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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GOT DATES?

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Last week our first grade students and Mr. Firestone's class performed for our Music Showcase. A GIANT THANK YOU to Ms. Sumner and the classroom teachers for preparing our students for this performance. It was a treat!

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. Please take a moment to fill out the survey in this week's Wednesday envelope. Also, our SSC looks forward to getting your feedback at tomorrow's SSC Community Meeting. If you are attending this meeting, please meet in front of the office at 5:30 pm, we will select a spot for the meeting depending on the size of our group. Please contact me at 615-8461 if you have ideas for other aftercare providers we should look into, would like to provide feedback, or cannot attend the upcoming meetings and would like information about their outcomes. 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.

Our Annual Auction is just weeks away. If you have items you would like to donate for the auction, please bring them to the office by the first week of March. A HUGE THANK YOU to our Auction Committee for the hard work they have done in planning for this fun fundraising event!

Have a fabulous week.

Yours in Education,

Principal Michelle Chang

SSC Community Meeting
Thursday, February 19
5:30p.m.

Discussion topic: Aftercare program

Come to talk about the current YMCA aftercare program at Dianne Feinstein Elementary, offer your feedback, ideas, and any suggestions.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please share your views by emailing the School Site Council at DFESSSC@sfusd.edu or speak directly to an SSC member.

Please meet at the office. The meeting location will be determined based on number of participants.

February

- Tonight 2nd Grade Family Dinner Night
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- Tomorrow SSC Community Meeting
After School Care Discussion
5:30 pm, Meet at Office
- 2/20 Auction Committee Meeting
8:00 am, Community Room
- 2/25 PTA EB Meeting, 6:30 pm, Art Room
- 2/20 - 3/02 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

March

- 3/04 4th/5th Grade Family Dinner Night
- 3/05 Community Building Meeting
- 3/06 Auction Committee Meeting
8:00 am, Community Room
- 3/11 PTA General Meeting
6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- Week of 3/16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal
- Thru 3/20 Reading Competition
- Thru 3/20 Auction Night Tickets for \$20/ticket
- 3/25 PTA EB Meeting, 6:30 pm, Art Room
- 3/30 Cesar Chavez Day, No School

**VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND
SOCIAL CLUB**

Contact: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com



When	Who
➤ 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)

AUCTION COMMITTEE

March 28, 2009

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



The Auction is just 5 weeks away on March 28!

We need the following items:

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

The Auction Committee meets this Friday at 8:00 am in the Community Room. Please visit

sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/feinsteines/Pages/auction2009.aspx

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizreye@sbcglobal.net

What	When
2 nd Grade Family Dinner Night	Tonight!
3 rd Grade Family Dinner Night	February 26
4 th /5 th Grade Family Dinner Night	March 4
Adult Dance Lesson	March 19



Tonight is the 2nd grade Family Dinner Night, 6:00 – 7:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 for children over 5.



YOUR KIDS' CARNIVAL

May 2, 2009

Contacts: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Leesa at bolesclan@comcast.net

Attention Classroom Carnival Coordinators!

Please submit a list of the prizes your class intends to supply for your carnival game.

Submit your class' prize list to Rich Untalan at rdufffd1@yahoo.com. The Prize Subcommittee will then comprise a master list to help ensure that classrooms avoid having too many duplicate prizes.



Get ready for the first annual pine car races at the Carnival's Feinstein 500. Pine car kits will go on sale beginning February 27. Each car will need to be pre-ordered at a cost of \$12. There will be a family workshop to build the pine cars after they

arrive. The cars you purchase will be your child's to race at the carnival and to keep after the races. Take a look at some of the models in the office window and in the posters around school.

Carnival Subcommittees	
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

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Please fill out the after school care survey that your child brings home this week. Your response is due on February 27th and should be dropped off in the office.



GATE students interview teachers.

GATE students are in the final stages of completing their first project, which is to interview a teacher at DFES. Most interviews have been completed, and are being edited, revised, and proofed for future posting on the DFES website. The students' next project is to produce and videotape a newscast. Students will research stories, write news reports, predict and forecast weather, and express editorial opinions on particular topics. Upon completion, the videotape will be available for viewing by the DFES community.

PTA

Three PTA members are needed for the 2009/10 Nominating Committee. The Committee will meet from mid-February to mid-April to help identify and recruit nominees for next year's Executive Board. If you are willing to help in the task, discuss Executive Board roles and responsibilities with prospective candidates, make decisions, and have been a PTA member for at least three months, please contact Susan Nakayama at (415) 425-4529 or at susanakayama@comcast.net