

# September 24, 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](mailto:gravent@sfusd.edu)
- Ms Schuran-Castillo, Gr. 8: 759-2783, [schuran-castillog@sfusd.edu](mailto:schuran-castillog@sfusd.edu)
- Ms Joanna Wardell, Gr. 7: [WardellJ@sfusd.edu](mailto:WardellJ@sfusd.edu)
- Ms Kim Warman, Gr. 6: [warmank@sfusd.edu](mailto:warmank@sfusd.edu)
- Nick Pzrbyla, ELD and Immersion Counselor: 273-3299, [przybylan@sfusd.edu](mailto:przybylan@sfusd.edu)
- Peter Babnis, Head Counselor: [babnisp@sfusd.edu](mailto:babnisp@sfusd.edu)

### 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: [Saliante@aol.com](mailto:Saliante@aol.com)

### PTA CONTACTS

- Debi Skaggs, President: [dbskaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:dbskaggs@yahoo.com)
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- Karen Robbins, Reflections Chair: [kdwr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdwr@sbcglobal.net)

### CALENDAR

OCT 1	Parent Education Night- Middle School Transitions/safety/gang awareness
Oct 6-10	Walk to School Week
Oct 6	PTA Reflections starts up (Theme: WOW!)
Oct 8	PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome); 6pm Main Office
Oct 13	Indigenous Peoples Day – NO SCHOOL
OCT 15	PTA General Assembly Meeting (School Construction Presentation, 7-9pm. Neighbors, Parents, Teachers all invited!)
OCT 18	Commodore Sloat School, at Ocean and Junipero Serra, 9:30am-3:30pm

**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 & 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](mailto:syalca@yahoo.com) if you need assistance.

**TEA WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** SEPT 26 @ 9am-9:45am in B16 (Teacher's lounge) - Please join us for our monthly Q&A/conversation with our Principal.

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL:** Hoover's School Site Council (SSC) will be developing our activities to address the SFUSD's "Beyond the Talk" strategic plan. Accompanying this edition of the Happenings is the District's information about this plan. On the back of this sheet is the invitation to parents to run for election to the School Site Council. Please consider participating.

**STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL:** The new 8:30am entry pattern to school has resulted in a calm & orderly start to every morning as students report to their designated locations (yard, café, class). We ask parents to remind their students that when they arrive to school, they should not leave to shop at the neighborhood store, which often results in tardiness to homeroom. At the 3:25pm dismissal, there is heavy student & vehicular traffic. We ask that parents not double park or park in our neighbors' driveways. Please consider parking your car & having your child meet you or arriving after 3:35pm when car & bus traffic clears. Hoover staff members are on duty in front of school until 3:40pm & the DPT crossing guard works until 4pm. For our students' safety we thank you for your cooperation.

**THANK YOU:** To Merle & Gina Malachof for their couch donation to the Wellness Center. Thank you to Tricia Carlin & Todd Anderson for their couch offers too.

\*Please check our website @ [www.sfpta.org/Hoover](http://www.sfpta.org/Hoover) for more **WISH LISTS**. Also, please check in with your teachers on Back to School Night for any teacher needs.

\***DANCE:** Here is Ms. Nehm's donation request: [charlottenehm@gmail.com](mailto:charlottenehm@gmail.com) or 415-518-3993

-Pieces of fabric (to be used for scarves/veils, or other possible costume assembly); White or colorful sheets (to make simple African-Haitian & Afro-Cuban skirts); Baskets (props for agricultural dance); Musical Instruments - drums, tambourines, shakers, sticks, bells, etc. (rhythm lesson); Twister Board Game (lesson in positive/negative space); Any old dance shoes/slippers; ANYTHING that could get us started as a collection of props & costumes!!!

\***COUNSELING OFFICE:** Please contact Mr. Abulencia @ [abulenciap@sfusd.edu](mailto:abulenciap@sfusd.edu).

-Printers – 11; Fax Machine; Laminating machine

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOOVER PTA COMMITTEES FOR THE MONTHS OF OCT/NOV:

- The \$40,000 Wishlist Committee. Diego Montoya, Treasurer, is the person to contact @ [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com).
- The Hoover PTA Budget committee. Diego Montoya, Treasurer, is the person to contact @ [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com).
- A 6th grade parent/parents that can shadow this school year with Diego Montoya as Treasurer, as this is his last year in that position.

