

January 24, 2008

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

Produced by the Herbert Hoover Middle School PTA • <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>



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; gibbons1@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 a TUES, alternating morning and afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

FEB 12 @ 3:45pm
MAR 11 @ 8:10am
APR 8 @ 3:45pm

CALENDAR

JAN 28 Semester Break (School closed)
FEB 5 Science Fair! 6:30-8 p.m. Cafeteria & Library
FEB 7 Lunar New Year Observance (School closed)
FEB 8 Professional Development Day (School closed)
FEB 13 PTA Meeting (All parents welcomed); 6-8pm, Main Office
FEB 18 President's Day (Holiday)
MAR 5 POPs Concert (Band, Orchestra & Chorus); 7pm, Auditorium

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.

SITE COUNCIL will alternate TUES morning meetings with TUES afternoon meetings for the rest of the year. We will meet on FEB 12 at 3:45pm, MAR 11 at 8:10am, APR 8 at 3:45pm and MAY 13 at 8:10am. We will also have additional community meetings with dates and times to be determined. All members of the Hoover community are welcome to attend. Leonard Raznick.

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>.

***Eighth Graders:** 5 hours of community service to meet promotion ceremony requirements. Verification forms due on FEB 1.

2008 SPELLING BEE CLASSROOM WINNERS!

Congratulations to the following winners: James Allen, Kevin Anderson, Lina Anderson, Jonna Arcangeles, Stephanie Arevalo, Jaqueline Barrera, Maria Beltran, Montreal Blakely, Alexandra Bodrov, Taran Cacacho, Sierra Calvetti, Jenny Cheung, Danielle DeBruin, Jeff Ganthavorn, Natalie Garcia, Jessica Hernandez, Ryan Hoang, Evelyn Ibarra, Mark Ifurung, Ilana Kanter, Alisa Kyle, Echo Lee, Matthew Leung, Anna Li, Judy Li, Chris Ma, Maria Macias, Andrea Manrique, Teri Martin, John Ng, Katy Ng, Jonathan Okun, Mimi Parkeenvincha, Emma Petrelli, Jesus Ramos, Marvin Stevens, Brian Suen, Jennifer Terrell, and Sherry Wu.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY:

*Challenging summer courses are being offered at UC Berkeley this year! Young people from grades 7 through 11 are invited to attend a six-week session of challenging and stimulating classes designed for both academic acceleration and enrichment. If you are interested in learning more about this fantastic opportunity, see Ms. Payne (for a copy of the letter from Berkeley and to see the brochure) or visit:

<http://atdp.berkeley.edu>

<https://owa.sfusd.edu/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=http://atdp.berkeley.edu>

*Applications are due FEB 13 for returning participants and FEB 27 for new applicants.

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 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 were 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

GIRLS GO TECH CAREER EXPLORATION:

MAY 13 @ 8:10am

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

HOOVER HAPPENINGS:

Article Due

Distribution Date

| | |
|--------|--------|
| 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

What does an aerospace engineer have in common with a veterinarian and a forensic scientist? In addition to all being female, they and many other professionals will be sharing excitement about their careers at the...

GIRL POWER:

*Chabot Space & Science Center hosts Science Saturdays, a series of science enrichment workshops that offer girls in grades six through eight a chance to explore fun hands-on science activities. The first workshop series, Circuitry and Soldering - held JAN 26, FEB 2, and FEB 9 - presents an introduction to the building blocks of electricity and electronics, use of electronic lab boxes to create simple circuits, and creation of LED-based projects. Workshops are from 10am-1pm.

*Go online <http://chabotspace.org/visit/programs/girlpower.asp> for more information.

2nd ANNUAL BEAUTIFY HOOVER DAY: SAVE THE DATE - SAT, MAY 3

Students, faculty, families, friends are welcome. If you have any questions or would like to help organize, please call: Niki Gibbons, Head Counselor, 752-2788

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 TEACHERS URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS THURS JAN 24, JAN 31 AS:

1. FITNESS SCORERS to help teachers count curl-up, mile run, etc. either am (9:25-12) or pm (1:45-3:25). This is a fun, easy way to get to know the PE teachers and see the gym and locker room! Parents will be with teachers at all times.

*Please email Pat Madden at pmadded94116@yahoo.com and write "PE" in the subject line or call her at 681-6207.

*In addition there is an on-going need for one parent to volunteer for the PE Dept. as:

2. TECH SUPPORT
3. EQUIPMENT ROOM ORGANIZER
4. JOG/WALK PROGRAM VOLUNTEER
5. LAUNDRY ASSISTANT
6. DANCE ASSISTANT
7. EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLER (a handy person with tools)

*Call Ms. Lee (chair, PE) at 759-2783 Ext. 3201; MTThF: 12-1:40 & 3:30-5 pm; WED: 12:11-1:46, & 3:30-5 pm

NEW RESEARCH ABOUT READING: How To Improve Reading Achievement for All of Our Students with Joseph K. Torgesen, Ph.D.

THURS FEB. 28, 2008, two presentations:

*For Educational Staff

THURS FEB 28, 2008, 3:30-5:00 pm
PAUSD District Office, 25 Churchill Ave, Palo Alto, Board Room
RSVP to: Cristina Ordenana, at the Palo Alto District, 650-329-3736

*For Parents

THURS FEB 28, 2008, 7:00-9:00 pm
Terman Middle School, 655 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto, Cafetorium
RSVP for childcare to: Cristina Ordenana, at the Palo Alto District, 650-329-3736

*Nationally-recognized, expert researcher in Reading, Dr. Joseph Torgesen, will address these key questions:

1. What is required for a child to become a skilled, fluent reader?
2. What have we learned about interventions for students having difficulty learning to read?
3. What does it take to get all of our children to become strong readers?

*An expert in the field of Reading, Dr. Torgesen has been conducting research with children for over 30 years. His work has been supported by grants from the National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development, the United States Department of Education, and private foundations. Dr. Torgesen is the author of over 180 articles, book chapters, books and tests related to reading and learning disabilities. His current professional service includes a Presidential appointment to the National Board of Education Sciences in Washington D.C. He has been honored not only for his contributions to research, but also for his national leadership in translating research into practice.

*Sponsored by: Palo Alto Unified School District, Children's Health Council, Northern California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (NCBIDA), and Palo Alto's TACKLE (Taking a Closer Kid Look Early); Co-sponsored by the Northern California Branch of The International Dyslexia Association (NCBIDA)