

March 11, 2009

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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- Ms Joanna Wardell, Gr. 7: WardellJ@sfusd.edu
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- 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 & 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

MAR 11 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office
MAR 14 Summer Resource Fair, Saturday, Concourse Exhibition Center
MAR 16-20 Parent-Teacher Conference Week: Early dismissal
MAR 18 PTA General Meeting: 7pm: Cafeteria
MAR 19 Asian meeting about Summer Program Resources: 6-7pm: Cafeteria
MAR 19 Hoover 6th grade Night of Music 6th grade Band: 730pm: Auditorium
MAR 26 School dance, 3:15-4:45 p.m., Cafeteria
MAR 27 Hoover Creative Arts Night, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
MAR 30 Cesar Chavez Day – NO SCHOOL
MAR 31-APR 3 SPIRIT WEEK (Look in HH for each day's event!)
APR 3 Spring Fair: 9am-330pm: Gym
APR 6-10 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
APR 15 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office

Everyone is invited to attend the rest of the year's upcoming **PTA BOARD MEETINGS** scheduled every second WED of the month, 6 p.m., main office. TONIGHT: **MAR 11**; Upcoming dates: APR 22 (special), & MAY 13.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK IS MAR 16-20: Requests to meet with teachers should be submitted in writing to the Main Office before FRI MAR 13th. We will accommodate as many conferences as possible. Please know that if you cannot meet in person, you may arrange for telephone or email conference.

NO FIGHT POLICY @HOOVER: from Thomas H. Graven, Assistant Principal Pupil Services
*We have noticed an increase in play fighting, in PE, the yard, & the hallways recently. Sometimes these play fights turn into bigger issues, that affect student safety & how safe students feel at school. Please be reminded, no play fighting or fighting of any kind is allowed at school.

*If you have a conflict, adult staff are here to help you, please talk to an adult. Any rough or aggressive playing or any harmful physical conflict will result in suspension from school & family meetings and other interventions. We need your help to keep our school safe & fun. Keep your hands to yourself & talk to an adult if you are not feeling safe.

SKATE BOARD POLICY @ HOOVER: from Thomas H. Graven, Assistant Principal Pupil Services: Please take note that skateboarding is not allowed anywhere on school grounds at any time, before or after school. This is to protect the safety of students & staff.

HOOVER RANDALL MUSEUM SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS: *Congratulations to the following Hoover Scientist who will be competing in the SF Bay Area Science Fair. This is how they placed at the Randall Museum Science Fair: The SF Science Fair projects are divided into 3 categories: Physical, Biological & Behavioral. Hoover kids placed as follows in different categories:

***6th Grade:** Christina McDonald, 3rd, Sumedha Kumari & Jennifer Chan, 4th. **Honorable mentions:** Kayla Cansicio, Elizabeth Jones and Hattie Schnorr. 6th graders do not compete in the SF Bay Area Science Fair.

***7th Grade:** Tyler Okano- 3rd, Jasmine Mina Benothman, Kaitlyn Ikeda, Vladislav Zhirmov & Margaret Nygard placed 4th in the various categories. They will all go on to compete in the SF Bay Area Science Fair. *This year, 4th place winners were allowed to compete in SFBASF.* **Honorable mentions:** Elijah Alperin, Noa Batle & Jacquelyn McDonald.

SUMMER MUSIC WORKSHOP: Gustafer Yellowgold's "Golden Heart Stmphony" with Morgan Taylor. It will be held at Presidio Middle School on MAR 21 at 11am & 3pm and again on MAR 22 at 2pm & 5pm. Tickets are \$15.00. For more information or tickets, contact: gustaferyellowgold.com or call 415-479-0807

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.**

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Article Due	Distribution Date
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

*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:

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.

ANNUAL FUND AT HOOVER!

THANK YOU- Your donations to the 2009 HOOVER PTA ANNUAL FUND total \$4,900 for the grand total of \$5,900! This year's goal is \$60,000! We need everyone's donation, BIG & small!!! You can contribute by cash, check made out to Hoover PTA, or credit card donation through the Hoover School website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>). Please do not be discouraged if you think your contribution does not help. EVERY monetary contribution is needed to maintain the Education Fund, Student Enrichment Activities & the Unified Arts program. Contact Diego Montoya, Treasurer, at dilinc@hotmail.com for any questions you may have.

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN HOMEWORK/TUTORING: The counseling department will be offering an after-school drop-in homework & tutoring room from 345-445pm on MON & WED in Room B25. Ms. Renteria, Ms. Wardell & Ms. Wax will be supervising the homework room.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*Hoover PTA wants to thank Winnie Lew & Linda Kahrau-Rodriguez for volunteering to be nominated for next year's PTA Board as Treasurers!

*Hoover still needs you to contact us so you can be nominated for one of the many positions open for next year. They are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Volunteer & Communications Chair, Hoover Happenings Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, Hoover Spirit T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Chair, & Reflections Chair. Our deadline is the end of MAR to nominate the new board slate in APR! Every board member serves a one-year term. Contact Linda Renteria, saliente@aol.com or Debi Skaggs, dbskaggs@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

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; 800-459-9586; contest@collegecampaign.org.

4TH ANNUAL SF FAMILY SUMMER RESOURCE FAIR: SAT MAR 14, 2009: 10am-3pm

*Concourse Exhibition Center (8th & Brannan Streets). *Find information about camps, classes, programs, & services from over 200 exhibitors. FREE showcase of everything for city children, youth, and families to do when school is out this summer. Young people ages 14-18 will also find everything youth need to get work this summer from workshops & mentors at the Jobs Space section.

*NEW THIS YEAR: Three Exhibitor Areas

1. General Exhibitors: Up to 200 organizations presenting summer programs and services.
2. JobSpace: Up to 40 organizations serving youth ages 14 to 21 seeking employment.
3. Shape Up San Francisco: Up to 30 organizations presenting healthy lifestyle programs and resources

Wish list item- NEED WIRELESS DONATION @ Hoover for our College Prep program:

We could use a couple of wireless routers for the school, to be used with the Steps class, & for other class projects. Specifically, we could use N or G routers. Thanks, Counseling Department. Please contact Chris Drayson at DraysonC@sfusd.edu or Linda Renteria Saliente@aol.com.

SAT MAR 21- STEPPIN TO SF STATE: Come participate in workshops, where you will learn more about careers, college and programs available to support you. SAT MAR 21, 2009; 9am-2pm (Check-in begins at 830am); SFSU, Cesar Chavez Student Center at 1600 Holloway Avenue.

Workshops: Students and family members will attend separate workshops. Parent workshops will be given in Spanish, English, and Cantonese. *Parents/students: Please send an email to, steppintosfstate@gmail.com. Include your name, number in your party, school you currently attend and phone number or email to contact you.

MAR 31 Deadline: The **DOODLE 4 GOOGLE COMPETITION** is open to all U.S. residents between the ages of 5 & 18 who attend elementary and secondary schools (i.e. grades K-12) 6 entries per school. Hoover is registered. This year's theme is "What I wish for the world" Please visit the following website for full details on the contest and prizes. <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/index.html>