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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**GOT DATES?**

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Please use the Vicente Street drop off in the mornings. We have a number of families who are double parking and blocking our school bus zone instead of using the Vicente Street drop off to drop their children off in the morning. Please respect our neighbors, students who are riding school buses, school community and traffic laws. We have provided a safe and effective drop off zone to increase the safety of our entire community during drop off. A HUGE THANK YOU to all of you who have volunteered to staff our morning drop off and to all who use it.

We will be kicking off our electronic Wednesday envelope this week. Those of you who signed up to receive electronic Wednesday envelopes will receive one today. If you are interested in signing up for electronic Wednesday envelopes, please stop by the office to fill out a request form.

The last school tour of the season was last week. A GIANT THANK YOU to Kate Aks for organizing a multitude of volunteers for our weekly tours and to everyone who volunteered to market our school during this time. We have a fabulous school and I appreciate the support in continuing to showcase the great things that are going on here.

The SF Ballet began working with our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students last week. We are lucky to receive this free program thanks to the help of Mr. Simmons who has worked to recruit them for the last two years. THANK YOU, Mr. Simmons!

We are in need of volunteers to help stuff our weekly Wednesday envelopes. If you are available on Wednesdays any time between 8 am and 11 am we would appreciate the extra hands. Thank you for supporting our school!

Due to the shortened week, next week's NewsLion will be cancelled and will return the week of January 26.

Yours in Education,

Michelle Chang

**January**

- Tonight SSC Meeting, 5:00 pm
- Tonight PTA General Meeting  
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 1/12-1/23 Registration for Session 3 Enrichment
- 1/16 Spirit Day- Crazy Hair Day
- 1/19 Dr. ML King Holiday, No School
- 1/20 Professional Development Day,  
No School
- 1/23 Auction Committee Meeting  
8:00 am, Community Room
- 1/23 End of Session 2 Enrichment
- 1/26 Lunar New Year, No School
- Week of 1/26 No Enrichment Classes
- 1/30 Spirit Day- School Colors (blue and gold)

**February**

- 2/3 Community Building Meeting  
2:00 pm, Art Room
- 2/6 Auction Committee Meeting  
8:00 am, Community Room
- 2/11 SSC Meeting, 5:00 pm
- 2/11 PTA General Meeting  
6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 2/16 Presidents' Day, No School

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

Contact: Matt at [mitguardfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:mitguardfamily@yahoo.com)



When	Who
➤ 1/5 – 1/16	Room 202 (Zucchi) Room 212 (Simmons)
➤ 1/21 – 1/30	Room 230 (Albert) Room 222 (Riggs)
<b>Attention Parents:</b> Please obey the signs and do not park or drop off your children in front of the school.	

**Trivia Question:** Who, in 1964, at the age of 35, was the youngest person to have received the Nobel Peace Prize? (Answer on back)

**PTA General Meeting**  
**Tonight, 6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room**  
**Pizza and Child Care Will Be Provided**

**AUCTION COMMITTEE**  
**March 28, 2009**

Contacts: Sandy or Soko at  
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Current Auction Donation Wish List

- Bottles of wine (for the auction's open bar)
- Free or heavily discounted printing for invitations, catalog, and other auction materials
- Raffle Prizes (e.g., Wii, iPod, PS2 or PS3)

Please continue to solicit donations from merchants, family, friends, and co-workers. Also consider making a donation yourself, such as a gift certificate, tickets to a sporting or cultural event, or the use of your cabin for a weekend getaway. Bring all donations to the front office with a completed donor form. Our next Auction Committee meeting is Friday, January 23 at 8:00 am in the Community Room.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Contact: Liz at [lizreye@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lizreye@sbcglobal.net)



**Planning is underway for Family Dinner Nights for 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades.** Keep an eye out for dates in February and early March. We're also planning some fun workshops. Please note that we'll be changing the day and time of our Community Building meetings. Look for information in the Newsline and/or flyers.

**ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

Contact: Karen at [mitguardfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:mitguardfamily@yahoo.com) .

**Remember to sign up for Session 3 after school enrichment programs by next Friday, January 23.** Classes that don't meet the minimum registration will be cancelled, so be sure to register on time.  
**Parents—Session 2 Enrichment ends on Friday, January 23.** There will be no enrichment classes during the week of January 26, so make arrangements to pick up your child at your normal pick up time. Session 3 classes begin the week of February 2. To

help ensure the safety of your child, please inform your child's teacher if your child is enrolled in an enrichment activity.



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

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 Leesa at [bolesclan@comcast.net](mailto:bolesclan@comcast.net)

**Most classes have already signed up for carnival games and activities.** The list will be posted outside of the front office, so check out what your class will be sponsoring. Games and activities include Duck Pond Addition; Beach Clean Up; Japanese Fishing; Sustainable Fisheries; Fourteen Count; Ball Toss; Bottle Ring Toss; Lollipop Ring Toss; Bean Bag Toss; Quake Zone Bowling; Wheel of Fortune; Quarter Toss; Balloon Darts; Bank Shot; Ping Pong Madness; Pitch Burst; Feinstein 500, and Recycled Art and Jewelry. Come to the PTA meeting tonight and get an overview of the Carnival!

<b>Carnival Subcommittees</b>	
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
Volunteer Recruitment	All

**DFES GARDEN COMMITTEE**

Contact: Eric at [DFESgarden@gmail.com](mailto:DFESgarden@gmail.com)

**The winter break is over and the garden is jumping with activity!** Melissa Rayfield, our new garden coordinator, has met with all classrooms to plan out the rest of the school year. Classes have discussed plans for the garden, aerated the soil, and collectively planted radish and purple carrot seeds. Students should be able to eat the fruits of their labor by our third class. Melissa will be starting lessons about worms, seeds, and plant parts next week. More information about our exiting garden activities is forthcoming!

Answer to trivia question: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.