

# April 15, 2009

# HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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## 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 do not longer release kids from school without written consent (note, email or faxed {759-2881} note). We do not 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

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## CALENDAR

APR 15 PTA General Meeting- Budget Review  
APR 16 Ice Cream Social for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 630-830pm: Auditorium  
APR 22 PTA Board & General Meeting: Board: @6-7pm: Main Office; General @ 7pm: Cafeteria  
APR 23 Talent Show: 7pm: Auditorium  
APR 27-MAY 14 Standardized Testing: 915-325pm: Classrooms  
May 2 Green Streak Butterfly/Beautification Day (Saturday): 10am-3pm: Hoover  
May 4-8 Teacher Appreciation Week  
MAY 5 PIE/Hoover Parents International Festival Night (All parents welcome): 630-830PM: Room A12A  
MAY 7 Staff Appreciation Luncheon: 1115am-2pm: Library

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: APR 22 (special), & MAY 13.

## 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](mailto:syalca@yahoo.com) if you need assistance. **Most of the information is posted on the Hoover PTA & Hoover Website:** <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

## NOTES FROM ADMIN:

**\*DIRTY CAFETERIA:** Please remind your child who eats in the cafeteria to please clean up after themselves and throw garbage where it belongs.

**\*CLEARING TARDY DETENTIONS:** Thanks to all students who are getting to class on time. Students will need to clear their detentions in order to participate in the dance, Spring "Springticious" Fair and Talent Show.

**\*NO FIGHT POLICY @ HOOVER:** from Thomas H. Graven, Assistant Principal Pupil Services: We have noticed an increase in play fighting, in PE, the yard, & hallways recently. Sometimes these play fights turn into bigger issues that affect student safety & how safe students feel at school. Please be reminded: no play fighting or fighting of any kind is allowed at school. If you have a conflict, adult staff are here to help you, please talk to an adult. Any rough or aggressive playing or any harmful physical conflict will result in suspension from school & family meetings & other interventions. We need your help to keep our school safe & fun. Keep your hands to yourself & talk to an adult if you are not feeling safe.

**\*SKATE BOARD POLICY @ HOOVER:** from Thomas H. Graven: Please take note that skateboarding is not allowed anywhere on school grounds at any time, before or after school. This is to protect the safety of students & staff.

## DID YOU MISS THE YEARBOOK PRE-SALE? From Leonard Raznick

Do you still want your 2008-2009 yearbook, but can't stand waiting in those long lines? Then listen up. Just log onto [sfpta.org/Hoover](http://sfpta.org/Hoover) and buy your very own yearbook, but don't forget to capitalize the "H" in Hoover. All you need is \$27.00 to get your very own 2008-2009 yearbook, but remember you only have until the end of April to get your very own yearbook unless you want to wait in those long lines!

You are all invited to attend the **SF 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. Hoover has 2 students, whose work received Outstanding Achievement awards & are going on to be judged at the state level. **Mackenzie Stoeltje for her work in literature titled "Passing on my Generation" & "Donna Wang for her visual arts work "Anonymous Lustrous".**

**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.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

\*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](mailto:saliente@aol.com) or Debi Skaggs, [dbskaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:dbskaggs@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

\* Linda Renteria, Volunteer Chair:  
[Saliente@aol.com](mailto: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.

**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 & 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.**

**HOOVER HAPPENINGS:**

Article Due	Distribution Date
APR 24	APR 29
MAY 8	MAY 13
MAY 22	MAY 27
MAY 29	JUN 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.**

**RAINY DAY ARRIVAL:** AM - kids can go to gym at 830am.

**ANNUAL FUND AT HOOVER!**

**THANK YOU-** 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 Hoover website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>).

Please do not be discouraged if you think your contribution does not help. EVERY contribution is needed to maintain the Education Fund, Student Enrichment Activities & the Unified Arts program. Contact Diego Montoya, Treasurer, at [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com) for any questions you may have.

**MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS:**

**\*APR 16: 6th Grade Ice Cream Social** for Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders at 630-830pm. Teachers & parents welcome incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. **Volunteers needed:**

- 2 volunteers to help set up around 6pm.
- 1 volunteer to purchase ice cream (skinny cows & fruit bars)
- 3 volunteers to distribute ice cream (people come to you with coupon)
- Parent volunteers to be ambassadors for incoming parents at PTA table.