**GRANTS:** We need grant writers. Please let me know if you are interested in writing them or have other grant info for art, music, technology, PE ...etc. We have the projects & the info. What we need are grant writers!

\***BEST BUY Teach Awards:** This year Best Buy will award up to \$2 million to K-12 schools in the U.S. Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 based on specific school needs. \$10,000 will be awarded to up to 15 applications supporting 9th grade programs K-12 public, private, magnet, charter & parochial schools are eligible to apply. Schools must be located in the United States or Puerto Rico to be eligible to apply. Educators must submit applications online between JUL 1 & OCT 12. The 2009 Teach Award Winners will be announced on MAR 3, 2009.

\***Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grants:** The Lowe's Toolbox for Education offers grants to schools (K-12) & parent/teacher groups across the United States. School projects should encourage parent involvement & build stronger community ties. Samples of funded projects are ones that engage students with their school's surrounding environment. The next deadline for application is OCT 17. <http://toolboxforeducation.com/>

\***Toshiba America Foundation Grants:** Toshiba America Foundation Grants support innovative projects designed by math & science teachers to make their own classrooms more exciting & successful for students. The next deadline, for K-6 grant applications, is OCT 1. <http://www.toshiba.com/tafpub/jsp/home/default.jsp>

**FOR TEACHERS:** Thomas H. Graven:

\***CLIMATE COMMITTEE:** Our first meeting was on FRI SEPT 19 @ 4pm We discussed October activities. "Alternatives to Drugs" & Halloween are the themes for the month. Our 8th graders want to lead the homerooms in the "Alternatives to Drugs" activities. Looking for parent support on this committee. Please email Linda Renteria if interested.

## 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.

## PE UNIFORMS:

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

## STUDENT CLUBS:

[http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student\\_body\\_clubs.htm](http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm)

\*Stay tuned to this column for the upcoming news on Clubs 08-09 and the club sign up event during lunch periods.

\*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
OCT 3	OCT 8
OCT 17	OCT 22
OCT 31	NOV 5
NOV 14	NOV 19
**NOV 26	DEC 3

## GOT NEWS?

\*Please e-mail website items to

[syalca@yahoo.com](mailto:syalca@yahoo.com)

\*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.**

## HOOVER SWEATSHIRTS (Grey w/Hawk) & T-SHIRTS FOR SALE:

Designed by a Hoover student & for sale in the student store. An order form will be given to all students by their homeroom teacher. You can also contact Teri Hu, sweatshirt/t-shirt coordinator, on her cell phone @ 510-825-2000 or email her @ [terihu@gmail.com](mailto:terihu@gmail.com). *These garments are not the required Hoover Spiritwear for PE.*

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

**\*TALENT SHOW & PRIZE GIVING:** Thanks to all teachers & students for participating in the talent show & in giving out Hoover Soaring Hawk Awards. We are getting more & more Soaring Hawks every week, so now we have put in a bigger box to hold them all!!! We are seeking competitors for our first Hoover Cheer competition, which will start FRI SEPT 19 talent show, & all students & staff are welcome to participate. Great prizes for all participants!!! Go Hawks.

**WELLNESS TEAM:** from Linda Renteria: Our first in a series of Parent Education Nights will be on OCT 1 in the Cafeteria @ 6:30pm. We will discuss Middle School Transitions.

## GET CREDITS FOR YOUR MERITS: Ms. Cunningham, Sponsor

\*The Merit Awards Program is a successful one @ Hoover. Students earn merit award points for citizenship, scholarship & service to the school. It is a great way to build a positive community within a great school- ours!

\*Accumulated points are tallied up from 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Upon graduation, awards are placed with the diploma to make it an even more memorable day. Points will begin being collected @ the end of each semester. Representative will be visiting classrooms soon to explain this great opportunity to their peers. On your merit, GO!

## SAR: STUDENT ACTIVITY ROOM: Ms. Woodhull:

The SAR store will be open on WED & FRI beginning @ 8:30 am. Stop by to purchase school supplies & meet the new Student Body Officers.

