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HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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SCHOOL CONTACTS

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(Maggie Bruening)
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- 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 & concerns. For any student related concerns, call 759-2787 or 2793 to reach the Counseling Department.

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE PROCEDURE

We can no longer release kids from school without written consent (note, email or faxed {759-2881} note). We also no longer accept phone calls to excuse absences. We need written notes to excuse any absences, when they return to school. Otherwise, they will be marked as unexcused absence.

PTA CONTACTS

- Debi Skaggs, President: dbskaggs@yahoo.com
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- Tricia Kelly Carlin, VP 2: plkcarlin@aol.com
- Caroline Scott, Secretary: carolinescott@zephyrsf.com
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: dilinc@hotmail.com
- Janet Chan, Membership Chair: jlchan@yahoo.com
- Karen Robbins, Reflections Chair: kdwr@sbcglobal.net

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet every month on a TUES, alternating morning & afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

CALENDAR

FEB 25	Morning Parents Chat, 9 a.m., Counseling office
MAR 3	CA Writing Standards Test - Grade 7 only
MAR 3	PIE Meeting (Immersion): 630-830pm: A12b
MAR 3	Latino Parent Meeting/Wellness Community, Sex & Puberty Education in Middle School, Presented by Valerie Satow, Hoover School Nurse, Excelsior Library: 630pm
MAR 5	PTA Annual Fund Event: POPS Concert (Band, Orchestra, Chorus & Jazz Band): 7pm: Auditorium
MAR 7	Summer Resource Fair: Concourse Exhibition
MAR 10	SSC Meeting, 8 a.m., Main Office
MAR 11	PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office
MAR 12	African American Parenting Meeting: 630pm: Bayview Library: 5075 3 rd Street
MAR 14	Summer Resource Fair. Saturdav. Concourse Exhibition Center

Everyone is invited to attend the rest of the year's upcoming **PTA BOARD MEETINGS** scheduled every second WED of the month, 6 p.m., main office. Upcoming dates: MAR 11, APR 22 (special), & MAY 13.

ANNUAL FUND AT HOOVER! THANK YOU ... THANK YOU ... THANK YOU

*1st: To All the Parents & Businesses that contributed at the end of the year to get their 2008 Tax Deductible Donations in. Your donations totaled \$1,000!!

*2nd: To All the Parents & Businesses who contributed in the 1st two weeks of the Annual Fund Pledge Campaign! Melissa Ng, Tony & Stella Yu, Suzy Barnard & Michael Singen, Florence & Andy Mar, Tina & Mason Lee, Martha Sandoval, Shelley Sorenson, David Jiang, Magdalena & Emil De Guzman, Xue Hou & Ying Fang, Megumi & Ghazi Benothman, Carla Dometrius, Maryellen Ryan, Karen & Joshua Goodman, Sabrina Lee, Lola & Delbert Chin, Chung & Yanxia Lien, Patricia Madden & Jason Fong, Carolyn & Karl Johnston, Elizabeth Junus & Budi Harjono, Daphne Powell & Christopher Harrington, R. Lee & Julie Hagelshaw, & Sarah Willmer.

*Your donations to the 2009 HOOVER PTA ANNUAL FUND total \$4,900 for the grand total of \$5,900! This year's goal is \$60,000! We need everyone's donation, BIG & small!!! You can contribute by cash, check made out to Hoover PTA, or credit card donation through the Hoover School website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>). Please do not be discouraged if you think your contribution does not help. EVERY monetary contribution is needed to maintain the Education Fund, Student Enrichment Activities & the Unified Arts program. Contact Diego Montoya, Treasurer, at dilinc@hotmail.com for any questions you may have.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*Hoover PTA wants to thank Winnie Lew & Linda Kahrau-Rodriguez for volunteering to be nominated for next year's PTA Board as Treasurers!

*Hoover still needs you to contact us so you can be nominated for one of the many positions open for next year. They are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Volunteer & Communications Chair, Hoover Happenings Newsletter Editor, Membership Chair, Hoover Spirit T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Chair, & Reflections Chair. Our deadline is the end of MAR to nominate the new board slate in APR! Every board member serves a one-year term. Contact Linda Renteria, saliente@aol.com or Debi Skaggs, dbskaggs@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL ALUMNUS, KEVIN WOFSY!!!

Mr. Wofsy made a very special donation through the Hoover PTA Website using the Click&Pledge credit card donation feature, specifying his donation for the music department. As he says, "I am making this donation to help the music department because of many happy memories from my time at Hoover (1984-1987)." Wow!! Thank you, again, Mr. Kevin Wofsy!!

You are all invited to attend the **SAN FRANCISCO PTA REFLECTIONS AWARDS CEREMONY**. SAT APR 18: 130pm in the Board of Education Chambers at 555 Franklin. There is free parking in the parking lot, which you enter on McAllister. The Visual Art and Photography from all of the students whose work was submitted to the SF PTA will be on display in the same room from mid-March until mid-May.

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Literature:

Stephanie Chen - Award of Merit
Xiaomin Chen - Honorable Mention
Craig Colen - Award of Excellence
Mary Shaless Hogan - Honorable Mention
Julia Retzlaff - Award of Excellence

Photography:

-Emma Jordan - Award of Excellence
-Vladislav Zhirnov - Award of Merit

Visual Arts:

Arema Beshue - Award of Merit
Xiaotong Fang - Award of Merit
Andrew Kennedy - Award of Excellence
Alisa Kyle - Award of Merit
Deanna Lee - Award of Merit
Andrea Tu - Award of Merit

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 & the club sign up event during lunch periods.

