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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Due to the district's budget shortfall, nine of our teachers have received intent to lay off notices. The district sent out 362 notices to teachers throughout the district, based on seniority. In May, teachers will learn whether these notices will go through or be rescinded. During this trying time, your support in advocating against the impending budget cuts is needed. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions at 615-8461. As of this morning, a news release from the Mayor's office stated, "Mayor Gavin Newsom today announced that layoffs and program cuts to public schools will be prevented by providing up to \$23 million from the city's rainy day fund. Newsom's action will save over 250 teachers' jobs."

The Pine Car Workshop will be held on Thursday, April 2 from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in the Art Room. At this workshop, families will learn how to build, sand and seal their car. If your child is interested in participating in the Feinstein 500, order your cars by this Friday, March 13 by filling out the bright yellow order form and returning it to the office.

Parent Teacher Conference Week is next week. School will be dismissed one hour early that week, at 12:50 pm. Please make arrangements to pick your child up by 12:50 pm during Parent Teacher Conference Week.

Please join us at our SSC meeting next week Wednesday, March 18 at 5:00 pm in the Art Room.

At this meeting we will be reviewing all of the data collected to date regarding aftercare programs at our school. From this data review, we hope to work towards consensus in discussing what our best aftercare option is for the 2009-2010 school year.

During this meeting, we will also be reviewing our feedback from the SFUSD Central Office on our first draft of our Balanced Scorecard and we will work on aligning next year's budget with our Balanced Scorecard.

Our Annual Auction is two and one half weeks away. Our Auction Committee is in need of volunteers to help out before and during the auction. Please check out the flier in today's Wednesday envelope to see what help is needed and to find the response form for you to fill out. It takes our entire school

community to make this event a successful one. Please help out where you can- transporting items, setting up food, donating items, staffing cash and carry, staffing check out, tearing down, etc. The proceeds from the auction benefit all of our students.

Last week's Fourth/Fifth 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.

Yours in Education,

Principal Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

March

- Tonight PTA General Meeting
6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- Friday Pine Car Sale, After School
- Friday Spirit Day, Wear Green
- Friday Pine Car Sale, After School
- Friday Last Day to Submit Pine Car Orders
- Saturday "There Will Be Saws" Day
DFES Playground, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm
- Week of 3/16 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Early Dismissal**
- Week of 3/16 Enrichment Classes Start/End Early
- 3/18 SSC Meeting on After School Care,
Budget, and Balanced Scorecard
5:00 pm
- 3/19 Dance lesson (adults)
6:45 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 3/20 Auction Committee Meeting
- 3/20 **Postponed, New Date TBA**
Auction Preview
12:30 - 5:30 pm, Art Room
- Thru 3/20 Reading Competition
- Thru 3/20 Auction Night Tickets for \$20/ticket
- >3/20 Auction Night Tickets for \$25/ticket
- 3/25 PTA EB Meeting, 6:30 pm, Art Room
- 3/26 Enrichment & After School Care
Committee, 4:30 pm, Art Room
- 3/27 Student Council Talent Show
12:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 3/28 Auction Night, 6:00 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral Event Center
- 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)
3/31 – 4/3 4/13- 4/17 (two non-consecutive weeks due to Spring Break)	Room 203 (Firestone) Room 208 (Sova)

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 2 weeks away on March 28!
Thank you, DFES community, for selling Auction raffle tickets. Your efforts have already netted over \$1,600!

Remember to buy your Auction Night tickets by March 20. Prices go up on March 21.

Got Time? We need volunteers on the day of the Auction to transport Auction items, set up the event, register guests, work the cash and carry, assist in the live auction, help with check out, and more. Fill out the volunteer form and return it to the office or to the address, above.

Is curiosity getting the best of you? Preview Auction items on March 20, from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Art Room. Classroom art projects, themed baskets, a handcrafted desk, and other terrific items are among items that will be showcased. There also will be a "Cash & Carry" for selected Auction items. Only cash and checks will be accepted, so bring these along on March 20!

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizrey@sbcglobal.net



We could have danced all night...if only we had had free dance lessons!

You're in luck. Free dance lessons for adults in time for Auction Night.

Thursday, March 19, 6:45 – 8:00 pm Multipurpose Room
Childcare and Snacks Provided

Thanks to all who attended the smashing successful 4th/5th grade Family Dinner Night last week!

General PTA Meeting Tonight!
6:30 pm
Multipurpose Room

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com
All Enrichment classes will begin and end one hour early next week due to Parent/Teacher conferences. Please make appropriate arrangements to pick up your child on time.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out the school website at <http://sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/FeinsteinES>



"PLAYLAND-AT-PARKSIDE"

CARNIVAL

May 2, 2009

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



There Will Be Saws Day March 14

This Saturday, March 14, DFES Playground
9:00 am – 5:00 pm (or until the work is done)

We're building Carnival games for the following classrooms: Cid, Lam, McCarthy, Firestone, Riggs, L. Wong, and others

We need help. Your class needs help. Kids welcome. Please come.
Food and drink provided



Order your pine cars by this Friday, March 13. To ensure a fair race, only regulation pine cars will be allowed to race in the Feinstein 500. Order your pine car in person this Friday after school, or use the convenient order form and drop it off at the office. Cost is \$12/car.

We goofed! The pine car family workshop is on **Thursday, April 2, 5:00 – 6:30 pm.** The order form lists an incorrect date. The pine car workshop is followed by an "all-hands" Carnival meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for classrooms. The Carnival Committee requests at least one parent from each classroom to report out on the class' Carnival game progress, ask questions, or get help. Food and drink will be provided, starting at 6:30 pm. Kids are encouraged to participate, particularly the pine car workshop!