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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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. 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 are continuing to research options for aftercare providers for next school year. At this point, we are gathering information on the best options for our students and families for aftercare. We want to look at all of our options and welcome your input. If you know of other aftercare programs you would like researched, please let me know. So far, no decisions have been made on whether to go with another aftercare provider. When we get to a point where a decision will be made, the decision making process will be announced in advance and everyone will be given an opportunity to participate. We will continue to strive for the best programs for our students. So far, some of our community members have met with an aftercare provider called GLO (Growth and Learning Opportunities). Next, we will be visiting schools where GLO is in session. If you are interested in further researching our options or have other aftercare providers you feel we should research, please contact me at 615-8461 or Karen Mitguard at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com.

There will be a music showcase on February 12 for all first grade classes and one second grade class, Mr. Firestone's. Our music teacher, Ms. Sumner, is getting our first grade students and Mr. Firestone's class ready for this showcase. It begins at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please return the letter that was sent home to all first grade students and Mr. Firestone's class so that we can have a head count of students who will be performing.

We are in need of volunteers to help stuff our weekly Wednesday envelopes. The load has gotten lighter due to our electronic Wednesday envelope, but we still need more assistance. If you are available on Wednesdays any time between 8 am and 11 am we would appreciate

the extra hands. Meet the crew in the Art Room. Thank you for supporting our school!

Yours in Education,

Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

January

This Week No Enrichment Classes
 ➤ Today Book Club, 2:00 pm, Library

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
 2/12 After School Enrichment Meeting,
 3:00 pm Art Room
 Music Showcase 1st Gr + Rm 203
 6:00 pm Multipurpose Room
 2/16 Presidents' Day, No School
 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

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB

Contact: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com



When	Who
➤ 2/2 – 2/13	Room 202 (Small) Room 205 (Vuong)
2/17 – 2/27	Room 204 (Cid) Room 206 (Lam)
3/2 – 3/13	Room 101 (Chung) Room 103 (Schroff)

Attention Parents: Please obey the signs and do not park or drop off your children in front of the school.



Congratulations to our top student Walk-a-thon fundraising champs: Anya Wu, Julian Moll, Jack Carroll, and Eleanor Mayer. Way to go! This message brought to you by the Wu family.

**AUCTION COMMITTEE
March 28, 2009**

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



The Auction is just 8 weeks away on March 28! All DFES families will receive their invitations this week. Be sure to attend this major fundraising event and invite your family and friends. If you want to do something nice for teachers and staff, consider purchasing Auction Night tickets for them. Indicate whom the tickets are for on your order form. During these economic times it's important to acknowledge merchant donations by shopping at the businesses that have contributed to the Auction. Help us to reach our fundraising goal by asking merchants for a donation, or donate something yourself. Donor forms are in the office. The Auction Committee is looking for "cool" prizes for the raffle. We would really like to raffle a Wii or other gaming system, and electronic items. For the latest Auction news and/or digital copies of Auction-related information, visit sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/feinsteines/Pages/auction2009.aspx. Our next Auction Committee meeting is February 6 at 8:00 am in the Community Room.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizreye@sbcglobal.net



Come to the DFES Book Club today at 2:00 pm in the library. We will read books by Mo Willems and make a craft.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Contact: Paula at DFESSC@sfusd.edu

The SSC met on January 14th to finalize the first draft of the Balanced Scorecard. The draft was submitted for staff review on January 20th, and will be submitted to the District on January 30th. After the Central Office returns their comments on our Balanced Scorecard, our SSC will provide opportunities for all community members to review and revise it.

Work on the Score Card will continue at the next SSC meeting on February 11th, at 5:00p.m.



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

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

Got Talent? If you do, the Food and Entertainment Subcommittee wants you! We would like to include an entertainment segment that will showcase our own DFES talent. If you're interested, please contact Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com. We are also looking for suggestions and referrals for magicians, musicians, and dancers.

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
Volunteer Recruitment	All

DFES GARDEN COMMITTEE

Contact: Eric at DFESgarden@gmail.com

Shop for your garden needs at Sloat Garden Center between February 20 and March 2!

That's when the Growing Up Green fundraiser occurs and 10% of your purchases will come back to the DFES garden. When making your purchases, present the flyer from last Wednesday's Envelope to ensure our school benefits from your purchases.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Remember, there are no enrichment classes this week. Please be sure to pick up your child at your normal pick up time. **Session 3 enrichment classes begin next week.** Parents -- inform your child's teacher of your child's enrichment class, so he/she knows where your child is supposed to go after school. It's an important safety precaution. The YMCA Site Director for our after school care, Brandon Lee, will be leaving next month. Although we will miss Brandon, we wish him luck in his new endeavors. The YMCA is in the process of hiring a new Site Director.