*Clubs have different days & 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.**

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Article Due	Distribution Date
MAR 6	MAR 11
MAR 20	MAR 25
APR 3	APR 8
APR 17	APR 22
MAY 1	MAY 6
MAY 15	MAY 20
MAY 29	JUN 3

GOT NEWS?

*Please e-mail website items to svyalca@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.

RAINY DAY ARRIVAL:

AM - kids can go to gym at 830am.

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:

http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High_School_Open_House_Calendar.pdf

CLASS OF 2009 INFO: Dates for applications. www.sfpta.org/Hoover

8th GRADERS: Kids shadowing need to bring back proof of their attendance at the high school upon return to Hoover for an excused absence.

Box Tops for Education - You can make a difference for Hoover every time your shop for groceries! Clip 10¢ Box Tops labels from hundreds of your favorite products & bring them to the office or your child's homeroom teacher. Hoover can earn cash for needed school supplies & equipment. Contact **Frances Lee**, mbe24th@dslextrreme.com if you have any question or would like to help.

PE UNIFORM: Ms. Woodhall from the school STORE will start selling PE uniform in FEB: top (\$17) & bottom (\$13) on MON, WED & FRI from 830-9am in the morning.

Great job Hoover students! Look for a new Reflections contest coming this fall!

CONGRATS TO ALL CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL STUDENTS: On SAT FEB 14, 27 Band, Chorus, & Orchestra students joined with student from other schools in the city at Lowell High School for the All City Music Festival to create a rousing night of music. Special thanks to the musicians who made the commitment to participate - **Band Students:** Maya Enriquez, Dario Cadoppi, Peter Harrington, Margaret Nygard, Jordan Lee, George Man, Anna Highsmith; **Orchestra Students:** Eric Cheng, Mollie Chu, Yuri Guan, Sabrina Hua, Emily Nguyen, Simone Enderlin, Briana Megid, Danielle de Bruin; **Chorus Students:** Inell Dunn, Audry Shawley, Shyla Jackson, Alexandra Bodrov, Teri Anne Martin, Ivy Feng, Jaqueline Puliatti, Kimberly Alverado, Jennifer Martinez, Ashley Liu, & Ryan Hoang. And thanks also to our dedicated Music Department who all helped out - Mr. Frank, Mr. Koppes, & Mr. Yonemura, who even filled in in the High School band percussion section. And as always, thank you all of the band families for giving up time from your schedules to make events like this possible!

HOOVER SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS: Congratulations to the finalists continuing to the SF Science Fair at Randall Museum.

*6th Grade:

-Sumedha Kumari 1st Place
-Kayla Cansicio 2nd Place
-Christina McDonald 3rd Place
-Jennifer Chan
-Elizabeth Jones
-Hattie Schnorr

*7th Grade:

-Vladislav Zhirmov 1st Place
-Tyler Okano 2nd Place
-Elijah Alperin 3rd Place
-Noa Batle
-Jasmine Mina Benthman
-Kaitlyn Ikeda
-Jacquelyn McDonald
-Margaret Nygard

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HOOVER POPS CONCERT & PTA fundraiser: THURS MAR 5 at 7 pm: Bring friends, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, & potential incoming 6th grade families to attend this one-time fundraiser music concert that benefits the Hoover PTA's Annual Fund. There will be refreshments & baked goods for sale, & also a raffle drawing during intermission. **SAVE THAT DATE!**

AFTER SCHOOL DROP-IN HOMEWORK/TUTORING: The counseling department will be offering an after-school drop-in homework & tutoring room from 345-445pm on MON & WED in Room B25. Ms. Renteria, Ms. Wardell & Ms. Wax will be supervising the homework room.

SAVE ME A SPOT IN COLLEGE - SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

*The "Save Me a Spot in College" Youth Scholarship Contest provides Middle & High School students with an opportunity to ensure that California saves a spot for every student who wants to go to college. The scholarship contest calls for 6-12th graders to address the question "Why should California leaders save you & your peers a spot in college?" through various mediums - written word, poster, TV ad - to highlight the importance of college opportunity.

*Deadline is 03/15/09 at 11:59 pm. All entries must be mailed & postmarked or submitted online by that date to be considered.

*For more information: www.collegecampaign.org; 800-459-9586; contest@collegecampaign.org.

MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

-CHAPERONES: MAR 12th 10am-325pm to SOTA MUSICAL. 15 needed!

The field trip to SOTA is on March 12th to see *The Wedding Planner*...a play. There will be seven classes attending. Leave Hoover after first period @ 1015am; meet in front of the s-wing for attendance & then walk to West Portal to catch the 48...we should be at Sota around 11am. The play is from noon until 230pm; we will take the bus back to Hoover & some students if they hand in permission slips (from their guardians) can leave from SOTA. We will be back at Hoover by 3:25pm. There is NO charge for chaperones. There will be approx. 235 students attending. Please contact me at school (415) 759-2783 or email Linda Renteria at saliente@aol.com. Thank you for all of your support...Janet Cunningham & Ms. Woodhull.

OTHER INFO:

-SUMMER CAMPS & SUMMER JOBS - Save the date: SAT MAR 14, 2009

Mayor Gavin Newsom's 4th Annual Summer Resource Fair at the Concourse Exhibition Center (8th & Brannan Streets).

*Find information about camps, classes, programs, & services from over 200 exhibitors.

*Young people ages 14 to 18 will also find everything youth need to get work this summer from workshops & mentors at the youth workforce development section of the fair called Jobs Space.