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE:** 8<sup>th</sup> graders must complete 5 hours of community service. Time sheets & community service opportunities are available in the counseling office

## \*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. Practices are FRI 4:30-5:30pm @ WPS: Fan Dancers, Ribbon Dancers, Lion Dancers, Stilt Walkers, Drummers. Times may differ. 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-4pm. Volunteers also needed for SAT set-up from 10:00am to 2:00 pm & for clean up after the event on Sunday from 4-6:30 pm. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Joanne Hong @ [createfun4kids@gmail.com](mailto:createfun4kids@gmail.com)

## GO HAWKS!!! BOYS BASEBALLTEAM: Coach Jue: Schedule on <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

Isaac Armstrong Liam Calanog Marlow Craft Logan Doun	Mathew Levin Chan Montoya Paris Moore Gerardo Navarro	Jorge Navarro Kyle Nelson Vincent Nguyen Stephen Ragler	Evan Rawson Ken Rivera Yuki Rivera Eric Roth	Eugene Scott Omar Sinada Timmy Tomioka Raymond Trinh Nikko Yalca
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**-FUTSAL:** FRI 7am: Please pick permission slips in B37 if you want to play Futsal before school. Coach Haycox.

**-VOLLEYBALL CLUB:** Ms. Lee: 5<sup>th</sup> period T-W- TH in the gym & after school on M-T-W-TH.

**-BADMINTON CLUB:** Mr. Jue & Mr. Brewster, Coaches: Come one! Come all! The noontime Wellness Badminton Club started up again on FRI SEPT 12 in the North & South Gym. All interested badminton players are encouraged to come during his or her 5<sup>th</sup> period lunch to relax & meet people. The back door above the teachers' parking lot leading to the North & South Gym will be open @ 1pm & will close @ precisely 1:15pm. Maximum accommodation on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> served basis for the North & South Gym will be 32-36 players/session due to safety concerns.

**FREE CARTOON ART CLASSES:** Free classes @ the Cartoon Art Museum @ 655 Mission Street are available. Call 227-8666 ext. 303 or email [education@cartoonart.org](mailto:education@cartoonart.org). A few application forms are in the main office.

## MUSIC CAR WASH – SAVE THIS DATE! SAT OCT 18: 9:30am-3:30pm @ Commodore Sloat School, @ Ocean and Junipero Serra.

\*The Music Car Wash helps fund new instruments, repair instruments, and musicians to tutor students. Car wash tickets will be handed out next week to all Band, Chorus and Orchestra students. Please feel free to purchase a car wash ticket (suggested donation \$10) from a Hoover Band, Chorus or Orchestra student. Bring the ticket stub to the car wash, buy delicious baked goods and coffee, relax and have the **Hoover Music Car Wash Experience** as your car is washed by Band, Chorus and Orchestra students.

**\*Band, Chorus and Orchestra Families:** The Music Car Wash is a fun opportunity to mix with other parents over soapy sponges and drying cloths. Parent volunteers make this event a fun way for students to help support the school's music program. Be ready to encourage your musician to sell as many tickets as possible. Share your secret car wash tips with the next generation – send back your volunteer form as soon as possible. For more information you can contact Teresa Chu (Orchestra Contact) [tchu@visa.com](mailto:tchu@visa.com), Betsy Segarra (Orchestra Contact) [nutkin98@yahoo.com](mailto:nutkin98@yahoo.com), Petra Nygard (Band Contact) [petra@nygard.net](mailto:petra@nygard.net), Julie Hagelshaw (Band Contact) [jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net), or Pat Madden (Chorus) [pmadden94116@yahoo.com](mailto:pmadden94116@yahoo.com).

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

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

- Leslie Wax-Learning Support Professional (LSP) email: [waxl@sfusd.edu](mailto:waxl@sfusd.edu): 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](mailto:draysonc@sfusd.edu): same things as Ms. Wax, but will focus primarily on school wide programs & professional development for our Hoover Staff.
- Linda Renteria- Part-time Parent Liaison, [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com): encourage family involvement & assist & support families & links to outside agencies for support.
- Valerie Satow, Part-time School Nurse: 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 & staff throughout the week for outstanding citizenship. The Hoover Assistant Principals, Ms. Newman & Mr. Graven hold a talent show/prize awards during 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> period lunches. Lots of fun. Hope you can join us for one of them.