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HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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COUNSELING OFFICE VOICEMAIL

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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

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-3:30pm: Gym
APR 6-10 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
APR 14 SSC Meeting: 8am: Main Office
APR 16 Ice Cream Social for incoming 6th grade: 6:30pm: Auditorium
APR 22 PTA Board & General Meeting: Board: @6-7pm: Main Office; General @ 7pm: Cafeteria
APR 23 Talent Show: 7pm: Auditorium
APR 27-MAY 14 Standardized Testing: 9:15-3:25pm: Classrooms
May 2 Green Streak Butterfly/Beautification Day (Saturday): 10am-3pm: Hoover
May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week

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. Upcoming dates: APR 22 (special), & MAY 13.

NOTES FROM ADMIN:

***DIRTY CAFETERIA:** Please remind your child who eats in the cafeteria to please clean up after themselves and throw garbage where it belongs.

***CLEARING TARDY DETENTIONS:** Thanks to all students who are getting to class on time. Students will need to clear their detentions in order to participate in the dance, Spring "Springticious" Fair and Talent Show.

***NO FIGHT POLICY @HOOVER:** from Thomas H. Graven, Assistant Principal Pupil Services: We have noticed an increase in play fighting, in PE, the yard, & 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 & 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: 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.

CONGRATULATIONS PRINCIPAL MS. DONG & HOOVER PARENT CAROLYN SATODA!

On TUES MAR 10, 2009, the Board of Education recognized several administrators as Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 5 Administrators of the Year:

*Judy Dong - MS Administrator

*Carolyn Satoda - Curriculum and Instruction Administrator

HERC is accepting applications for the **ASTHMA CAMP** for children living with Asthma in the Bayview Hunter's Point area.

1. The Asthma Camp is scheduled from MON APR 6, through FRI APR 10 at the Lady Of Our Lourdes Hall, 410 Hawes, San Francisco, CA. 94124.

2. And SAT APR 11 from 10am-2pm, is the HERC's 10th annual asthma walk. After a 2.5 mile walk, children will be receiving their free Easter baskets. Children must be accompanied by parents and/or adults.

*Please join us on those dates and become a health advocate for the community. For More Information Contact: Ann Togia @ 415-401-6810, ext. 303. If you wish to make a donation, please call.

You are all invited to attend the **SAN FRANCISCO PTA REFLECTIONS AWARDS CEREMONY**. SAT APR 18: 1:30pm in the Board of Education Chambers at 555 Franklin. There is free parking in the parking lot, which you enter on McAllister. The Visual Art and Photography from all of the students whose work was submitted to the SF PTA will be on display in the same room from mid-March until mid-May. Hoover has 2 students, whose work received Outstanding Achievement awards & are going on to be judged at the state level. **Mackenzie Stoeltje for her work in literature titled "Passing on my Generation" & "Donna Wang for her visual arts work "Anonymous Lustrous".**

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN HOMEWORK/TUTORING: The counseling department will be offering an after-school drop-in homework & tutoring room from 3:45-4:45pm on MON & WED in Room B25. Ms. Renteria, Ms. Wardell & Ms. Wax will be supervising the homework room.

STUDENT CLUBS:

http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/htm/!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
APR 3	APR 8
	APR 6*
APR 17	APR 22
MAY 1	MAY 6
MAY 15	MAY 20
MAY 29	JUN 3
*Incoming 6 th Grader Edition	

GOT NEWS?

*Please e-mail website items to svyalca@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 Hoover 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*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.

MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS:

***MAR 26 Spring Dance:** will need chaperones and clean up help. Please email Ms. Woodhull at if you would like to volunteer or send a note to Ms. Woodhull to the main office. Chaperones are needed between 315- 445pm, the duration of the dance. Clean up help is from 445-515pm.

***MAR 27 Hoover Arts Night:** our electives including Independent Living, Dance & Art will be showcased in this wonderful evening at Hoover. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and clean up. Please check in with your child's elective teacher for volunteer opportunities.

Caroline Scott has volunteered to be the volunteer coordinator--Thanks Caroline!

***APR 2 SET-UP Hoover Spring Fair:** need some volunteers to help set up the day before the event, THURS APR 3, from 315-430pm. Please contact Jennie Lee at BeanieJLL@aol.com to volunteer.

***APR 3 Hoover Spring Fair:** Students set up game booths in the Gym for all the other students to enjoy. Parents organize food menu & sales, prize sale table, bake sale for this fun filled one-day event. All grades have an opportunity to participate in this event. We need bake sale items & volunteers throughout the day. Volunteers for food tables & prize tables. There are 3 shifts: 830-1130am, 1120AM-120pm, 125-325pm, and clean up from 3-4pm. Please contact Caroline Scott @t carolinescott@zephyrsf.com or Jennie Lee @ BeanieJLL@aol.com to volunteer or send bake sale items. Thank you!

***APR 16 - 6th Grade Ice Cream Social:** This is where we welcome our incoming 6th graders. We need a coordinator for the event. This is a great opportunity to greet our incoming parents & students. We will need ambassadors to answer questions & provide information on all our programs/events.

***APR 22 (day time shows) and April 23 Talent Show (evening performance):** Students need to sign up by this Friday in the Counseling office. There will be weekly rehearsals. Ms. Wardell and Ms. Wax

***SAT APR 25 from 930am to 5pm:** Volunteers Needed for the **West Portal Elementary School Spring Arts Festival**, More information or to volunteer, please contact Joanne Hong @ createfun4kids@gmail.com by APR 17.

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.

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>

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

*The Hoover Symphonic Band will be playing the Star-Spangled Banner at AT&T Park for the game on **TUES MAY 26**, against the Atlanta Braves. If you have never seen the Hoover Symphonic Band march on to the field at the ballpark, you are in for a thrill! The band will perform just before the 7:15 game. **All Hoover families & friends are invited to participate in this special Hoover tradition.** We have priority access to blocks of tickets for view reserved section.

*Every person age two or older needs a ticket, and **students MUST be accompanied by an adult.** If your child will be attending the game with another family, please arrange to order his/her ticket as part of that family's order. We will not be issuing single tickets to students.

*To buy tickets, send in the order form below, along with your check (**no cash**) made out to **Hoover Middle School Band**. The form & checks should be returned to the band room, to the Giant tickets box in the main office, or via mail to: Hoover Middle School, 2290 14th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, Attn: Giants tickets. **Final order deadline: FRI APR 17.** We will send you email confirmation w/in 2 weeks of receiving your order. Tickets will be mailed to you in mid May.

YES, I want to buy tickets to the Tuesday, May 26, Giants game:

Number of bleacher tickets desired _____ x \$10.50 Total: \$ _____
Total money included _____ \$ _____

Contact information:

Name: _____ Home phone: _____
Email: _____ Address _____ Zip _____
Student Name: _____ Grade _____ Homeroom _____
If Band student, please list the period of student's band class _____

*Write checks to: Hoover Middle School Band. If you have questions, please contact Petra Nygard at petra@nygard.net. This form can also be downloaded and printed out at the Hoover PTA website: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover/>

ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRI APR 17