**\*APR 23: Talent Show (evening performance)** @ 7pm in Auditorium. Our kids showcase their talent in this evening presentation. **Volunteers needed:**

- 1-2 volunteers to help coordinate with our Bake Sale Chair-Angela Morrison [angela.l.morrison@hud.gov](mailto:angela.l.morrison@hud.gov).
- \*SAT APR 25: from 930am to 5pm:** Volunteers Needed for the **West Portal Elementary School Spring Arts Festival**, More information or to volunteer, please contact Joanne Hong @ [createfun4kids@gmail.com](mailto:createfun4kids@gmail.com) by APR 17.

**-WEEK of APR 30<sup>th</sup>: GREEN STREAK BUTTERFLY WEEK**, To celebrate our butterfly habitat on our campus, to culminate in a "Beautify Hoover Day on SAT MAY 2, 2009. Some of our students have been studying this in science class. **Volunteers Needed:** Contact Kelley Carlin at [Kelleycarlin@aol.com](mailto:Kelleycarlin@aol.com) if you would like to help coordinate this event.

**\*TUES MAY 5: PIE (Parents for Immersion Education) Meeting:** 630-7pm in room A12A.

**-International Potluck Night:** 7-830pm: come share your favorite family dishes, enjoy the Chinese Performing Arts Group (Hoover students), make tortillas, get to see some muralist art and get to know our Hoover community.

**-Volunteers Needed:** Have a cultural dance, craft you would like to share that evening? Want ideas for dishes? Please call Ana Lovo at 333-8169 or Linda Renteria @ [saliente@aol.com](mailto:saliente@aol.com).

**\*THURS MAY 7: TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON** between 1115am-2pm. We provide lunch for all the Hoover Teachers & Staff. This is held in the Library. Past themes: Italian, Asian and Mexican. **Volunteers Needed:** Have a list of 7 volunteers, but need a Coordinator to organize parents for set up, food/scheduling, decorations & clean up. Please contact Linda @ [saliente@aol.com](mailto:saliente@aol.com) if you have questions about being head coordinator- better if done between 2 or 3 people.

**Wish list item- NEED WIRELESS DONATION @ Hoover for our College Prep program:**

We could use a couple of wireless routers for the school, to be used with the Steps class, & for other class projects. Specifically, we could use N or G routers. Thanks, Counseling Department. Please contact Chris Drayson at [DraysonC@sfusd.edu](mailto:DraysonC@sfusd.edu) or Linda Renteria [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com).

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!**

\*The Hoover Symphonic Band will be playing the Star-Spangled Banner at AT&T Park for the game on **TUES MAY 26**, against the Atlanta Braves. If you have never seen the Hoover Symphonic Band march on to the field at the ballpark, you are in for a thrill! The band will perform just before the 7:15 game. **All Hoover families & friends are invited to participate in this special Hoover tradition.** We have priority access to blocks of tickets for view reserved section.

\*Every person age two or older needs a ticket, and **students MUST be accompanied by an adult.** If your child will be attending the game with another family, please arrange to order his/her ticket as part of that family's order. We will not be issuing single tickets to students.

\*To buy tickets, send in the order form below, along with your check (no cash) made out to **Hoover Middle School Band**. The form & checks should be returned to the band room, to the Giant tickets box in the main office, or via mail to: Hoover Middle School, 2290 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94116, Attn: Giants tickets. **Final order deadline: FRI APR 17.** We will send you email confirmation w/in 2 weeks of receiving your order. Tickets will be mailed to you in mid May.

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**YES, I want to buy tickets to the Tuesday, May 26, Giants game:**

Number of bleacher tickets desired \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.50      Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total money included \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_  
 If Band student, please list the period of student's band class \_\_\_\_\_

\*Write checks to: Hoover Middle School Band. If you have questions, please contact Petra Nygard at [petra@nygard.net](mailto:petra@nygard.net). This form can also be downloaded and printed out at the Hoover PTA website: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover/>

**ALL TICKET ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRI APR 17**