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# 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](mailto:gibbonsn1@sfusd.edu)
- Mr. Leonard, Gr. 8 Counselor: 273-1075; [counselor@frankleonard.com](mailto: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 26: 2<sup>ND</sup> Community Meeting

MAR 11 @ 8:10am  
APR 8 @ 3:45pm  
MAY 13 @ 8:10am

## PTA CONTACTS

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

## CALENDAR

FEB 21 Twin Day  
MAR 5 POPs Concert (Band, Orchestra & Chorus): 7pm, Auditorium  
MAR 12 PTA Business Meeting (All Welcome): 6-8pm, Main Office  
MAR 14 Spring Fair: 9am-3pm, Gym  
MAR 17-21 Parent-Teacher Conference: 230-530pm

## SITE COUNCIL: TUES, FEB 26: 2<sup>ND</sup> COMMUNITY MEETING

We anticipate a tight budget for next year and we will have difficult decisions to make. Please join us to share with Hoover community our plan and budget.

## TRAFFIC SAFETY: A reminder to parents:

The **Castenada Street entrance is not a pick up or drop off area for students.** It is a staff entrance. The neighbors are concerned about the increase in traffic and student safety.

## ALL CITY BAND PERFORMANCE: SAT, FEB 23 @ 7pm, Lowell High School

Come see your fellow Hoover Band members perform in the All-City Band.

## PPS-SF LATINO PARENT DAY: SAT, FEB 23:

Last year, the PPS-SF Latino Parent Day was our largest event ever, with over 250 attendees! Please mark your calendars to join us again for a fun day celebrating Latino parents in our public schools. *This event will be held in Spanish with English translation.* Free food, KidsWatch and Entertainment! **Keynote Speaker: Superintendent Carlos Garcia.** James Lick Middle School, 1220 Noe Street

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS!

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Jordan Lee, 6<sup>th</sup> G  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Aaron Yang, 6<sup>th</sup> G  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Eli Alperin, 6<sup>th</sup> G  
4<sup>th</sup> Place: Hilda Baltodano, 7<sup>th</sup> G  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Eric Liao, 8<sup>th</sup> G  
6<sup>th</sup> Place: David Lieberman

## Classroom Winners:

Martin Arreola	Peter Harrington	Michael Mui
Sarah Chan	Miriam Katz	Emma Nakayoshi
Austin Chen	Miles Lawrence	Jack Olson
Connie Deyro	Judy Lee	Jasmine Tan
Jay'von Fields	Kyle Leong	Johnny Tan
Daniel Fok	Aric Luo	Jonathan Tao
Darren Gee	Kai Lyons-Kuster	Nicolas Toy
David Gulman	Sam McClure	Greg Taxerman
Antonia Guntemula	Kevin Mena	Elizabeth Urrutia

## HOOVER ANNUAL POPS CONCERT: WED, MAR 5 @ 7 pm, Auditorium

\*Support our PTA's Annual Fund by attending a concert of popular music played by Hoover's top ensembles! Highlights include: Advanced Orchestra performing "Three Little Pigs" and themes from "Fiddler on the Roof"; Symphonic Band performing themes from "Wicked"; Jazz Band performing "Rock Around the Clock" with Advanced Chorus and "Moondance" and much more...

\*\$3 admission (\$10 per family); All proceeds benefit Hoover PTA's Annual Fund.

## THANK FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION and interest in this year's HOOVER REFLECTIONS PROGRAM!

We had over 60 entries especially in Literature! The following students' entries went to the district level: **Literature:** Rachel Edwards, Austin Tom, Hyo Hun John Kim, Jake Schnorr, Kiana Lee, Adriana Miller, Erica Kunisaki, Dylan Westover, Gregory Taxerman, Jessica Huynh; **Photography:** Aurora Alvarez-Buylla, Mackenzie Stoeltje, Matthew Levin, Emma Beverman, Kevin Gomez, Raymond Jiang; **Visual Arts:** Samatha Beutler, William Liem, Mari Galcer, Jazmine Kabala, Linda Chen, Leonardo Carrizales, Paul Nguyen, Olga Mirtsev, Namthip Bamnandana, Elynn Hagelshaw.

\*Thank you to the following Hoover parents who volunteered as judges:

Literature: Julie Hagelshaw, Jeff Kaliss, and Kathi Barg; Visual Arts: Lesa Gerhard; Photography: Dean Calvetti; Special thanks to Dean Calvetti, who matted some of the visual arts and photography entries so they would be eligible to California State PTA level.

\*The Hoover entries now go to the SF PTA district for judging. After that, entries go to the California State PTA. Stay tuned! Marcia Zorrilla, Hoover Reflections Chair

## Independent Living Class: Thank You to Hoover Parents:

A heartfelt thank you to the recent donors of supplies, money and time to Hoover's Independent Living Class: Joyce Oisha, Gaylene Tom, Jeanne Scholtz, Teresa Gunther, Debbie Skaggs, Nhung Phu, and Tracie Tang... your contributions are so kind and generous! We sincerely thank you! Ms Cheng.

