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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

We recycled more than forty pieces of broken electronic equipment last week. Clean City picked up these items and will recycle them for free. THANK YOU to our custodians, Marina and Helen, and our staff for moving these items to the foyer.

Please join us in our upcoming music showcase on February 12 beginning at 6:00 pm. All of our first grade classes and one of our second grade classes (Mr. Firestone, Room 203) will be performing. If your child is performing, please send in their permission slips by the end of this week. Also, all performing students are to come to the library by 5:30 pm to get ready for the show.

As we continue our progress in researching options for aftercare providers for next year, our next steps are to visit other programs, conduct a survey of our families about aftercare, and have a community meeting. Our survey will come out shortly and our SSC Community Meeting will be on February 19. So far, we have only been in contact with GLO (Growth and Learning Opportunities) but are interested in your ideas about other programs. Please contact me at 615-8461 if you have ideas for other aftercare providers we should look into. We are scheduled to visit GLO at West Portal School on February 23 at 4 pm. If you are interested in joining this tour, please call me.

Last week we celebrated the 100th day of school. Our kindergarten classes had a grade level rotation throughout the day where each class moved to other classrooms to participate in lessons that had to do with the number 100. They ended the day with an ice cream party that was a reward for the kindergarten students having the most participation in the Walkathon. THANK YOU to Toni Essex for supplying the ice cream, our teachers for planning such a fun learning day, and all of the volunteers who helped throughout the day!

Since we celebrated our 100th day of school last week, I would like to reflect on some of the things our school community has accomplished in the first 100 days of school. We have...

- Welcomed new families, reconnected with returning families and learned about the upcoming year at Back to School Night
- Celebrated Halloween with a carnival and parade
- Set up a new Traffic Duty Drop Off Schedule
- Revamped our art rotations
- Collaborated with the San Francisco Ballet
- Planted new trees in our yard
- Shared many books at the DFES Book Club meetings
- Nominated and voted in a new School Site Council
- Raised thousands of dollars through various fundraising activities (Annual Fund Drive, See's Candy, Scholastic Book Fair, Walkathon, etc.)

- Conducted lunch monitor/volunteer training
- Mingled and ate at Family Dinner Night
- Hired a new Garden Coordinator and planted more edible crops
- Learned about nutrition at our Beyond Mac 'n' Cheese Family Education Workshop
- Participated in the opening ceremony at the California Academy of Sciences
- Improved on our "greenness" by starting electronic Wednesday envelopes
- Elected our first Student Council
- Had fun and raised money at our Walkathon
- Enjoyed a film on Family Movie Night
- Received a grant to help partially fund our first Spring Carnival
- Raised hundreds of pounds of food for the needy in our Food Drive
- Wrote our first draft of the Balanced Scorecard
- Brought in new afterschool enrichment providers
- Showcased our school at the SFUSD Enrollment Fair
- Marketed our school during months of school tours
- Showed our spirit by purchasing "Spirit Wear" through Lands End
- Guessed who was who in our Faculty Baby Picture contest
- Showcased our diverse families in our Family Diversity Museum
- And many, many more accomplishments

Yours in Education,

Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

February

- Tonight PTA General Meeting
6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
Lost and Found goes to Goodwill
- Tomorrow Music Showcase (1st Grades, Rm 203)
6:00 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 2/16 Presidents' Day, No School
- 2/18 2nd Grade Family Dinner Night
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 2/19 SSC Community Meeting Aftercare
Discussion 5:30 pm Art Room
- 2/20 Auction Committee Meeting
8:00 am, Community Room
- 2/20 - 3/2 Growing Up Green Fundraiser,
Sloat Garden Center (10% of
Purchases Back to DFES)
- 2/25 Book Club, 2:00 pm, Library
- 2/26 After School Enrichment, 4:30 pm
Art Room
- 2/26 3rd Grade Family Dinner Night
- 1/27-3/20 Reading Competition

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB

Contact: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

| When | Who |
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| ➤ 2/17 – 2/27 | Room 204 (Cid) Room 206 (Lam) |
| 3/2 – 3/13 | Room 101 (Chung) Room 103 (Schroff) |
| 3/16 – 3/27 | Room 105 (T. Wong) Room 107 (Neimark) |

General PTA Meeting Tonight @ 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room
Potluck, so bring food to share

**AUCTION COMMITTEE
March 28, 2009**

Contacts: Sandy or Soko at dfes.auction@gmail.com

The Auction is just 6 weeks away on March 28!

Thank you to the families who have solicited or made donations. Please remember to include a completed donor form with your items. Purchase your "Seeds of Success" Auction tickets now for \$20 per ticket! After March 20, the price goes up to \$25. If you are purchasing a ticket for a teacher or staff, indicate whom the ticket is for on your order, and return the form to the office with your payment.



We're wishing...not only for the one we love to find us, but for these items:

- wine and non-alcoholic beverages (to serve at the Auction)
- medium and large baskets
- clear cellophane tape
- catalog layout assistance

Please contact us at the above address, or visit sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/feinsteines/Pages/auction2009.aspx

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizrey@sbcglobal.net

| What | When |
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| 2 nd Grade Family Dinner Night | February 18 |
| 3 rd Grade Family Dinner Night | February 26 |
| 4 th /5 th Grade Family Dinner Night | First week of March, TBD |
| Adult Dance Lesson | March 19 |

RSVP and purchase your tickets for the 2nd grade Family Dinner Night on February 18, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

in the Multipurpose Room. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children over 5. RSVP by this Friday.

Tomorrow, come to a musical performance featuring our first grade classes and Mr. Firestone's (Room 203) 2nd grade class. The performance is at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. All first grade classes and Room 203 meet at 5:30 pm in the Library.

**YOUR KIDS' CARNIVAL
May 2, 2009**

Contacts: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com
Leesa at bolesclan@comcast.net

Check out the pine car models that will go on sale for the Carnival's Feinstein 500. Look for a flyer soon, but if you can't wait, take a sneak peak in the office and be prepared to place your order!

| Carnival Subcommittees | |
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| Games, Game Construction, Funding, Logistics | Matt Mitguard, Tammy McMillen |
| Design, Layout, Theme, Pricing | Leesa Boles, Leah Anderson |
| Classroom Liaison | Chika Fujita, Leah Anderson, Tammy McMillen |
| Greening the Carnival - Rummage Sale - Recycling/Composting - Prizes | Pat Madden, Lisa Ouyang, Tisha Chin, Rich Untalan |
| Food/Entertainment | Karen Mitguard, Chika Fujita, Christine DeVivo |
| Audio | Gene Kim |
| Marketing | Matt Mitguard, Leesa Boles, Tammy McMillen |
| Volunteer Recruitment | All |

Calling all resident junior artists! Has your little artist been working on something at home? Please drop off student art in the office art box for possible showcasing at our Art Night on May 14th. Contact Miss McCarthy at miss.mccarthy80@gmail.com to help with this event. After the show, please pick up you child's artwork in the office by June 5.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Look for a survey on after school care soon. The SSC also will be sponsoring a meeting on this topic in the near future. Stay tuned for more information.



DFES Reading Competition continues through March 20. As part of the competition, children must write a summary of their books on a special "Lion" sheet. These will be posted around the school, and our librarian, Carol Fuerth, needs help with this task on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please contact Carol at fuerth@sfusd.edu