

September 26, 2007

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

Attendance 248-1306
Administration 759-2783
Counseling 759-2787
GATE 263-6842
YMCA 832-0622
(Cameron Burch)
Ms. Judy Dong 263-6782
(Principal)

Please call the attendance number when your child will be absent from school. Be prepared to give their full name, grade, homeroom number, and reason for absence.

When calling the school, you will be asked to leave a message. Calls cannot be forwarded to classrooms.

COUNSELING OFFICE VOICEMAIL

- Mr. Graven, Asst. Principal: 273-5451
- Ms. Gibbons, Head Counselor: 273-5710; gibbonsn1@sfusd.edu
- Mr. Leonard, Gr. 8 Counselor: 273-1075; counselor@frankleonard.com
- Ms. Castillo, Gr. 7 Counselor: 759-2783
- Mr. Koppes, Gr. 6 Counselor

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 and concerns.

*Call 248-1306 to report student absences.

*For any student related concerns, call 759-2787 or 2793 to reach the Counseling Department.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet every month on the 2nd Wednesday, alternating morning and afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

PTA CONTACTS

- Linda Renteria, President: 850-5165; Saliente@aol.com
- Jill Fox, Vice President: 285-9211; ibjill@comcast.net

CALENDAR

SEPT 26 Picture Day
OCT 1-5 Walk to School Week; OCT 3: "Walk & Roll" Walk to School Day
OCT 8 Columbus/Indigenous People's Day (**SCHOOL CLOSED**)
OCT 10 6:00-7:00pm: PTA Board Meeting. All welcome. Main Office
OCT 13 9:30am - 3:30pm: Band and Orchestra Fundraising Carwash at Commodore Sloat Elementary School
OCT 17 7:00am to 9:00pm: PTA Board General Meeting: High School Info. Cafeteria
OCT 17 Picture Day Make-up

ALL CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO A PUBLIC EDUCATION: Message from Judy K. Dong, Principal:

Every student in San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD), regardless of immigration status, has a right to receive a public education & school services, including free/reduced lunch & breakfast, transportation, & other educational services for which they qualify. A social security number is not required to enroll in SFUSD schools & receive services. In case of a family emergency or separation, all families are required to complete school site emergency cards & are strongly encouraged to keep this information up-to-date.

If you are a parent & want to become involved in your school, please contact your school principal or the Office of Parent Relations (415-241-6185). If you have any immigration questions, you may want to contact the Chinese for Chinese for Affirmative Action (415-274-6750) for assistance in Chinese/English or Mujeres Unidas y Activas (415-621-8140) for help in Spanish

FRIDAY BOOK CLUB offered at both lunch periods:

- Starting FRI SEPT 28 in the library
- We will read the current nominations for the California Young Reader Medal: The Schwa Was Here by Neal Shusterman, Day of Tears, a novel in dialogue by Julius Lester and Chicken Boy by Frances O'Roark Dowell. Students who read all 3 books can vote for their favorite title. Maybe that title will win the award!
- Participants can borrow the book titles from the SF Public Library.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL: Message from Judy K. Dong, Principal :

The School Site Council (SSC) is searching for two new parent members & two parent alternates. Please review the letter from Ms. Dong sent home today along with the Happenings describing the work of the SSC. If you are interested in running in the SSC election, please complete & return the bottom portion of the letter to your child's homeroom teacher.

2007-2008 SFUSD PARENT CONVENTION: Family/School Partnership For Student Success! SAT, SEPT 29, 830am - 130pm (with SSC workshops & informal roundtable until 3pm), at John O'Connell High School, 2355 Folsom Street @ 20th. Luncheon keynote speaker is Superintendent Garcia. Register online at www.sfusd.edu. Parents are invited to attend.

WEST PORTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHINESE PERFORMANCE ARTS PROGRAM (CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE)

All West Portal Alumni students are invited to participate in the 2007/2008 Chinese Performance Arts Program. The Chinese New Year parade is FEB 23, 2008. The performance group list below shows the practice info for each group. Additionally there will be three Sunday (or Saturday) practices before the parade.

Please pick up sign up forms in the West Portal office - CPAP box. Forms must be filled out & signed by parents & returned to the CPAP box or bring to the first practice.

www.westportalschool.com/wppc/cpap.html

eWaste RECYCLING & FUNDRAISER EVENT: SAT NOV 3, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Location: Sunset Elementary School, Ortega Street between 40th & 41st Avenues
We will be collecting computers, monitors, laptops, printers, TVs, VCRs, microwave ovens, fax machines, telephones, radios, stereo components, cables/cords & other items. This is a great way to get rid of old electronic equipment while making sure that it is recycled to help protect the environment.

The event is co-sponsored by West Portal Elementary, Sunset Elementary, Hoover Middle & Lincoln High Schools. If you are planning to get rid of old electronic equipment, please hold onto it for this event. There is no charge, all you have to do is drive in and drop off! The eWaste recycling company will actually pay us for our unwanted eWaste! All proceeds will go toward the Education Funds at the sponsoring schools. Look for the eWaste fundraiser brochure in your October parent folder for a complete list of items that will be accepted.

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM: Chair Marcia Zorrilla

Let your talent shine! Are you looking for a way to express yourself &

- Debi Skaggs, Secretary:
dbskaggs@yahoo.com
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer:
dilinc@hotmail.com
- Carol Lee, Membership
Chair: 664-5093;
phonymom@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*Susan Tong, Volunteer
Chair: susan.tong@sf.frb.org

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Article Due Date	Distribution Date
OCT 5	OCT 10
OCT 19	OCT 24
NOV 2	NOV 7
NOV 16	NOV 21

GOT NEWS?

Please drop Hoover Happenings items in the PTA Happenings mailbox or send items via email to Kate Ikeda:
bkbkikeda@aol.com.

