

# May 13, 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

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|---------------|---|
| <b>MAY 13</b> | <b>PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office</b>                            |
| MAY 14-21     | Scholastic Book Fair: 930a-330p: Hoover Library   |
| MAY 15        | Spring Orchestra Concert: 730pm: Auditorium   |
| MAY 20        | Last PTA General Meeting: (Volunteer Appreciation Tea & Board Nominations): 7-9pm: Auditorium |
| MAY 21        | Spring BAND Concert: 730pm: Auditorium  |
| MAY 25        | Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL  |
| MAY 26        | Symphonic Band plays at AT&T Park   |
| MAY 27        | Spring Choral Concert: 730pm: Auditorium  |
| MAY 28        | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic: 9am-330pm: McNears Beach  |
| JUN 3         | Last PTA Executive Board Meeting: 6-7pm: Main Office  |
| JUN 4         | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance: 3-430pm: Cafeteria   |
| JUN 5         | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony: 930am-130pm: Lincoln HS                            |

**PLEASE JOIN US: MAY 13: PTA BOARD MEETING (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office**

## HOOVER'S NEW PRINCIPAL FOR 2009-2010:

-As many of you know, I am retiring after 38 years of service to SFUSD with 30 of these years at Hoover Middle School. From classroom teacher, counselor, program resource teacher, assistant principal and principal, I have been rewarded with the joy of working with young people on many different levels. It is time to pass the baton.

-It is my pleasure to announce that Superintendent Garcia's recommendation to the SFUSD Board of Education of Thomas Graven to the position of principal of Hoover MS was approved last Thursday evening. I have every confidence that after serving as Hoover MS's assistant principal for pupil services, Mr. Graven will continue Hoover's long standing excellent program and that his leadership will bring a new vitality to the school.

-To the members of the Administrative Selection Committee, Leonard Raznick, John Kim, Christina Yan, Dale Pitman, and Cheryl Heinonen, thank you for your time and attention to seeking quality leadership for our school.

*Sincerely, Judy K. Dong, Principal*

## 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, visit <http://groups.google.com/group/hoover-pta> and click on "Apply for Group Membership" on the right. 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 & Website:** <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

**Teacher Luncheon, also a great Success!** Thank you Karen Wu for organizing & all the parents for set up, clean up & all the great food! Jennie Lee, Xue Me, Caroline Scott, Connie Wong, Judy Shawley, Petra Nygard, Gayline Tom, Sydney Nakamura, Ada Chen, Amy Chen, Kate Ikeda, Catherine Kahookele, Linda Juliano, Claudia Molina, Norma Cierra, Jenny Au, Shan Huang, Tricia Kelly Carlin, Frances Yang & more that were not listed.

**International POTLUCK FESTIVAL A Success:** Thank you to the wonderful people who made the International Festival possible & a great success: PIE (Parents for Immersion Education) for co-organizing, Latino Parent Group for indicating/coordinating, Jennie Lee and the Chinese Performing Arts Program kids & parents (Jannice McDonald, Linda & Westley Jung, and Gayline Tom), Ms. Nehm & her world dance classes, Zumehda Kumari for her Indian dance, Maggie Bruening & the EXCEL program for their Guacamole.

## **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 |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 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.

## **MAY 14 THURS, 9-1030 am: COMMUNITY CONVERSATION AT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**ABOUT THE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS:** Ruth Grabowski, from the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) will facilitate a meeting to hear our comments/input in reference to the new assignment process being considered. The meeting will be held in the dance classroom. Please RSVP to Linda Renteria at [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com) if you are able to attend. Thank you.

## **MAY 14-21: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in the Hoover Library! Need volunteers daily- 930am to 330pm, do an hour or a day, an hour a day or a few days!**

Every teacher will be submitting a wish list, buy them a book or a set of books, a great way to show teacher appreciation. The Language Arts classes have signed up to visit the book fair during their regular class time. The book fair will open on specific days before school, lunchtime & after school for kids & parents. Please contact Connie Wong at [calcon11@sbcglobal.net](mailto:calcon11@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer for this event!

## **MAY 19: WASHINGTON DC EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL TRIP FOR HOOVER:**

This year's 7th graders (next year's 8th graders), interested parents, please attend a parent Meeting on **TUES MAY 19th at 7 p.m. in the Hoover Library.** Please email Linda Renteria at [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com) if you would like to help coordinate. It will not happen if we do not have parent volunteers. Please visit the program website for more info.

[http://www.worldstrides.com/parent\\_place/WashingtonDC1.asp](http://www.worldstrides.com/parent_place/WashingtonDC1.asp)

## **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, and Hoover Spirit T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Chair. Every board member serves a 1-year term. Contact Linda Renteria, [saliente@aol.com](mailto:saliente@aol.com) or Debi Skaggs, [dbskaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:dbskaggs@yahoo.com).

**-MAY 20: ZOO FIELD TRIP: Volunteers still needed.** The zoo has requested that we have a 5 students to 1 chaperone! **We need about 80 parent volunteers.** We have 23 to date. The following teachers will have groups attending: Chow, J. Kim, Swope, Glasser, Resnick, and Gadye. You should have received a field trip permission slip if your 20child is going. Please help us make this trip happen, volunteer to chaperone 5 kids. Please contact Linda Renteria at [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com) or the teacher on the permission slip.

**-MAY 20: VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA: 7pm in the Hoover Library:** Ms. Sutch is hosting and organizing on behalf of the teachers. It's an event to celebrate and show Hoover's appreciation to us, the Parent Volunteers. Bring your kids, cuz there will be dessert galore! Please RSVP to Linda Renteria at [Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com) to help the teachers with numbers. Please also pass this on to parents who have volunteered. Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Newman would also like to invite the volunteers who have helped them personally on either on field trips or projects.

**\*8th GRADE EVENTS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Contact Gayline Tom at if you would like to volunteer at any of these events: [gaylinetom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gaylinetom@sbcglobal.net)

**-THURS MAY 28: 830am-330pm: 8th Grade Picnic:** at McNear Beach, San Rafael: Volunteers needed for the following groups (MAY 28):

1. Cooks - 6 to 8 people to work the barbecue grill from 10am to 1pm (30 to 45 min. shift)
2. Picnic site helpers - 6 to 10 people, set up, crowd control & clean up

**-THURS JUN 4: Afternoon: 8th Grade Dance:** Volunteers needed for set up, food/serving & clean up.

## **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).

Come and dance this summer with the **GRRRLS SUMMER DANCE CAMP** at Dance Mission Theater 3316 24th Street, SF, CA 94110. Camp runs for three weeks, JUN 15-JUL 3. Come for one week or join us for all three. This camp is for girls ages 9-17 years old. This exciting program offers classes in modern, jazz, ballet, hip-hop, salsa, Taiko drumming, belly dancing, yoga, choreography & self empowerment. For more information please visit [www.dancemission.com](http://www.dancemission.com).

**THE MARSH YOUTH THEATRE PRESENTS CIRIBIRIBIN!** An Italian American family's journey through swing music, prejudice & the Enemy Alien Act of 1941. Written by Liza Quoresimo and Charles Eurydice Gray. Two Hoover students Margaret Nygard and Jessi Hagelshaw are performing. Shows FRI MAY 15 @730pm & SAT MAY 16 @2pm. Tickets \$12 Gen Admission & \$6 Students. Tickets & more info at [www.themarsh.org](http://www.themarsh.org).