

October 10, 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 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
- Ms. Zerull, All grades ELD/Immersion

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 WED, alternating morning and afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

PTA CONTACTS

CALENDAR

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 7:00 - 9:00pm: PTA General Meeting: How to Choose a High School. Cafeteria
OCT 23 Math & Science Night
OCT 29-NOV 2 Parent-Teacher Conference Week
NOV 1 Picture Day Make-up

TONIGHT, WED OCT 10: PTA Board Meeting at 6pm in Main Office. Please attend. Input from all our grade levels and our Hoover community. Only the PTA board (this includes committee chairs) can vote, but all can participate. Agenda: Discussion on Budget and upcoming events.

CORRECTION: SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Please note correction on the return of the School Site Council self-nomination form. It is due back to either Homeroom teachers or to Ms. Dong by FRI OCT 12. Interested parents may submit in 30 words or less, an introduction of yourself to be printed on the ballot.

CHOOSING A HIGH SCHOOL AND THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS:

Students & Parents & Teachers are invited on WED OCT 17, 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. Hosted by the Hoover PTA. Everyone Welcome!

- General meeting.
- PTA General Meeting and High School Information Night.
 - ✓ Mr. Leonard, our 8th grade counselor, will guide us through the enrollment process, dates and filling out the forms.
 - ✓ Calfee, a non-profit guide to SFUSD High Schools will make a presentation on how to select the right High School for our child.
 - ✓ A Hoover Alumni student panel from various high schools will discuss their experiences at their high schools.

MATH AND SCIENCE NIGHT- TUESDAY, OCT. 23, 6:30 PM – 8 PM

In the Hoover cafeteria. Games for the whole family and a class for parents on "How to help your child in CPM math". Flyer going home this week.

JOIN HOOVER GOOGLE GROUPS:

A "FREE" service: Please join Hoover Middle School PTA Google Groups, which has replaced the former Hoover PTA yahoo group. 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 and participate in group discussions. To join, please visit <http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta> and click on "Apply for Group Membership" on the right. Please e-mail Susan Yalca at syalca@yahoo.com if you need assistance.

BADMINTON CLUB: from Mr. Jue and Mr. Brewster:

Come One, Come All! The noon time wellness Badminton Club started up FRI OCT 5 in the North & South Gym. All interested badminton players are encouraged to come during his or her 4th period lunch to relax and meet people. The back door above the teachers' parking lot leading to the gyms will be open at 12:10pm and will be closed at precisely 12:20pm. Since it is on a 1st come, 1st served basis, the maximum accommodation for the gyms will be 32 - 36 players per session due to safety concerns.

HOOVER NEEDS A MUSIC TREASURER!

Hello Hoover Band families:

An important volunteer position is empty: Music Treasurer. This is a low-key position that can be done on your own time. It requires keeping a record of funds deposited and depositing checks three times during the year: following the band/orchestra joint carwash, the band and orchestra direct appeal letters, and the Giants game (band only). Last year's treasurer is available to explain the job and make it easy!

Please consider helping us out with this essential volunteer job. You can contact me directly if you are interested or want more information.

Thank you, Daphne Powell: daphne_powell@yahoo.com

- Linda Renteria, President:
850-5165;
Saliente@aol.com
- Jill Fox, Vice President:
285-9211;
ibjill@comcast.net
- 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
Distribution Date
OCT 19 OCT 24
NOV 2 NOV 7
NOV 16 NOV 21
NOV 30 DEC 5

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

SEASONAL SPORTS: INFORMATION POSTED ON:

<http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HMS2005/html/athletics.htm>

STUDENT CLUBS:

http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm

2008 ENTERTAINMENT SF/SAN MATEO BOOKS

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

SUNSET LEARNING CENTER:

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

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 and 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 and 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.

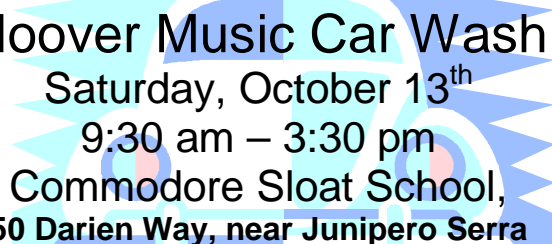
HOOVER MUSIC CAR WASH

Come Join Us For Some Good Clean Fun!

Musicians: Can you say "Pizza Party"? Remember the class selling the most tickets gets a pizza party. Sell tickets to friends & family! The carwash raises funds for new instruments, instrument repairs, guest music coaches for students, and other band and orchestra expenses.

Volunteer to help

**Encourage your musician to sell as many tickets as possible
Donate baked goods**



Hoover Music Car Wash
Saturday, October 13th
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Commodore Sloat School,
50 Darien Way, near Junipero Serra

**Teresa Chu (tchu@visa.com or 731-0431) – Orchestra
Daphne Powell (daphne_powell@yahoo.com or 469-8864) - Band**

Please turn in funds along with filled-in ticket stubs by Friday, October 12th to student's music teacher

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM: Chair Marcia Zorrilla

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.

FAMILY FESTIVAL: is SAT, OCT 13 from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Come to Yerba Buena Gardens and enjoy hours of fabulous entertainment including the Latin Jazz Youth Ensemble, Loco Bloco, and 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 and everything else you need to know to raise children in the City check out www.SFKids.org, San Francisco's Official Family Resource Guide.

EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM AT HOOVER:

The ExCEL After School Program offered through the collaboration of Hoover Middle School, the Stonestown Family YMCA & the School Health Department, has completed its first month at Hoover! This month, in addition to daily homework/study sessions, participants will have the opportunity to participate in several exciting enrichment classes: Drama-Rama, Mission: Nutrition, Crazy Comics and Hoover Olympics. Although enrollment in the Hoover ASP is currently full, interested families are still encouraged to fill out an application in order to be placed on the waitlist. Please contact Site Coordinator Cameron Burch for more information: (415) 832-0622; cburch@ymcasf.org. We also have staff available to translate into Cantonese & Vietnamese during program hours (M-F, 3:25-6:30pm).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

A number of Volunteer Committee Members needed to assist volunteer coordinator with making phone calls. Please contact; Susan Tong, Volunteer Chair:
susan.tong@sf.frb.org

WISH LIST:

*Counseling Office needs a refrigerator to replace the current one.