Electronic submissions preferred.

JOIN HOOVER PTA:

Please contact Carol Lee:
phonymom@yahoo.com

JOIN HOOVER GOOGLE GROUPS:

Sign up for the Hoover PTA Google group list serve. Google Groups is a list where any member can post information or ask questions about Hoover activities. Go to Hoover PTA website:
<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>.

SEASONAL SPORTS: INFORMATION POSTED ON:

<http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/athletics.htm>

STUDENT CLUBS:

http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_club_s.htm

2008 ENTERTAINMENT SF/SAN MATEO BOOKS

are now on sale for \$25/book! The order form can be found on-line: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/>; or contact Kate Ikeda for further info: bkbkikeda@aol.com

SUNSET LEARNING CENTER:

MON-FRI 330 – 6pm. Daily after-school 6th & 7th grade academic support. 321 Taraval Street, (415) 753-3636

show others your talent as a photographer, visual artist, writer, choreographer, composer, or film producer? Participate in PTA's Reflections Program.

The theme is "I can make a difference by." Think about what you can do to make a difference. Then create an original piece of artwork in one of six categories: musical composition, dance choreography, film/video production, literature, visual arts or photography.

Deadline for entries: MON, NOV 27. Official rules & entry forms will be in the Main Office this week.

Download official rules - please follow CAREFULLY! Many entries were DISQUALIFIED for not FOLLOWING THE RULES.

- Information in English:

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/ReflectionsGeneralRules2007-2008.pdf>

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/ReflectionsRules2007-2008.pdf>

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/ReflectionsFAQ2007-2008.pdf>

- Information in Spanish:

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/ReflectionsGeneralRules2007-2008-es.pdf>

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/ReflectionsRules2007-2008-es.pdf>

<http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/downloads/ReflectionsFAQ2007-2008-es.pdf>

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR EACH 8TH GRADER:

8th grader will need to complete 5 hours of Community Service at a **non-profit agency (not retail businesses or food sales)** as a requirement for participation in the graduation ceremony in June. Work done at Hoover MS can be placed toward Merit Awards, not for this Community Service requirement. For the class of 2008, these service hours must be completed by FEB 1, 2008. There is a green form (with all this info) that needs to signed by the agency. They are in the counseling office at the front desk.

The following is a partial list of agencies where students have worked in the past. You may use an agency form this list or find another one on your own. It is important to choose something that interests you in order to make the experience more meaningful: SPCA, SF Food Bank, Glide Foundation Food Program, SFUSD Child Development Centers and other non-profit childcare centers, Park and Rec Playgrounds, Boys & Girls Club, Beach Clean-up, Special Olympics, Adult Care Facilities, SF Zoo, Public Libraries, GG Park Conservatory.

HOOVER MUSIC CARWASH:

Tickets and volunteer sign-up forms for the Hoover Music carwash on SAT OCT 13 have been distributed to students. Please ask your student if you have not received them. Sign up for a shift & return your volunteer form by Sept. 28. Sell tickets to friends & family! The carwash raises funds for new instruments, instrument repairs, guest music coaches for students, and other band & orchestra expenses.

CYBER SPACE and OUR KIDS:

Presented by Common Sense Media at www.CommonSenseMedia.org or on Comcast.com/services/common sense. Media has changed since "our TV time". Teens (12 and over) get 45-60 hours/week of media exposure. Media now has 64% sex, 67% violence, 80% "sugar" commercials; 87% of boys under 17 have played M rated games.

ONLINE: What kids do: surf & search, downloading, games, communication, hanging out at a site or creating content.

PROS: Social/fun/exploring/keep in touch/skills for 21st century/creativity/self expression.

CONS:

- Cyber-bullying: Biggest threat- done anonymously, so you do not know who/why/how;
- Sexual predators: 20% solicited for sex, lower threat & dependent on victim's behavior online;
- "Groom" victims for 3-6 months;
- Cheating: (IPODs, cells) used in class;
- Reputation: Future impact of present online actions;
- Exposure Self Destructive behavior: Websites that glorify bulimia, self inflicted pain...;
- Inappropriate content: Easy access to everything;
- Commercialism: Pop-ups even on our kids cell phones.

Prevention: Parents be aware/get involved: Centrally locate computer; Balanced use; Check out sites/explore safety; Ask your kid questions where/who; Communicate with kids; Get familiar with language (26% of kids use to hide info)- BRB?, POS?, KOL?

DO: Set private settings with option for friends only; screen name should be non-gender specific (neutral). Teach them to think before they post! It is there forever; Be suspicious; "Grooming" make sure kids know what this is. Teach kids to respect others online; Caution on what kids download. Parents are held financially responsible for kid's downloads. **Help kids better understand cyber space:** Critical thinking- Who controls the website?; What is its main purpose?; Who/what are they selling you? Is info/site creditable; is it useful?

NEXT ART PROVIDES MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: Do you know a schoolchild who needs a musical instrument of their very own? NextArts has teamed up with Jupiter Band Instruments to help. Learn more about this new program: www.nextarts.org

FAMILY FESTIVAL is SAT, OCT 13 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Come to Yerba Buena Gardens & enjoy hours of fabulous entertainment including the Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble, Loco Bloco, & School of Rock PLUS kids can enjoy a climbing wall, carousel rides, & lawn games while parents roam the Resource Fair of family services. To find out more about Family Festival & everything else you need to know to raise children in the City check out www.SFKids.org, San Francisco's Official Family Resource Guide.

UCSF DENTAL CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS: SAT, OCT 13

15 spaces available. Middle School students who are interested in learning more about dentistry (student must be accompanied by a chaperone). Contact Mary Sobierlski by OCT 1 @ 800-232-7645 or 916-554-4949.

