

October 8, 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, schuran-castillo@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, przybylan@sfusd.edu
- Peter Babnis, Head Counselor: 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

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
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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.

CALENDAR

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| Oct 6-10 | Walk to School Week |
| Oct 8 | PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome); 6pm Main Office |
| Oct 13 | Indigenous Peoples Day – NO SCHOOL |
| OCT 15 | PTA General Assembly Meeting- 630pm; (School Construction Presentation, 7-9pm. Neighbors, Parents, Teachers all invited!) |
| OCT 18 | Music Car Wash: Commodore Sloat School, at Ocean and Junipero Serra, 9:30am-3:30pm |
| Oct 23 | Student Dance – Pumpkin Dance; 3:15-4:45 pm Cafeteria |
| OCT 20-24 | Parent Teacher Conference 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 & 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.

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.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

- 10/07/08: City Arts and Technology: 7:30-8:30pm
- 10/14/08: North Peninsula College Fair: 5-7pm, Serramonte Center
- 10/16/08: Metro Arts and Technology: 6-7:30pm
- 10/18/08: Leadership High School: 12-2pm
- 10/28/08: City Arts and Technology: 6:30-7:30pm
- 10/30/08: Lowell Information Night: 7-9pm
- 10/30/08: Leadership High School: 6:30-8:30pm

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK: OCT 20-24:

Students will be bringing home the conference request forms today along with this Hoover Happenings. Due to the limited allotment of time for in person conferences, our teachers will also be available to speak with parents/guardians by telephone conference, & for some, by email. The school day will be shortened, & students will be dismissed at 2:35 pm each day of conference week.

HOOVER WELLNESS HEALTH ISSUES:

*As the Parent Liaison and Nurse we wanted to remind you of the importance of some health practices.

- Hand washing is crucial to prevent the spread of illness.
- Please sneeze into your sleeve, rather than your hands.
- Please get adequate rest and attempt to eat a well balanced diet, as well as exercise regularly.

***LICE...back to school brings back pesty guests too.** If nits or lice or pediculosis are noted in the hair, please treat with pediculicide, removing the nits and treat. Launder, vacuum or dry clean: combs, brushes, hair ornaments, head coverings, upholstery, bed and bath linens.

Chat with the PRINCIPAL was very good. We had a good turnout and added benefit of an excellent feast by our teachers (Staff Breakfast day) and Ms. Dong. Thank you Ms. Dong for answering all of the parents' questions and thank you parents for being there.

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT- MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITIONS: We had a small group (I'll work on the advertising & better times with you), the information was useful and timely. Please to come by the Wellness Center for handouts.

*Thank you Ms. Wax, our Learning Support Professional (Social Worker), who works with our kids in many ways & avenues, for your insights into the mind of a middle school kid & the transitions not only to middle school, but also between the grades.

*Thank you Ms. Warman, - one of our two 6th grade counselors, who taught us how to read a report card & all the information, apart from the grades. She also reinforced the use of the planner to help your child get organized & as a communication tool between home & the teachers.

*Thank you Ms. Dong, Mr. Graven & Ms. Newman for being there to answer parent questions.

***Our next Parent Education night:** TUES OCT 21; a group of our teachers will present homework & communication tips at the Excelsior Library at 6:30 p.m.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS 2008-2009:

Costume Day: FRI 10/31/08; Hat Day: FRI 11/14/08; PJ Day: FRI 11/14/08; Twin Day: FRI 02/13/09

SPIRIT WEEK: THE WEEK of SPRING FAIR: MAR 30-APR 3, 2009

Hawaiian Day; Green Day; Mix-Match Day; School Spirit Day

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

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

**Thanksgiving Week

GOT NEWS?

*Please e-mail website items to svyca@yahoo.com

*Please drop Hoover Happenings items in the PTA Happenings mailbox or send items via email to Kate Ikeda: 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. *These garments are not the required Hoover Spiritwear for PE.*

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

SAR: STUDENT ACTIVITY ROOM:

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

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 4th & 5th period lunches. Lots of fun. Hope you can join us for one of them.

STUDENT ARRIVAL & 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.

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/>

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 6-8th 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!

BOOK CLUB starts on FRI OCT 17 at both lunch periods in the library. Open to all students. Eat lunch prior to coming to the library. The club will be led by Julie Hagelshaw & Ms. Sutch. Questions? Email Julie at jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net.

A BIG THANK YOU for the LATEST DONATIONS that SUPPORT the INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM:

*Gayline Tom continues to support student sewing by donating denim fabric, notions and classroom help.

*Thank you to Debi Skaggs and Mrs. Yuen for their generous donations of paper towels and other paper goods to the cooking program.

*Thanks to Diego Montoya for helping to reimburse Independent Living purchases.

Hoover parents are fantastic!

WISH LISTS: Please check in with your teachers for specific items & the Hoover PTA website for all wish lists.

***DANCE:** Here is Ms. Nehm's donation request: 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.

-Printers – 11; Fax Machine; Laminating machine

***LIBRARY:** Black stamp pads; teen book posters (\$15 each); teen book bookmarks (10 cents each); locking file cabinet or other cabinet that locks

***INDEPENDENT LIVING:** Kleenex; paper towels; paper napkins; good condition pots and pans, regular kitchen size

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.
- The Hoover PTA Budget committee. Diego Montoya, Treasurer, is the person to contact @ 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.

8TH GRADERS INTERESTED IN LOWELL HS:

"Lowell 8th Grade Night": OCT 30, 7-9 pm at Lowell High School. If your child is interested in learning about this school, he/she must sign up for a ticket. In order to be admitted to this event. One ticket admits one student and only one parent. See Ms. Castillo during Period 5 (lunch period) to sign up for ticket. sign-ups will end on TUES OCT 14.

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

***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

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, Betsy Segarra (Orchestra Contact) nutkin98@yahoo.com, Petra Nygard (Band Contact) petra@nygard.net, Julie Hagelshaw (Band Contact) jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net, or Pat Madden (Chorus) pmadden94116@yahoo.com.