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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GOT DATES?

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

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. Our Auction Committee will also have an auction drop off the week of March 2 for donations, tickets, etc. THANK YOU to our Auction Committee for the hard work they have done in planning for this fun fundraising event!

Last week, our SSC held a community meeting to discuss aftercare. Thank you to all who attended this information gathering meeting. Our SSC received a lot of feedback about aftercare and will work in tabulating the feedback, along with the data received from our aftercare survey. Please turn in your aftercare survey to the school by this Friday. THANK YOU to our SSC for planning and coordinating this important meeting.

Last week's Second Grade Dinner Night was a success. THANK YOU to the planning committee for making this night possible. Our families and staff enjoyed good food and good conversation during this event.

Due to the district's budget, preliminary lay off notices will be sent out throughout the district to hundreds of teachers and administrators by March 15. According to Superintendent Garcia, the district is waiting to hear from the city regarding whether or not there will be adequate Rainy Day Funds approved to retain every one of our employees. At this time, I am unsure how many lay off notices we will receive at DFES but will know by March 15. This is a trying and stressful time for our community. Let's work together to keep up our morale, think positively and support each other.

Our school has come a long way in the short amount of time that we have been open. I want to send my appreciations to our entire school community for making our school the great one that it is today. It is a great pleasure working with you in continuing to build our school into the best learning environment possible for our students and a caring place for everyone in our community. Thank you.

Yours in Education,

Michelle Chang

February

- Today Book Club, 2:00 pm, Library
- Tonight PTA EB Meeting, 6:30 pm, Art Room
- 2/20 - 3/02 Growing Up Green Fundraiser, Sloat Garden Center
- Tomorrow Garden Committee Meeting 2:15 pm, Room 204
- Tomorrow After School Enrichment, 4:30 pm Art Room
- Tomorrow 3rd Grade Family Dinner Night 6:00 pm, Multipurpose Room

March

- Week of 3/02 Auction "Drop-Off" 7:30-8:00 am, Vicente Gate
- 3/04 4th/5th Grade Family Dinner Night
- 3/05 Community Building Meeting 9:30 am, Off-campus
- 3/06 Spirit Day, Wear Pajamas
- 3/06 Auction Committee Meeting 8:00 am, Community Room
- 3/06 Pine Car Sale, After School
- 3/11 PTA General Meeting 6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 3/13 Spirit Day, Wear Green
- 3/13 Pine Car Sale, After School
- 3/14 Last Day to Submit Pine Car Orders
- Week of 3/16 "There Will Be Saws" Day
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Early Dismissal
- Thru 3/20 Reading Competition
- Thru 3/20 Auction Night Tickets for \$20/ticket
- 3/21 Auction Night Tickets for \$25/ticket
- 3/25 PTA EB Meeting, 6:30 pm, Art Room
- 3/27 Student Council Talent Show 12:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 3/28 Auction Night
- 3/30 Cesar Chavez Day, No School

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB

Contact: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

When	Who
➤ 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

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



The Auction is just 4 weeks away on March 28!

If you've been meaning to purchase Auction Night tickets or bring in donations, but just haven't been able to yet, your life just got easier! We're holding an Auction "Drop-off" at Vicente Gate during the Week of March 2. From 7:30-8:00 am, we will collect your ticket orders and donations from the convenience of your car!

The Auction needs the following items:

- wine and non-alcoholic beverages
- crackers
- medium and large baskets
- clear cellophane wrap
- catalog copy and layout assistance

The YMCA is offering a "Kids Night Out" to coincide with Auction Night. The cost is \$45 per child. Children may be dropped off at 5:00 pm Saturday and picked up at 8:30 am on Sunday.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizreye@sbcglobal.net

What	When
3 rd Grade Family Dinner Night	February 26, 6:00 pm Multipurpose Room
4 th /5 th Grade Family Dinner Night	March 4
Adult Dance Lesson	March 19

Tomorrow night it's 3rd grade families' turn to enjoy good food and company. Contact Colby Zintl at (415) 309-2450 colbyzintl@gmail.com

READING CHALLENGE

Turn in your child's book summaries to your child's teacher. If you can help post these summaries around the school, contact Carol Fuerth at fuerthc@sfusd.edu

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Please fill out the after school care survey by this Friday, and drop it off at the office.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Auditions have been completed for the Student Council Talent Show on March 27 at 12:30 pm

in the Multipurpose Room. On March 13, we'll sponsor a nachos sale to raise money for the Student Council Treasury.



THE DFES CARNIVAL "PLAYLAND-AT-PARKSIDE"

May 2, 2009

Contacts: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Leesa at bolesclan@comcast.net

"There Will Be Saws" day is happening on Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am-5:00 pm. We need to build a storage shed, and several games including beanbag toss, bank shot, and 14-count. We also need to test moving the stage from the Multipurpose Room to the outside blacktop. Persons accompanied by skill saws, jigsaws, paintbrushes, and drills are requested, but all are welcome. RSVP Matt at the address, above.



Ready, set, go! Pine car order forms for the Feinstein 500 will be sent home this week. All pine cars must be pre-ordered and paid for by March 13. A family workshop to build the pine cars will be held on April 2, 5:00-6:30 pm. Food will be served at 6:30 pm, followed by a general Carnival meeting for classrooms to report out on their chosen carnival activity

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out the school website at <http://sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/Feinstein> We need photographs of recent school activities, and prefer close-ups of students, parents, and teachers, 640x480 pixels. Contact Principal Chang.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Contact: Paula at DFESSSC@sfusd.edu

The SSC held its monthly community meeting on February 19 to discuss after school care.

Thank you to all parents who attended and provided feedback. If you didn't make the meeting, you can still provide your input to the SSC on the following questions: 1) Do you have a child in after school care? 2) What do you like about the current program? 3) What are the components of an ideal program? 4) How satisfied are you with the current YMCA program? Send your responses to the SSC at the above address, drop it in the SSC box in the office, or talk to an SSC member. Results will be tallied and posted in time for the next SSC meeting in March. The SSC is also formulating a parent/student satisfaction survey for the next phase of the Balanced Score Card. The surveys will be distributed next month.