

# HOOVER HAPPENINGS

May 28, 2003

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## CALENDAR DATES

### May . . .

5/29: 8th Grade Picnic  
5/29: Fundraising Workshop  
5/29: Developing Minds Video Series  
5/31: "Best Teacher" Essay Deadline

### June . . .

6/3: Promotion Dance  
6/4: Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony  
9:30 a.m., Lincoln High School  
6/6: Last Day of Instruction  
Last Grading Period Ends

## ***PLUGGING UP THE DIKE CRISIS FUND UPDATE***

**PLEASE DIG A LITTLE DEEPER ... We've only got \$6,000 to go.** We're coming up to the finish line and need just \$6,000 more to re-instate 1½ positions through the Budget Crisis Fund. As class sizes increase and the counseling staff decreases, any positions we can save will make a HUGE difference to our kids. **If you have not yet donated or are in a position to give again,** please send your check today ... or go on-line to [www.amireg.com/hooverfund](http://www.amireg.com/hooverfund). We are so close to reaching our goal that **EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.**

Thank you to all Hoover families for your generosity at this important time.

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

On Wednesday, May 21st, Hoover students voted for next year's student officers. We are very proud of all the candidates for stepping forward to run for office. They all presented themselves with poise and confidence when they took their places at the podium before two full assemblies and should be congratulated for their willingness to take leadership roles. With the results tabulated, we are pleased to announce the student body officers for 2003-2004:

- \* Monica Compton, *President*
- \* Karalen Morthole, *Vice President*
- \* Carter Chung, *Secretary*
- \* Nick Rives, *Treasurer*
- \* Kimberly Ricci, *Activities Manager*

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**SUMMERTIME FUN . .**

**ROCK CLIMBING SUMMER DAY  
CAMP IN BERKELEY / BOYS AND  
GIRLS SURFING DAY CAMP:**

Info: 510-465-0016 or  
[www.girlsAdventureOUT.com/](http://www.girlsAdventureOUT.com/)

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**RANDALL MUSEUM CLASSES**

The Randall Museum in SF offers an amazing array of summer activities for children, teens, adults and families -- ceramics, arts, science, theater, wildlife viewing ... the list goes on. Call for a catalog: 415-554-9600 or Web: [www.randallmuseum.org](http://www.randallmuseum.org).

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**SUMMER THEATER WORKSHOP**

Joshua and Amy Rich present "onstage / offstage," a self-directed theater workshop for 5 weeks this summer. Info: 415-497-8795. E-mail: [joshuamy2003@yahoo.com](mailto:joshuamy2003@yahoo.com).

## **SPEAKING OF VOTING . . .**

**PARENTS:** Your child will be bringing home a ballot on Monday June 2 which must be returned the following day, Tuesday June 3 for you to vote on how the Hoover Crisis Fund monies should be spent. You will be asked to vote for one of two proposed spending options. Please consider carefully how you feel the money can best be spent so that it will have the greatest positive impact on the entire student body for the 2003-4 school year. General information on the two options will be included to help you make your choice. We thank all of the Hoover families who donated to the Crisis Fund, making it possible for us to salvage at least part of what would otherwise have been lost, due to state and federal budget cuts.

## **HOOVER ART STUDENTS WIN AWARDS**

Congratulations to the 8th-grade art class for winning the bronze award in the S.F. Youth Arts Festival group category. Congrats also to Emma Cauthorn for her bronze award in the individual category. Emma's sculpture has also been chosen to be exhibited in the Family Court at the Civic Center Courthouse from July 2003 to May 2004. Fantastic! ---Ms. Pai

## **CHORUS CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS**

The Hoover Chorus Concert last Thursday night was a big success. Parents and friends spent the evening enjoying the music of the beginning, intermediate and advanced choral classes. Many parents commented on the astounding progress the groups have all made in just the few short months since the December concert. Ms. Alison Gutierrez has obviously been working hard with her classes in the interim. A few very brave students even managed to get up in front of everyone to give solo performances. The soloists were Casey Gaut, Daisy Quan, Courtney Mark and Angela Chen. Other highlights included a tap dance performance by The Swing Kids, a vocal quartet, and a stirring ballad performed by eleven members of the Honors Ensemble. Special thanks to Debbie Lee, Bill Tamayo, and Suzan and Jon Mark, who organized the bake sale, and to all of the families who donated baked goods. Proceeds will be contributed to Hoover's Budget Crisis Fund.

