

September 10, 2008:

HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

Attendance 248-1306
Administration 759-2783
Counseling 759-2787
GATE 263-6842
YMCA 832-0622
(Maggie Bruening)
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.

COUNSELING OFFICE VOICEMAIL

- Mr. Graven, Asst. Principal: 273-5451, gravent@sfusd.edu
- Ms Schuran-Castillo, Gr. 8: 759-2783, schurag@sfusd.edu
- Ms Joanna Wardell, Gr. 7: WardellJ@sfusd.edu
- Ms Kim Warman, Gr. 6: warmank@sfusd.edu
- Nick Pzrbyla, ELD and Immersion Counselor: 273-3299, przbylan@sfusd.edu
- Head Counselor: TBA

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

* Linda Renteria, Volunteer Chair:
Saliente@aol.com

PTA CONTACTS

- Debi Skaggs, President: dbskaggs@yahoo.com
- Julie Hagelshaw, VP 1: jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net
- Tricia Kelly Carlin, VP 2: plkcarlin@aol.com
- Caroline Scott, Secretary: carolinescott@zephyrsf.com
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: dilinc@hotmail.com
- Membership Chair: TBA

PTA Membership Chair:

Janet Chan: Come see her at Back-to-School Night.

CALENDAR

Sept 10	PTA Board Meeting (All Parents Welcome); 6pm Main Office
Sept 16	SSC Meeting; 8am Library
Sept 17	Back to School Night/PTA Membership Drive; 6:30pm Auditorium
Sept 20	2nd Annual Walk for Food Allergy in Golden Gate Park
Oct 6-10	Walk to School Week

JOIN HOOVER GOOGLE GROUPS:

A "FREE" service: Please join Hoover Middle School PTA Google Groups. 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. **Most of the information is posted on the Hoover PTA & Hoover Website:** <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

FIRST SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETING:

TUES SEPT 16 @ 8am in the Library. Principal Judy Dong will present Hoover's data on test results & preview the District's Balanced Score Card.

PRE-ORDER YEARBOOKS ON BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:

Yearbook staff & Mr. Raznick 6th, 7th, & 8th graders, pre-order your yearbooks during Back to School night on SEPT 17, beginning at 6:30pm in the cafeteria for \$25.00- BUY soon before prices go up. Accepting cash and checks made out to Herbert Hoover Middle School.

PE UNIFORMS:

Spiritwear sales are NOT affiliated with the PE department in any way, PE uniforms are sold separately.

BOYS BASKETBALL: Coach Jue:

*Come one! Come all! The Hoover Boys Basketball season is about to start again. Any student interested in signing up for the school basketball team must pick up & return a sports physical form immediately. Forms are available from the Boys' PE department & may be completed by the family doctor, family hospital or clinic, or any city health center must be made in order to participate in try-outs and practices.

*Official boys' basketball tryouts will start in the south gym at 3:40pm on TUES SEPT 16 for 6th & 7th graders, and THURS SEPT 18 for 8th graders. Tryouts will end at approximately 5:45pm. All students are to dress down into PE clothing. All basketball players MUST maintain an overall "C" average (2.00 GPA) throughout the semester to be eligible to participate in basketball.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS: Coach Taylor:

*MON SEPT 15 for 6th and 7th graders.

*FRI SEPT 19 for 8th graders

*3:40 pm in the Gym

BADMINTON CLUB: Mr. Jue & Mr. Brewster, Coaches:

*Come one! Come all! The noontime Wellness Badminton Club is starting up again on FRI SEPT 12 in the North and South Gym.

*All interested badminton players are encouraged to come during his or her 5th period lunch to relax & meet people. The back door above the teachers' parking lot leading to the North & South Gym will be open at 1pm & will close at precisely 1:15pm.

*Since it is on a 1st come, 1st served basis- the maximum accommodation for the North & South Gym will be 32 to 36 players per session due to safety concerns.

ITALIAN CLUB:

*Ciao! Join in & learn a beautiful language. It is time to start up the Italian Club again. All new and returning students are invited to attend Italian Class. Ms. LaRocca is eager to greet you and begin classes.

*Monday and Wednesday beginners

*Tuesday and Thursday intermediate Italian

Classes begin at 8:10 am in room A12B.

JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASS:

*Dear students and parents who are interested in learning Japanese language and culture, Hoover Japanese Class I, II, & III will start this week! The class meets at the zero period (8:10am to 9am) in Room A10

- Japanese I for new 6th graders will meet every TUES & THURS, began SEPT 4

- Japanese II for returning 7th graders will meet every FRI began SEPT 5

- Japanese III for returning 8th graders will meet every MON & WED began SEPT 8

All the new 6th graders, who are interested in learning Japanese language and culture, are welcome. I am looking forward to seeing you in the class! Your new Japanese class teacher, Sakura Sensei (means Teacher Sakura).

PTA Reflections Chair:

Karen Robbins

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. TUES, SEPT 16, 6pm Library

FALL 2008 MORNING SUPERVISION:

Beginning Fall 2008, we ask parents and caretakers to make arrangements for students to arrive no earlier than 8:30am. Students will be allowed early entry only for morning classes, clubs, rehearsals, or appointments with staff members. At 8:30am, Hoover staff will be on supervision for students entering the building for breakfast service and entry to the school yard. Students will no longer be congregating at the front of school or on the sidewalks. We ask for your cooperation in maintaining student safety and supervision.

STUDENT CLUBS:

http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm

*Book, SciFi/Fantasy, Chess, Volleyball, Game, Tennis, Merit Awards, Computer, Recycle, Wellness Club, Math Counts, Art, Knitting/Crochet, Young Political Association, Drama, Badminton (Co-ed), Computer, Yearbook, Science, HAMR (Rocketry), Japanese.

