

May 27, 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

MAY 27 Spring Choral Concert: 730pm: Auditorium
MAY 28 8th Grade Picnic: 9am-330pm: McNears Beach
JUN 3 Last PTA Executive Board Meeting: 6-7pm: Main Office
JUN 4 8th Grade Dance: 3-430pm: Cafeteria
JUN 5 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony: 930am-130pm: Lincoln HS
JUN 5 Silly Olympics: 930am-330pm: Gym
JUN 9 Last day of school

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 8th Graders!!! Good Luck as you move on to High School!

Thank you PTA Board, Committee Chairs and Parents,

Thank you for the "Aloha" gathering at Chevy's last Friday evening. It was a fun way to say good-bye to all of you. One of the wonderful responsibilities a principal has is to work with parents who not only support their student at home, but also engage in the many opportunities we have for leadership and activities. As I step away from Hoover, I can truly say that I could not have done this job without all of you every step of the way from the opening of school to the June wrap-up. I thank wishing you success and many joyful rewards in supporting your children.
Sincerely, Judy Dong

WELLNESS CENTER: Have a great active summer!

For summer ideas (camps, outings, resources) please visit <http://www.sfkids.org/>.

Family Summer Resource Guide:

http://healthiersf.org/News/HealthAwarenessMonths/SummerResource2009Guide_final.pdf

San Francisco Families ...on a Budget

<http://www.dcyf.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=3728>

**Protect yourself and your family from the sun with a hats, sunscreen, and sun glasses!*

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 if you need assistance.
Most of the information is posted on the Hoover PTA & Website: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

Thank you to all those who completed the **Hoover Satisfaction Survey**. We received about 400 returns, most of them on paper. The SSC is in the process of creating one electronic preadsheet to allow for easier analysis of the responses. We expect to provide early feedback, including comments on general trends, before the end of the school year. Dale Pitman, on behalf of the Hoover SSC

Message from PTA President Debi Skaggs: Let me take this opportunity to thank and announce to you our new Hoover PTA parent slate for next school year.

THESE LOVELY AND DEDICATED PARENTS ARE:

JULIE HAGELSHAW - VP1

LAURRIE PETRELLI - VP2

WINNIE LEW - TREASURER

ANGELA MORRISON - PTA MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

KAREN ROBBINS - PTA REFLECTIONS CHAIR

LESLIE KIRK-CAMPBELL - COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

LINDA KAHRAU-RODRIGUEZ AND TRICIA KELLY-CARLIN - CO-VOLUNTEER
COORDINATORS

JOANNE TRACHT-RAWSON - HOOVER HAPPENINGS EDITOR

Chair: kdwr@sbcglobal.net

***DON'T HESITATE NOW! OUR SCHOOL NEEDS A LEADER FOR THIS GREAT TEAM OF PARENTS!**

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.

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
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.

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 for any questions you may have.

BOX TOPS For EDUCATION LABELS:

-Thank you to parents and faculties who turned in the Box Tops for Education labels this year. Your effort is greatly appreciated and the proceeds will benefit the Hoover community. Every label counts so please continue to cumulate your labels during the summer break and turn them in to the main office next school year. Have a wonderful summer break!

-To get more info on this program, visit <http://www.boxtops4education.com> or contact Frances Lee, mbe24th@dslextreme.com.

YEARBOOK SALES and DISTRIBUTION: Will start WED MAY 27. I know some parents have been seeking information about yearbooks. There is still an opportunity to buy a yearbook (\$30 ea.) starting WED MAY 27, 830-9am in front of the main office. Yearbook sales end TUES JUN 2. Don't hesitate to get this done before the deadline.

FREE SUMMER PROGRAM!!! Attention Parents!!! The Stonestown YMCA/ExCEL will be offering a FREE Summer Program! The program will run from JUN 15-JUL17, 1230-6pm. This program is open to all current Hoover students and is perfect for students attending Summer School! If interested, please pick up an application from the Main Office or contact Maggie Bruening at 415.832.0622, or mbruening@ymcasf.org

VOLUNTEER/OTHER 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, Volunteer Chair, Secretary, and Hoover Spirit T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Chair. Every board member serves a 1-year term. Contact Linda Renteria, saliente@aol.com or Debi Skaggs, dbskaggs@yahoo.com.

-SILLY OLYMPICS: Monday, June 8, 2009 9-330. We need parent volunteers for each homeroom, outside activities or crafts during lunch. Please contact Linda Renteria at Saliente@aol.com

- **PE Department:** Ms. Lee in particular, is seeking parent help (2 volunteers needed) to launder lost and found and recycled PE uniforms to be clean and ready for next school year. You will also need to check in with Ms. Cheng, Room B18, to find out when the good times are to launder these uniforms if the preference is to do this on school grounds; otherwise, I believe it would be fine to wash in your own home and bring the PE uniforms back before the school year ends. Contact Ms. Lee by putting a note with your contact information in her mailbox in the main office, please.

***8th GRADE EVENTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Contact Gayline Tom at if you would like to volunteer at any of these events: gaylinetom@sbcglobal.net

-THURS MAY 28: 830am-330pm: 8th 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: 8th Grade Dance: Volunteers needed for set up, food/serving & clean up.

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

Counseling Department: contact Chris Drayson at DraysonC@sfusd.edu or Linda Renteria Saliente@aol.com.

-Backpacks for our homeless students for the fall. Backpacks should be plain and not red or blue, or with a theme which is popular with our students (Spiderman, Spongebob, etc.). It would be particularly helpful if they had school supplies in them (pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, paper, colored pencils, etc., but no markers).

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.