## **KUDOS TO MS. MENEELY AND THE HOOVER WELLNESS CLUB!**

Ms. Sally Meneely and five outstanding members of her Hoover Wellness Club attended the SFUSD School Nutrition & Physical Fitness Advisory Committee, which was created by a Board of Education Resolution. Carter Chung, Connie Chung, Christopher Colbert, Daisy Quan, and Jessica Tsang gave the Committee information on their efforts to banish junk food from Hoover. Their feedback will be included in the overall plan that will be given to Superintendent Arlene Ackerman to improve the food served in the cafeteria and beanery and the snacks sold in vending machines and fundraisers for the entire San Francisco Unified School District. Many thanks go to Ms. Meneely and all the members of her Wellness Club. Keep up the good work!

---Gwen Chan and Maria Cuevas Chin, Chief Development Office, SFUSD

## **"MY TEACHER IS THE BEST" ESSAY CONTEST**

Have you ever had a teacher who changed your life? GiveKidsGoodSchools.com would like to know what you think makes a good teacher and why. Students are invited to write about their favorite teacher and why he or she is so special. Top prizewinners will receive two new laptop computers -- one for the student and one for their favorite teacher! This contest is only open to 6th, 7th and 8th graders in public schools (including public charter schools) in the United States and its territories. Essays should be no longer than 250 words in length and must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2003. See <http://www.givekidsgoodschools.com/goodteachers/essay.html> for all the details.

## **PTA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRS NEEDED**

PARENTS!! The Hoover PTA plays an essential role in supporting our school and our children. Especially in these days of budget cuts, the PTA is more important than ever. We have been lucky to have a high percentage of families enrolled in the Hoover PTA in the past, and we need to keep the ball rolling for next year. We are currently looking for two people to share the job of Membership Committee Co-Chairs. This job is easily shared by 2 people and is work-intensive only in the first two months of school. If you (and a friend?) can chair the Fall Membership Drive for our PTA, please contact Barbara Blakely 469-0773; <[barbara94112@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara94112@yahoo.com)> or Suzy Barnard 642-9860; <[saygwin@pacbell.net](mailto:saygwin@pacbell.net)>. This is your opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to support your child's school. HOOVER NEEDS YOU!

## FUNDRAISING WORKSHOP - MAY 29

State and local budget cuts are hitting our schools hard! What can parents do? Parents for Public Schools is sponsoring a workshop May 29 to help educate parents on how to advocate for adequate funding for our schools and how to help schools raise money. Speakers: \*Dr. Tony Anderson, Executive Dir. of State and Federal Grants at the SFUSD - State and Federal funding, district support and requirements. \*Terry Norbury, Treasurer of the SF District PTA - What you and your PTA can fund and support at your site. \*Julianne Wurm, Instructional Reform Facilitator -Fundraising and research tips to find the right grants and collaborations. \*Nick Driver, Parent, SSC member and former education writer for the SF Examiner - Foundations, Non-Profits and Fiscal sponsors...what's right for your school? Thursday, May 29, 2003, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Fairmount Elementary School Library, 65 Chenery Street @Randall/San Jose Ave. Please RSVP! 415-468-7077 or info@ppssf.org.

## HIGHER ORDER COGNITION - MAY 29

The Developing Minds video series is a success-oriented approach to understanding and demystifying a student's learning profile that focuses on strengthening strengths and developing strategies that work for children, adolescents, parents, and teachers. In the video "Higher Order Cognition," Dr. Mel Levine identifies six major areas of higher order cognition that are equally important in learning and looks at strategies to enhance children's higher order cognition. Thursday, May 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, SF Main Library, Lower Level. No advance registration needed. Info: 415.557.4540. All programs at the Library are free.

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## SUMMER READING & WRITING ENRICHMENT COURSES

Info: 415-564-7079 or E-mail: audreythao@juno.com.

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**ATTENDANCE VOICE MAIL NUMBER CHANGED:** *Parents:* The old attendance voice mail telephone numbers have been discontinued. To reach the attendance voice mail to report your child absent, please call 581-4011.

TO LIST ITEMS in Hoover Happenings, contact Pam Grant-Ryan: pgr@sfsu.edu, 239-0381, or leave a note in the Hoover Happenings mail slot in the office. Deadline 3 p.m. Friday.