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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

**GOT DATES?**

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and joyous winter break. I wish you all the best for the upcoming year.

Join us at our SSC Community Meeting #2 tonight. Help our SSC in drafting our Balanced Score Card. We will be meeting from 6 to 7:30 pm in the Art Room.

Our school collected 342 pounds of food for our annual Food Bank Food Drive. Thank you to all who donated food to this important cause.

We are in need of a couple of items for our school. These items will be used for our first fifth grade promotion in June, as well as other assemblies before that. We need a podium and a portable projection screen. If you would be able to donate one of these items or know of anyone who would like to donate these items to our school, please contact me at 615-8461.

**Fifth grade parents need to return their middle school applications for round 1 of enrollment either to school or the Educational Placement Center by this Friday, January 9, 2009.**

Applications were mailed by EPC to all students' home addresses. If you need another application, please stop by the office and ask Ms. Judy for one.

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!

We are in the process of researching other aftercare options for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested in being a part of this process, please contact me at 615-8461 or Karen Mitguard at [mitguardfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:mitguardfamily@yahoo.com).

Yours in Education,

Michelle Chang

**January**

- Tonight SSC/PTA Community Meeting  
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- Friday Auction Committee Meeting  
8:00 am, Community Room
- Friday Enrichment Committee Meeting  
3:15 pm, Art Room
- 1/12-1/23 Registration for Session 3  
After School Enrichment
- 1/14 SSC Meeting, 5:00 pm
- 1/14 PTA General Meeting  
6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 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
- Report Cards Sent Home
- 1/26 Lunar New Year, No School

**February**

- 2/3 Community Building Meeting  
2:00 pm, Art 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)
1/20 – 1/30	Room 230 (Albert) Room 222 (Riggs)
Look for a February – June schedule soon. Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe in the Drop-Off Zone.	



**Help to shape our school's  
2009-10 academic expectations tonight,  
6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room**



**The 3rd Annual DFES Auction fundraiser is only 11 weeks away!** Don't forget to save the date--Saturday, March 28, 2009, 6:00 – 10:00 pm at the St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center. Your official invitation will arrive later this month.

**Current Auction 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 keep bringing in the donations. Drop off your donations at the office with completed donor forms. Remember to come to the next Auction Committee Meeting on Friday, January 9, 8:00 am in the Community Room. There are many big and small volunteer jobs that need to be filled. Contact Sandy or Soko at [dfes.auction@gmail.com](mailto:dfes.auction@gmail.com) to help.

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

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



**This month's meeting was cancelled, but we'll be back on February 3 at 2:00 pm to discuss our future events.**



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

**The Carnival Committee will present its list**

**of games and activities to the teachers on January 12.** This list will be posted outside of the front office, so be sure to look for it and start planning which game and activity you would like your child's class to sponsor. Participate early to ensure your class receives its first choice. Please contact Matt or Leesa at the addresses, below, if you have any questions, or would like to help on any of the Carnival subcommittees. Matt at [mitguardfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:mitguardfamily@yahoo.com) or Leesa at [bolesclan@comcast.net](mailto:bolesclan@comcast.net)

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL**

Contact: Paula at [plarink@pacbell.net](mailto:plarink@pacbell.net)

**Please come to tonight's SSC/PTA community meeting to help shape DFES' academic expectations for the next school year.** We'll start our meeting in the Multipurpose Room at 6:00 pm, and then break off into three groups to brainstorm ideas to help develop the academic expectations (goals and objectives) for DFES. The three groups are:

- Access and Equity--making social justice a reality (Goal 1)
- Student Achievement -- engaging high achieving and joyful learners (Goal 2)
- Accountability -- Keeping our promises to students and families (Goal 3)

Our written goals need to be submitted to the School District by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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

**We are exploring potential other after school care options for our school.** If you are interested in being a part of this process, or have ideas or concerns, please contact Principal Chang, or Karen at the above address.

**Sign up for Session 3 after school enrichment programs between January 12 and January 23.** Look for registration forms in the front office or in the multipurpose room during after school care. Offerings include gymnastics, fashion design, guitar, soccer, recorder, French, musical theater, mad science, hand drumming, arts/drawing, and chess.