (from their guardians) can leave from SOTA. We'll be back at Hoover by 3:25pm. There is NO charge for chaperones. There will be approx. 235 students attending. Please contact me at my at school (415) 759-2783 or email Linda Renteria at saliente@aol.com. Thank you for all of your support...Janet Cunningham & Ms. Woodhull.

OTHER INFO:

-DATA PRIVACY PRESENTATION:

*On JAN 28, Microsoft will be hosting an event at the San Francisco Public Library in support of the second annual international Data Privacy Day. The event will be free & open to the public, & will include a panel of experts from MySpace, Center for Democracy and Technology, & the California Privacy Chief. The purpose of the event is to create an opportunity for the public to talk about what online privacy means & learn more about protecting themselves.

*We're hoping to attract educators, parents & other stakeholders to the event. I'm happy to answer any questions you have. Feel free to call Jocelyn at 425 638 7811 for more information if you are interested.

-SUMMER CAMPS & SUMMER JOBS - Save the date: SAT MAR 14, 2009

Mayor Gavin Newsom's 4th Annual Summer Resource Fair at the Concourse Exhibition Center (8th & Brannan Streets). Find information about camps, classes, programs, & services from over 200 exhibitors. Young people ages 14 to 18 will also find everything youth need to get work this summer from workshops and mentors at the youth workforce development section of the fair called Jobs Space.