

January 09, 2008: *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

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

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

JAN 9 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcomed); 6-7pm, Main Office
JAN 15 Class Spelling Bee
JAN 16 PTA General Meeting; 7-9pm, Cafeteria: School Safety: In and Out of School
JAN 18 School Spelling Bee; 7-9pm, Cafeteria
JAN 21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (School closed)
JAN 28 Semester Break (School closed)
FEB 7 Lunar New Year Observance (School closed)
FEB 8 Professional Development Day (School closed)

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.

SF FAMILY APPRECIATION DAY IS SUN JAN 13!

All San Francisco families with children receive FREE entrance to 35 museums and other attractions on SUN, JAN 13. Plus kids ride MUNI free. For details visit: www.SFkids.org

2008 AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN

*We would like to invite you to participate in the 2008 African American Read-in event being held in the San Francisco public schools on FEB 4, 2008. The 2008 African American Read-in is a fun event in honor of Black History Month and to encourage a love of reading. Volunteers read a book for 30 minutes written or

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*Susan Tong, Volunteer Chair:
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Article Due
Distribution Date

JAN 18	JAN 23
FEB 1	FEB 6
FEB 15	FEB 20
FEB 29	MAR 5
MAR 14	MAR 19
MAR 28	APR 2

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

illustrated by an African American author.

*Sign up to volunteer today on our website at: http://sfsv.org/AARI_Inquiry.html or call Marian at 415.749.3700 x3008, or Dawna at 415.749.3700 x3014. We need more than 100 volunteers. Thank you!

ON YOUR MERIT...Go!! The Merit Awards cover the areas of citizenship, scholarship and service to the school. The points are accumulated over a 3-year period. In your diploma at graduation the awards will appear in the form of pins or ribbons for credit tallied during your 3-year experience at Hoover. The forms will be placed in homeroom teachers' mailboxes on JAN 14 and will be returned to Ms. Cunningham on/or by JAN 25, 2008. If you are in a club, do extra service for the school, etc., ask the sponsoring teacher to mark your Merit Awards' form. We thank you for making a great school even GREATER!!!! Ms. Cunningham and the Merit Awards' Committee

HOOVER SYMPHONIC BAND:

*The Hoover Symphonic Band will play the national anthem at the S.F. Giants game at AT&T Park: TUES JUN 3, 2008. This game against the NY Mets and begins at 7:15 pm. Later in the spring, you will receive information about how to buy tickets.

PE DEPARTMENT NEEDS VOLUNTEERS THURSDAYS IN JANUARY AND MARCH:

*The Hoover PE department needs to do physical conditioning testing of 7th grade students. Volunteers are needed to time and count 5 "events:" sit-ups, push-ups, curl-ups, trunk lifts, and mile run. There will be pre-testing in January and final testing in March. The teacher will be present during the testing, but parents are needed to keep an accurate count because many students are doing the tests at the same time. Up to 10 volunteers for each Session could be used.

*Please volunteer for any Thursday AM (9:25-12) or PM (1:45-3:25) in January by giving your name, phone number, and the date/s you can work to Pat Madden at 681-6207, pmadden94116@yahoo.com. Please say "PE" in the subject of any emails so Pat knows to open them.

***PE Dept – Other Jobs Volunteers Needed For Throughout The Year**

-Parents can help in a variety of ways and will **not** be left on their own to supervise students. More than one person may volunteer for each of these jobs.

***Equipment Room Organizer:** One day a week for one hour

✓ Help organize the North Locker room equipment room

✓ Pump up balls, sort and mark equipment

✓ Retrieve equipment from gym, storage rooms

***Jog-Walk Program Volunteer:** Every period on Tuesdays & Fridays

✓ Assist teacher in monitoring runners

***Laundry Assistant:** Students use spare uniforms when they forget their own.

✓ Pick up spare uniforms and wash once a week

***Tech Person:** Compose PE tests, pamphlets, handouts, etc.

***Dance Assistant:** Volunteer will assist the PE teacher.

INDEPENDENT LIVING WISH LIST:

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

- Hand Sewing Needles

- Crafters Pins

- 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!