*Most of the clubs meet during one of the lunch periods and others at 0 period or after school depending on the Teacher sponsor's schedule.

*Clubs have different days and times of the year they start. Please read the Hoover Happenings for further information.

***Have your kids check in with a favorite teacher to see what club they are sponsoring or if your child wants to start a club with one of them.**

HOOVER HAPPENINGS:

Article Due	Distribution Date
SEPT 19	SEPT 24
OCT 3	OCT 8
OCT 17	OCT 22
OCT 31	NOV 5
NOV 14	NOV 19

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.

FREE CARTOON ART CLASSES:

Free classes at the Cartoon Art Museum at 655 Mission Street are available by application. Call 227-8666 ext. 303 or email education@cartoonart.org. A few application forms are in the main office.

CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY ON MONDAY, SEPT 22, 2008!

Family Day: A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children is a national movement to inform parents that the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance free. Family Day reminds parents that Dinner Makes A Difference!

SEPT 20: 2nd ANNUAL WALK for FOOD ALLERGY in GOLDEN GATE PARK:

Join the Bay Area-wide food allergy event: Walk for Food Allergy in San Francisco. Additional details: www.foodallergywalk.org.

WEST PORTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHINESE PERFORMANCE ARTS PROGRAM:

*All West Portal Alumni students are invited to participate in the 2008-2009 Chinese Performance Arts Program. The Chinese New Year Parade is FEB 7, 2009. The performance group listed below shows the practice info for each group. Additionally, there will be three Sunday mandatory practices before the parade. Dates to be determined.

- Fan Dancers, Fridays 4:30-5:30pm, starting SEPT 19, 2008
- Ribbon Dancers, Fridays 4:30-5:30pm, starting SEPT 19, 2008
- Lion Dancers, Fridays 4:30-5:30pm, starting SEPT 19, 2008
- Stilt Walkers, Fridays 4:30-6pm, starting SEPT 19, 2008 for new walkers
- Returning walkers must help as spotters for the first month starting SEPT 19, 2008
- Drummers, Fridays 5-6pm, starting OCT 3, 2008.

*Please pick up sign up forms in the West Portal office, in the CPAP box. Forms can be returned to the CPAP box or bring to the first practice. All participants must fill out forms.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the West Portal Elementary School Halloween Carnival, SUN OCT 26 12n to 4:00pm. Volunteers also needed for SAT set-up from 10:00am to 2:00 pm & for clean up after the event on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:30 pm. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joanne Hong at createfun4kids@gmail.com

HOOVER LUNCH PRICE LIST:

Bottle Water	\$1	Bagel & Cream Cheese	\$1
Juice (Can/Bottle)	\$1.25	Bagel Only	\$0.50
Soy Milk	\$1.25	Cream Cheese Only	\$0.50
Milk	\$0.50	Pretzel Popper	\$0.75
Cookie	\$0.75	Fresh Fruit or Vegetable	\$0.50

HOOVER LUNCH Sample Menu: \$3.00 with fresh fruit & vegetable

MON	BBQ Chicken Sandwich	THURS	Vietnamese Chicken Sandwich
TUES	Chicken Cesar Wrap	FRI	Chicken & Rice Burrito
WED	Italian Turkey Ham & Cheese Sandwich	DAILY	Chicken Noodle or Minestrone Soup w/Crackers \$2

HOOVER SWEATSHIRTS (Grey w/Hawk) and T-SHIRTS FOR SALE: <http://www.savefile.com/files/1773463>

Sweatshirts and t-shirts, designed by a Hoover student, are for sale in the student store at school, but will also be available for sale at the Back-to-School night. You can also contact Teri Hu, sweatshirt/t-shirt coordinator, on her cell phone at 510-825-2000 or email her at terihu@gmail.com. Look for us at **Back-to-School night!** *These garments are not the required Hoover Spiritwear for PE.*

WELLNESS CENTER:

*The wellness center is designed to help make Hoover the best learning and social environment for our kids. The Wellness Center is located in the counseling office at the West end (A wing side). Feel free to come by.

*The Wellness team is made up of the following members in the counseling office at 759-2784:

- Leslie Wax-Learning Support Professional (LSP) email: waxl@sfusd.edu – Ms. Wax will be providing direct services to students, referrals to outside agencies, classroom presentations, speakers & other activities in support of our students.
- Chris Drayson- LSP, email draysonc@sfusd.edu, Mr. Drayson will do some of the same things as Ms. Wax but will focus primarily on school wide programs and professional development for our Hoover Staff.
- Linda Renteria- Part-time Parent Liaison, Sallente@aol.com, will encourage family involvement & assist & support families & links to outside agencies for support.
- Valerie Satow, Part-time School Nurse. Ms. Satow develops & provides nutrition & health education, classroom presentations & assists in the school wide wellness programs.

*The Wellness team will be launching several programs this year: Safe school Ambassadors to discourage bullying, violence & drug prevention programs for all the grades, youth outreach, student mentoring, & professional development for staff & teachers addressing classroom behavior management, cultural awareness in teaching & family involvement.

FRIDAY TALENT SHOW: (Open Mic)/Prize Awards/Money Jump:

*Kids earn "Hawk Awards" from teachers and staff throughout the week for outstanding citizenship.

*The Hoover Assistant Principals, Ms. Newman & Mr. Graven hold a talent show/prize awards during 4th and 5th period lunches. Lots of fun. Hope you can join us for one of them.

24th ANNUAL CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY AT OCEAN BEACH: SAT SEPT 20, 9am to Noon. This is the premier volunteer event focused on the marine environment in the country. In 2007, more than 60,000 volunteers worked together to collect more than 900,000 pounds of trash & recyclables from our beaches, lakes, & waterways.