

# February 11, 2009

## HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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### SCHOOL CONTACTS

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

### COUNSELING OFFICE

#### VOICEMAIL

- Mr. Graven, Asst. Principal: 273-5451, [gravent@sfusd.edu](mailto:gravent@sfusd.edu)
- Ms Schuran-Castillo, Gr. 8: 759-2783, [schuran-castillor@sfusd.edu](mailto:schuran-castillor@sfusd.edu)
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- Nick Przybyla, ELD & Immersion Counselor: 273-3299, [przybylan@sfusd.edu](mailto:przybylan@sfusd.edu)
- Peter Babnis, Head Counselor: [babnisp@sfusd.edu](mailto: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 & 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](mailto:dbskaggs@yahoo.com)
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- Janet Chan, Membership Chair: [jylchan@yahoo.com](mailto:jylchan@yahoo.com)
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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

### CALENDAR

FEB 11 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): Budget: 6pm: Main Office  
FEB 12 African American Parent Ed Night @ Bayview Library 630pm: All Welcome.  
FEB 12 School Dance 330-445pm  
FEB 16 President's Day – NO SCHOOL  
FEB 18 Hoover Science Fair: 630-8pm  
FEB 18 PTA General Meeting – Budget: 7pm: Cafeteria  
FEB 19 Cantonese Asian American Family Meeting: 630-830pm: Cafeteria  
MAR 3 PIE Meeting (Immersion): 630-830pm: A12b  
MAR 3 Latino Parent Ed Night – Puberty ED in Middles School @ Excelsior Library 630pm  
MAR 5 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office  
MAR 5 POPS Concert (Band, Orchestra, Chorus & Jazz Band): 7pm: Auditorium  
MAR 7 Summer Resource Fair: Concourse Exhibition  
MAR 16-20 Parent-Teacher Conference Week: Early dismissal

### SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL:

The SSC has submitted the first draft of Hoover's Balanced Score Card for district review. We thank all parents who attended the JAN 15 community meeting for their participation & input regarding joyful learners & the issues of student equity. The next School Site Council meeting will be held on TUES FEB 10 at 8am in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

**STUDENT ASSIGNMENT REDESIGN:** Learn about the student assignment redesign process and timeline. Share your thoughts & questions with the Board of Education.

Board of Education Committee of the Whole– Review simulations for different options

**THURS FEB 12, 2009 @ 6pm**

Irving G. Breyer Board Meeting, 555 Franklin Street

For more information visit the Parents page on [www.sfusd.edu](http://www.sfusd.edu)

**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.

### SPELLING BEE WINNERS:

Congratulations for ALL of our Spelling Bee Classroom winners for competing in the School Championship Spelling Bee. The classroom winners were Taran Caacho, Teresa Owyang, Nizam Shaikh, Sara Wong, Anh Huynh, Mollee Chu, Michael Tang, David Yu, Mariel Cardenas, Joseph Hsa, Caroline Reyes, Kathleen Trinh, Glendy Castanon, Ben Kasemwatana, Linda Chen, John Ng, James Ravanal, Evelyn Orozco, Connie Wong, Kathleen Kanaley, Mia Shakelford, Cody Dragon, Andrea Tu, Yasmine Benothman, Kelly Chen, Gabriela Lemay-Eden, Benjamin Chan, Angeline Chemel, Rory Grant, May Niang, Neal Li, Tess Williams, Nicholas lee, Timothy Yu, Jeffrey Wan and Lawrence Wan.

**The results of the School Round are:**

**3rd place: Rory Grant 8C35**

**2nd place: Kathleen Trinh 6B18**

**1st place: Jeffrey Wan 6S12**

Jeffrey will have the opportunity to compete at the SF Chronicle Spelling Bee very soon. Mrs. Newman.

### IT'S ANNUAL FUND TIME AT HOOVER!

\*You should have received, in the mail, your donation letter. PLEASE DO NOT IGNORE, PUT ASIDE, OR EVEN THROW IT AWAY!! Mail your tax-deductible donation now to reach this year's '09 goal of \$60,000.

\*We need every contribution from every family at Hoover, BIG and small! One way to make your contribution is by credit card through the Hoover School website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>) and donate under "Click & Pledge." And last, but not least, if the company you work for has a matching contribution program, please notify us how we can help get Hoover Middle School listed in your company's program. All contributions help the whole school; not one child, not one course, not one teacher, not one class, but EVERYONE at Hoover! Contact Diego Montoya, Treasurer, at [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com) for any questions you may have. Thank you!!

## 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.

### 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
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.**

**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](http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High_School_Open_House_Calendar.pdf)

**CLASS OF 2009 INFO:** 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.

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

**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.

## SAVE ME A SPOT IN COLLEGE – SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

\*The "Save Me a Spot in College" Youth Scholarship Contest provides Middle & High School students with an opportunity to ensure that California saves a spot for every student who wants to go to college. The scholarship contest calls for 6-12th graders to address the question "Why should California leaders save you & your peers a spot in college?" through various mediums – written word, poster, TV ad – to highlight the importance of college opportunity.

\*Deadline is 03/15/09 at 11:59 pm. All entries must be mailed & postmarked or submitted online by that date to be considered.

\*For more information: [www.collegecampaign.org](http://www.collegecampaign.org); 1-800-459-9586; [contest@collegecampaign.org](mailto:contest@collegecampaign.org).

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:** Please let me know if you can help check these out and help write them. We have most of the information available:

**Kohl's Kids Who Care Scholarship Program to Recognize Young Volunteers**

Deadline: 03/15/09. Nominees will be divided into two groups (ages 6 to 12 and 13 to 18) and awards will be given on three levels. More than two thousand store winners will each be awarded a \$50 Kohl's Gift Card. The 194 regional winners will each be awarded \$1,000 scholarships toward their postsecondary education. Ten national winners will each be awarded \$5,000 scholarships. In addition, Kohl's will contribute \$1,000 to a nonprofit organization on behalf of each national winner. RFP Link: **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**

## SAVE THE DATE FOR "PLAN ON COLLEGE

**Free Barbeque Lunch & Refreshments provided!**

**Date/Time:** SAT MAY 16 @ 9am - 130pm

**Location:** University of California, San Francisco (UCSF); 513 Parnassus Avenue

### Come find out:

Why should I go to college? What does it take to get into college? What classes do I need to take in high school to get into college?

\*If you have any questions please call Shannon Noonan at 415-476-5353 or Adriana Carrillo at 415-514-3651.

### THANK YOU SO MUCH to:

\*Heidi Chan & family for donating the DVD player! Much appreciated and will be put to good use immediately!

\*Marilyn Garcia, Room C36, wants to thank Hank & Wendy Wu, & Betsy Segarra for all of the supplies!"

### VOLUNTEER 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](mailto: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](mailto:saliente@aol.com). Thank you for all of your support...Janet Cunningham & Ms. Woodhull.

### OTHER INFO:

**-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.