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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.

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CALENDAR

JUN 4 8th Grade Dance: 315-445pm: Cafeteria
JUN 5 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony: 930-1130am: Lincoln HS
JUN 8 Silly Olympics: 930am-330pm: Gym
JUN 9 Last day of school
AUG 24 Welcome Back: First day of school

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 8th Graders!!!
Good Luck as you move on to High School!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

KEEP IN TOUCH...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 if you need assistance. **Most of the information is posted on the Hoover PTA & Website:** <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>

Message from PTA President Debi Skaggs: Let me take this opportunity to thank & announce to you our new Hoover PTA parent slate for next school year.

THESE LOVELY AND DEDICATED PARENTS ARE:

- Louise Whitlock- President
- Julie Hagelshaw - VP1
- Laurie Petrelli - VP2
- Winnie Lew - Treasurer
- Angela Morrison - PTA Membership Chair
- Karen Robbins - PTA Reflections Chair
- Leslie Kirk-Campbell - Communications Chair
- Linda Kahrau-Rodriguez and Tricia Kelly-Carlin - Co-Volunteer Coordinators
- Joanne Tracht-Rawson - Hoover Happenings Editor
- SECRETARY- ???

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE! from PTA President Debi Skaggs:

*As our year comes to an end, I am pleased to announce (very enthusiastically happy to say) to all Hoover parents that your contributions to the Hoover Annual Fund raised a little over \$20,000!! WOWEE!YIPEE!! Your contributions will be consumed by the school budget shortfall for all of the school supplies, office supplies, teacher supplies, and office machine maintenance contracts for copiers and office equipment for next school year, 2009-2010. **BUT we need \$10,000 more to reach our goal of \$30,000!** Please send in your contribution by year end. I know there are still a LOT of parents who have said they need to get their donation in and have said they have not done so yet. Please do so by June 5!! All contributions BIG and small are appreciated!

*I want to also thank the parents who sent in the paperwork for their company's matching gift contribution programs. There were a lot more matching contributions this year than in previous years. Parents who work for Wells Fargo, BofA, GAP, Macy's, Edward Jones, and Chase handed in the appropriate paperwork to double their contribution without it all coming out of their own pocket!!

*Happy Summer Everyone!! 9 more days, but who's counting?!?

On behalf of the Hoover PTA Board (Debi, Julie, Tricia, Diego, Caroline and Linda)

Thank You 8th Grade Picnic Volunteers:

It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves in the nice weather. Thank you to Alba De Siou, Caroline Scott, Diego Montoya, Lucrecia Martinez, Debi Skaggs, Mimi Kasner, Ela Santana, Cheryl Heinonen, Jack Noriega, Janet Chan, Susan Hom, Martha Sandoval, Margaret Tong, Shirley Cheong, Chong Low, Gina Modley, Wilson Cervania, Kathy Bender, David Tamboury, Terry Tom, Gayline Tom, & the Hoover staff that pitched in & helped out. This picnic could not have happened without the help of everyone. Thank you! Gayline Tom

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

*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
	AUG 26

GOT NEWS?

*Please e-mail website items to syalca@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.

ANNUAL FUND AT HOOVER!

HOW DO I SEND IN MY ANNUAL FUND DONATION BY JUN 5, YOU ASK?

*You can contribute by cash, check made out to "Hoover PTA," or credit card donation through Click&Pledge at the Hoover website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>). Mail your donation NOW to: **Hoover PTA Annual Fund, 2290 14th Avenue, SF 94116.**

*Please do not be discouraged if you think your contribution does not help. EVERY contribution is needed! Contact Diego Montoya, for any questions you may have, at dilinc@hotmail.com. 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, for any questions you may have., dilinc@hotmail.com

THANK YOU!!! For the 8th Grade Picnic from Thomas H. Graven, Assistant Principal Pupil Services