**SAVE ME A SPOT IN COLLEGE** scholarship contest will award more than \$100,000 in scholarships to over 100 students across California! The contest provides all California 6th – 12th grade students an opportunity to share why college is important to them by

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

answering the question, "Why should California leaders save you and your peers a spot in college?" Students may submit a written word, poster, and/or a 30-second TV ad that answers this question. All students who participate in the contest will receive recognition for participating and information preparing them for college, along with their chance to win a **\$500 to \$2,500 scholarship**. To become a partner and find out more information about this scholarship contest, please visit us online at [www.collegecampaign.org/contest](http://www.collegecampaign.org/contest). Deadline for scholarship contest entries is MAR 15.

## VOLUNTEER

### OPPORTUNITIES:

\*Susan Tong, Volunteer Chair: [susan.tong@sf.frb.org](mailto:susan.tong@sf.frb.org)

### HOOVER HAPPENINGS:

Article Due	Distribution Date
FEB 29	MAR 5
MAR 14	MAR 19
MAR 28	APR 2
APR 11	APR 16
APR 25	APR 30

### GOT NEWS?

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

**Electronic submissions preferred.**

### JOIN HOOVER PTA:

Please contact Carol Lee: [phonymom@yahoo.com](mailto:phonymom@yahoo.com)

### SEASONAL SPORTS: INFORMATION POSTED ON:

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

### STUDENT CLUBS:

[http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student\\_bod\\_y\\_clubs.htm](http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_bod_y_clubs.htm)

### 2007-08 8<sup>th</sup> 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>.

### THE PHYSICS SHOW IS COMING! SUN, MAR 16 @ Foothill College

\*Save the date. If you have any questions please contact, Frank Cascarano, [cascaranofrank@foothill.edu](mailto:cascaranofrank@foothill.edu), (650) 949-7784. Visit our website at [www.foothill.edu/physics](http://www.foothill.edu/physics).

### THANKS TO ALL THE PE VOLUNTEERS!

The PE teachers (especially those with 7th grade classes - Ms. Lee, Mr. Jue, and Mr. Griffin) want to thank the parents who came to the gym to help with the 7th grade Fitness Tests. We couldn't do it as quickly without parent help." Thanks to the following parents for volunteering to help the PE teachers score students on the Fitness Test or help straighten up the equipment room: Daphne Powell, June Komater, Tricia Kelly Carlin, Heidi Chan, Craig Edwards, Ruth Auerbach Levin, Deborah de Lambert and Julie Hagelshaw. The PE teachers really appreciate our efforts.

### PE TEACHERS Continues to URGENTLY NEED VOLUNTEERS starting MAR 6:

1. FITNESS SCORERS to help teachers count curl-up, mile run, etc. either am (9:25am-12pm) or pm (1:45-3:2pm). 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](mailto: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: need at least two volunteers

4. JOG/WALK PROGRAM VOLUNTEER: need at least two volunteers

5. LAUNDRY ASSISTANT

6. DANCE ASSISTANT

7. EQUIPMENT ASSEMBLER (a handy person with tools): need at least two volunteers

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

### 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

### PROGRAMS IN BARCELONA: SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAMS: [www.spainbcn.com](http://www.spainbcn.com)

\*We would like to introduce you our Educational Programs for High School students in Barcelona. Perfect programs for those students who want to visit Barcelona and to improve their Spanish and combine their stay with fun Cultural excursions or Sports.

- 1 week or 10 days SpainBCN Programs (all year round, all ages)

- Spanish Immersion & Cultural Summer Program

- Spanish Immersion & Sports Summer Program

- Soccer & Spanish Summer Program

- Tennis & Spanish Summer Program

- Golf & Spanish Summer Program

\***Accommodation:** carefully selected Spanish host families. **Duration:** 10 days, 1 week, 2 weeks, 3 or 4 weeks. **Ages (Sports Summer Programs):** boys & girls from 9-19 years old.

#### \*About the programs:

(1) Morning: Intensive Spanish lessons, Soccer Camp, Tennis Camp or Golf Camp (professional coaches); (2) Afternoon: Cultural excursions or Spanish lessons for those attending the Sport programs; (3) 1 day excursion on Saturday to visit beautiful and interesting locations on the Mediterranean coast; (4) Breakfast and dinner with the family. Lunch at School or at the Camps; (5) Pick up on arrival and departures dates. All transportation during program excursions included; (6) Supervised programs: bilingual director/s available 24/7. Teachers accompany the students during all program activities.

### HOOVER PTA ANNUAL FUND DRIVE!

To date we have received \$2,325.00 in contributions. The Hoover PTA's \$85,000 fundraising goal for the school year includes \$60,000 in school staff salaries. These staff, including the counselors and librarian are not fully paid by the school district and without parent funding from us, would not be providing the value they do to our children every school day. A Suggested minimum of **\$250** contribution from each family with one child at Hoover, and a **\$350** contribution from each family with multiple children at Hoover. We appreciate any amount you can give.

-----Please cut and turn in (or mail) with your donation to the school-----

**Yes, I can contribute to the Hoover Annual Fund!**

**Yes, I can contribute/match the Annual Fund through my company.** \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the company)

Please make checks payable to **Hoover PTA**. Please return this form to the PTA mailbox in the school office, or mail it to us.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Your child(ren)'s name(s) & homeroom number(s) at Hoover \_\_\_\_\_

If you prefer, you can also make an online donation by credit card through PayPal by visiting <http://sfpta.org/Hoover> and clicking on "Make A Donation". Please indicate your contribution amount:

\$1,000  \$500  \$350  \$250  \$150  \$100 Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_