

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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

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.

CALENDAR

NOV 21-23 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
NOV 26 Reflections deadline
NOV 27 School Geography Bee
NOV 30 Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm
NOV 30 Deadline for Donor list in Fall Concert program
DEC 13 Fall Choral Concert, 7:30pm
DEC 12 PTA Board Meeting (all parents welcomed); 6 – 7pm, Main Office
DEC 19 – JAN 2 Winter Break

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.

2007-08 8th GRADE INFORMATION

*A page has been added to the Hoover PTA Google Group, which contains valuable information for 8th graders.

*To access this page visit:

<http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta/web/2007-08-8th-grade-information?hl=en>

or go to the Home Page of the group at <http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta>.

*This page will be continually updated throughout the school year, so you may want to add it to your "Favorites". **IMPORTANT: You must be a member of the Hoover PTA Google Group to access this page.** Please follow the instructions above to join if you are not already a member. To submit articles for this 8th Grade Page, please contact Susan Yalca at syalca@yahoo.com.

ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS:

*Families of 5th and 8th grade students will be receiving pre-printed enrollment applications in the mail. If you do not receive pre-printed applications, you may request one from the main office. Please check your address for accuracy. Hoover MS will be collecting application forms for present 8th graders and siblings of students who want pre-assignment privileges. In order to receive sibling pre-assignment, the older sibling must continue to attend the school in 2008-09, the application form must indicate that they are a sibling, and it must be submitted in person before the **JAN 11, 2008 deadline**.

*Any 8th grader applying for high schools may return their application form to Hoover MS or to the Education Placement Center in person. Please note that there is an additional application for Lowell that needs to be included and turned in along with the general application. Lowell deadline is DEC 7. A general application may be submitted to SOTA to the school site, but the parent is responsible for turning in a separate application to SOTA in order to schedule an audition.

*Parents who need to make a change in address must go to the EPC to make this change and bring appropriate documentation: two proofs of address that may include valid CA driver's license, utility bill dated within 90 days, automobile insurance policy, homeowner's/renter's insurance policy, property tax statement, letter from a social services/governmental agency dated within 90 days.

*Please contact Counselor Leonard if you have any questions.

E-WASTE FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

Thank you Vivian Chang for organizing this! Our NOV 3 eWaste collection event was a great success! Thanks to all the students, parents, friends and relatives who spread the word and brought in donations. The final car count was 473 or about 70 cars per hour over the course of this 7-hour event. We collected over 50,000 pounds of eWaste including about 25,000 pounds of CRT monitors. All of the items collected will be dismantled for recycling. The proceeds total \$3111 or about \$777 for each of the 4 sponsoring schools: West Portal, Sunset, Hoover and Lincoln. Thanks to Sunset Elementary and principal Sophie Lee for allowing us to use their parking lot for this event.

RECYCLE CLUB needs parents to take several bags of recycle to the recycle center at Kezar. Please contact Mrs. Cunningham, recycle club teacher sponsor, through the main number at school.

INDEPENDENT LIVING WISH LIST:

- Fabric: Denim (lightweight) or Cotton (non printed); *if you'd like to pre-cut fabric, students sew on swatches that are 7" wide x 12" long
- Hand Sewing Needles
- Crafters Pins

PTA CONTACTS

- 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

- Paper Napkins
 - Paper Towels
 - Kleenex
 - Good condition pots and pans (regular kitchen size)
 - Laundry Detergent
 - Bleach
- *Items can be put in Ms Cheng's mailbox or room B18. Thank you!

REFLECTIONS PROGRAM: Chair: Marcia Zorrilla

*Deadline for entries: MON, NOV 26. 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.

*Please encourage our students to participate in this program and to finish up over Thanksgiving break. Deadline is MON NOV 26. Please submit your wonderful entries at the Main Office.

The "Viva, Las Vegas" dance was a great success thanks to the great loud DJ/music, the kids' enthusiasm/energy, teacher/staff/student council planning and all the parent support!

THANK YOU to the following parents for all their help!

- Seiko Grant- for the shopping!
- Judy Shawley- for ideas and clean up!
- Catherine S., Connie W., Jennie Lee, Petra Nygard- helping with the lunchtime "make the decorations".
- Schuyler Rhodes- Bartending those great drinks!
- Linda Juliano and Julie Hagelshaw for serving food/chaperoning and showing up "at the nick of time"...especially with the ice!
- Tricia Carlin for chaperoning and "umbrella work"!
- Gayline for chaperoning
- Hank Wu for lending us the drink pumps!
- Susan Tong for getting the word out for volunteers!

I apologize, for missing anyone but know that your work is very much appreciated! Linda Renteria, PTA President

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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Article Due
Distribution Date

NOV 30	DEC 5
DEC 7	DEC 12
JAN 4	JAN 9
JAN 18	JAN 23

WINTER ORCHESTRA CONCERT, FRI NOV 30 @ 7:30pm

*The concert will feature the Advanced, Concert and Intermediate orchestras and various chamber groups.

*Doors to the auditorium open at 7:00. Suggested donation at the door is \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

***Orchestra families:** On NOV 30, please bring your yummy bake sale goods any time after the door is open to the Bake Sale table outside the auditorium as you arrive.

*Bake sale items should be delivered already individually wrapped for sale.

*Thank you! – Julie and Teresa (Orchestra Liaisons)

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.

We would like to make an announcement for **MANDARIN CLUB:**

*Previous years, the purpose of the Mandarin Club was to introduce beginning Mandarin and Chinese culture through fun exercises and activities. Ms. Angela Zhang was the teacher. We would like to keep the purpose the same. Ms. Zhang is still interested and willing to be the teacher if we have enough interest. She is an independent consultant and is not a SFUSD teacher.

*Mandarin club is a club supported through parent donations. \$4000 to 5000 a school year is needed for hiring Ms. Zhang to teach Mandarin and Chinese cultures. Roughly, the club can accommodate 20 to 25 students. So, on average \$200 donation from each family is expected. Note that all donations are tax-deductible.

*Please fill out the following form and send it with your child, and turn it to the school office if you are interested.

JOIN HOOVER PTA:

Please contact Carol Lee: phonymom@yahoo.com

SEASONAL SPORTS: INFORMATION

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

___ Yes, my child is interested in the club, and I can donate \$200.00 or more.

___ No, I cannot donate \$200.00, but I would like my child involved in the Mandarin Club.

___ No, I cannot donate \$200.00, but I can donate _____.

___ No, my child is not interested in the club, and I can donate for the club.

STUDENT CLUBS:

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

_____ Grade: _____ Homeroom No. _____

Student Name

_____ Address: _____

Parent Name

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Check statements that apply to your child's level of Mandarin.

___ English speaking only ___ Understands some Mandarin, but does not speak it

___ English and Cantonese speaking ___ Some education in Mandarin

Alternatively, you can e-mail the information to: CherryLei@aol.com or call (415)307-5556