Once again the wisdom of the Hoover forefathers and foremothers was honored by a successful 8th grade picnic at McNears Beach in San Rafael, Marin County last THURS MAY28. We left Hoover a slightly chilled but enthusiastic throng of 380 souls, a little concerned about the freezing fog swirling around the Hoover portals. Anxious kids clutching bathing suits looked at me with trepidation, but I knew that things would work out as they always seem to on picnic day. All the way over the Golden Gate bridge I was fielding anxious looks as the beautiful towers were obscured by fog and the knees of the tourists shivering on the balustrades were blue and mottled with goosebumps. Even as we made the turn off 101 in San Rafael the skies were still gun barrel grim, and even I of such great faith, started to feel a chill next to my heart. But I should not have quavered, nor should anyone else have lost faith for as we mounted the hill to descend to the beach the sun broke through, the lawns of the park shone iridescent green next to our bay, and as always the day was saved. Stunned city children stumbled out of the buses unsure of what to do with the open space and the beauty before them. Before you could say "Make sure you wear sunscreen" Mr. Blake and Mr. Haycox were in the pool followed by over a hundred completely unabashed 8th graders, the lifeguards were blowing whistles, Mr. Stellar and Mr. Glasser were simultaneously running three different football games, and Ms. Anzelone was woman-handling jellyfish and chasing students around the beach trying to help them not be afraid, (but they were). Next thing you know Ms. Lucero was waving her stick and declaring the whole day a complete success and that was even before supermom Gayline Tom and her crew of magnificent parents fired up the grill and took the experience up to the next level. Students, teachers, lifeguards, park rangers, bus drivers and anyone else within a five mile radius were fed to the point of rapture. Things slowed down a little then, even Mr. Blake got out of the pool and took it easy for a while, until Ms. Tom brought out the frozen fruit pops and started another slow riot of flavor savoring. All too soon I had to blow the whistle to load the buses, and in doing so I gave a thought to all those who have gone before us enjoying this unique Hoover experience. Long live the 8th grade picnic. Thanks to the magnificent parents, teachers and paraprofessionals who made this day so pleasant. All the best to the wonderful class of 2009. enjoy the rest of the promotion activities.

FREE SUMMER PROGRAM!!!! Attention Parents!!!

The Stonestown YMCA/EXCEL will be offering a FREE Summer Program! The program will run from JUN 15-JUL17, 1230-6pm. This program is open to all current Hoover students and is perfect for students attending Summer School! If interested, please pick up an application from the Main Office or contact Maggie Bruening at 832-0622, or mbruening@ymcasf.org

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.

WELLNESS CENTER: Have a great active summer!

For summer ideas (camps, outings, resources) please visit <http://www.sfkids.org/>.

Family Summer Resource Guide:

http://healthiersf.org/News/HealthAwarenessMonths/SummerResource2009Guide_final.pdf

San Francisco Families ...on a Budget

<http://www.dcyf.org/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=3728>

**Protect yourself and your family from the sun with a hats, sunscreen, and sun glasses!*

VOLUNTEER/ OPPORTUNITIES:

-SILLY OLYMPICS: MON JUN 8, 9-330. We need parent volunteers for each homeroom, outside activities or crafts during lunch. Please contact Linda Renteria at Saliente@aol.com

-PE Department: Needs help with locker room clean-up and laundry needs! Please contact Ms. Judith Brooks at brooksj@sfusd.edu.

-Ms. Sutch, Hoover Librarian, may still need help with textbook collection. Contact her at esutch@sfusd.edu.

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

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

Wish list item:

-Backpacks for our homeless students for the fall. Backpacks should be plain and not red or blue, or with a theme which is popular with our students (Spiderman, Spongebob, etc.). It would be particularly helpful if they had school supplies in them (pencils, pencil sharpener, pens, paper, colored pencils, etc., but no markers). Counseling Department: Chris Drayson at DraysonC@sfusd.edu or Linda Renteria at Saliente@aol.com.