

# April 29, 2009

# HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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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 do not longer release kids from school without written consent (note, email or faxed {759-2881} note). We do not 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.

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## CALENDAR

APR 27-MAY 14 Standardized Testing: 915-325pm: Classrooms  
May 2 Green Streak Butterfly/Beautification Day (Saturday): 10am-3pm: Hoover  
May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week  
MAY 5 PIE/Hoover Parents International Festival Night (All parents welcome): Mtg 630-7PM: Room A12A; 830pm Cafeteria  
MAY 7 Staff Appreciation Luncheon: 1115am-2pm: Library  
MAY 8 Dance Performance Night: 7pm: Auditorium  
**MAY 13 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office**  
MAY 15 Spring Orchestra Concert: 730pm: Auditorium  
MAY 20 Last PTA General Meeting: (Volunteer Appreciation Tea & Board Nominations): 7-900pm: Auditorium  
MAY 21 Spring BAND Concert: 730pm: Auditorium

**CST TESTING:** Testing takes place in the morning. Please make sure students have a good nights' rest & breakfast.

-APR 28 to MAY 1: 6th, 7th & 8th grade

-MAY 4-5: 8th grade only

-MAY 7-8: 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Only students who are English Learners in the Spanish Immersion Program take the STS (Spanish CA Standards Test)

-CST make-up test on MAY 11-14

## JOIN HOOVER GOOGLE GROUPS:

A "FREE" service: Please join Hoover Middle School PTA Google Groups. As a member, you will receive the Hoover Happenings Newsletter in electronic format, stay informed on what is going on in your child's school, as well as have the opportunity to ask questions & participate in group discussions. To join, visit <http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta> and click on "Apply for Group Membership" on the right. E-mail Susan Yalca at [syalca@yahoo.com](mailto:syalca@yahoo.com) if you need assistance. **Most of the information is posted on the Hoover PTA & Website:** <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

**PRINCIPAL SELECTION COMMITTEE:** Hoover's principal, Ms. Judy Dong, will be retiring at the end of this school year. The School Site Council has selected a Principal Selection Committee to participate in the interview process. The selection of principals is done by the SFUSD central administration. Candidate interviews take place in April & May. We will share information on the new principal as soon as s/he is appointed. Principal Selection Committee Members are:

-Cheryl Heinonen, parent

-Dale Pitman, parent

-Christina Yan, teacher

-John Kim, teacher

-Leonard Raznick, teacher

**BASS BASH: from Mr. Frank:** Congratulations to the Hoover bass students for excellent performances at the annual "bss Bash". They performed in a master class at Giannini Middle School. This was followed up by their performance at Davis Hall with ~100 other bass players, from all over the Bay Area. The bassists are Samantha Beutler, Anna Chen, Danielle DeBruin, Ken Rivera, William Tien, Jorge Aguirre, Chrystal Lee, Jhayi Ushijima, Sandiq Anderson, Ema Jordan, Nate Spielman, Jason Chin, Michelle Jin, Yuki Rivera, Gabe Sandoval, Vicky Chai, Maggie Deng, & Anton Goal.

**SOTA FIELD TRIP:** Thank you to the following chaperones for assisting us on our field trip to SOTA on MAR 12 to see The Wedding Singer. Cynthia Dragon, Heidi Chan, Tina Low, Linda Renteria, Martha Sandoval, Jerry Polan, Partick Petrelli, Woody LaBounty, Frances Lee & Susan Yalca. Your assistance made this field trip one to remember. With appreciation, Ms. Janet Cunningham.

**SPRING FAIR:** Thank you to all who volunteered at the Spring Fair on APR 3. Special thanks to Jannice McDonald, Dawn Shaw, Kelley Carlin, Angela Morrison, Caroline Scott, Evan Hong, Julie Hagleshaw, Connie Wong, & Linda Renteria.

Chair: [kdwr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdwr@sbcglobal.net)

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

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

### **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
MAY 8	MAY 13
MAY 22	MAY 27
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.

## **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 contribution is needed to maintain the Education Fund, Student Enrichment Activities & the Unified Arts program. Contact Diego Montoya, Treasurer, at [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com) for any questions you may have.

**DID YOU MISS THE YEARBOOK PRE-SALE?** From Leonard Raznick: Do you still want your 2008-2009 yearbook, but can't stand waiting in those long lines? Then listen up. Just log onto [sfpta.org/Hoover](http://sfpta.org/Hoover) & buy your very own yearbook, but don't forget to capitalize the "H" in Hoover. All you need is \$27.00 to get your very own 2008-2009 yearbook, but remember you only have until the end of April to get your very own yearbook unless you want to wait in those long lines!

**CONGRATULATIONS! California Coastal Art and Poetry Contest:** 6<sup>th</sup> graders Jules Schenkel, winner of the California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest for grades 4-6, & Pillipo Huang, honorable mention. Their poems will on display this year at the Moorpark Arts Festival, Ford House Museum, & Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. You may also read the poems online at <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/mm9/gallery-2009.html> .

**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, and Hoover Spirit T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Chair. Every board member serves a 1-year term. Contact Linda Renteria, [saliente@aol.com](mailto:saliente@aol.com) or Debi Skaggs, [dbskaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:dbskaggs@yahoo.com).

## **MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS:**

**-WEEK of APR 30<sup>th</sup>: GREEN STREAK BUTTERFLY WEEK,** To celebrate our butterfly habitat on our campus, to culminate in a "Beautify Hoover Day on SAT MAY 2. Some of our students have been studying this in science class. We will weed the habitat, cleaning up Hoover in general & a BBQ. **Volunteers Needed:** Contact Kelley Carlin at [Kelleycarlin@aol.com](mailto:Kelleycarlin@aol.com) if you would like to help coordinate this event.

**\*TUES MAY 5: PIE (Parents for Immersion Education) Meeting:** 630-7pm in room A12A.

**-International Potluck Night:** 7-830pm: come share your favorite family dishes, enjoy the Chinese Performing Arts Group (Hoover students), make tortillas, get to see some muralist art and get to know our Hoover community.

**-Volunteers Needed:** Have a cultural dance, craft you would like to share that evening? Want ideas for dishes? Please call Ana Lovo at 333-8169 or Linda Renteria @ [saliente@aol.com](mailto:saliente@aol.com).

**\*THURS MAY 7: TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** between 1115am-2pm. We provide lunch for all the Hoover Teachers & Staff. This is held in the Library. Past themes: Italian, Asian and Mexican. **Volunteers Needed:** Coordinator: Karen Wu at [bobodragonsf@yahoo.com](mailto:bobodragonsf@yahoo.com); **Volunteers Needed:** Please contact Karen to help in set up & decorations (10-11 a.m.), food/serving/hosting 11-2 pm, & clean up (2-3 pm). Have a list of 7 volunteers, but need a Coordinator to organize parents for set up, food/scheduling, decorations & clean up. Please contact Karen if you have questions.

**\*8<sup>th</sup> GRADE EVENTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Contact Gayline Tom at if you would like to volunteer at any of these events: [gaylinetom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaylinetom@sbcglobal.net)

**-THURS MAY 28: 830am-330pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic:** at McNear Beach, San Rafael: Volunteers needed for the following groups (MAY 28):

1. Cooks - 6 to 8 people to work the barbecue grill from 10am to 1pm (30 to 45 min. shift)
2. Picnic site helpers - 6 to 10 people, set up, crowd control & clean up

**-THURS JUN 4: Afternoon: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance:** Volunteers needed for set up, food/serving & clean up.

## **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](mailto:DraysonC@sfusd.edu) or Linda Renteria [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com).

## **JVS YOUTH PROGRAMS SUMMER JOB FAIR 2009: WED APR 29: 225 Bush St., 4th Floor**

Find out about summer jobs!

• Paid training and internships! Get help filling out applications. On-site interviews

[http://portal.sfusd.edu/data/special\\_ed/JobFairFlyer2009YwD.pdf](http://portal.sfusd.edu/data/special_ed/JobFairFlyer2009YwD.pdf)

Come and dance this summer with the **GRRRLS SUMMER DANCE CAMP** at Dance Mission Theater 3316 24th Street, SF, CA 94110. Camp runs for three weeks, JUN 15-JUL 3. Come for one week or join us for all three. This camp is for girls ages 9-17 years old. This exciting program offers classes in modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, salsa, Taiko drumming, belly dancing, yoga, choreography & self empowerment. For more information please visit [www.dancemission.com](http://www.dancemission.com).