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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Parent Teacher Conference Week is this week. School will be dismissed one hour early, 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 tonight 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. A decision on whether to change aftercare providers will be made after reviewing all the data collected and feedback provided by Monday, March 23 and will be sent out in next week's NewsLion. If you would like to provide feedback about aftercare to help aid in the most informed decision possible, please call me at 615-8461. During the SSC 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. All are welcome to attend our SSC meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Our Annual Auction is only one and one half weeks away. Our Auction Committee has done an amazing job at coordinating this event. They have procured fabulous donations, yummy food and drink for this event. The committee is still in need of volunteers to help out before and during the auction. 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, purchasing tickets, etc. The proceeds from the auction directly benefit all of our students.

The election for next year's PTA Executive Board will take place on May 13 at the PTA meeting. If you are interested in a position on the PTA Executive Board, please see the flier in today's Wednesday Envelope for available positions and how to self nominate or nominate another for one of these positions. Joining the PTA Executive Board is a great way to support our wonderful school. As an Executive Board member, you will be instrumental in working with our school community to continue our school's progress and successes. If you would like to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, please submit your name and the position you are interested in to me by April 20, using the cut off on the flier.

In order to continue providing weekly information to our community through our Wednesday envelopes, we need volunteers to help organize and stuff them. If you are available any Wednesday, from 8:00 am to 9:00 am, please stop by the office to volunteer.

Yours in Education,

Principal Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

March

- Tonight SSC Meeting 5:00 pm, Art Room
- This Week Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal
- This Week Enrichment Classes Start/End Early
- Tomorrow Dance lesson (adults)
6:45 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 3/20 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
- 3/21 Auction Committee Meeting
11:00 am, Community Room
- 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
12:45 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
➤ 3/16 – 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)

Attention Room 105 (T. Wong) and 107 (Neimark) parents: Don't leave your fellow parents short-handed. This is your last rotation for

the school year. Please help to keep your children safe in the drop off zone. Contact your room parent to volunteer...or just show up at Vicente Gate and lend a hand.

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 10 days away on March 28!

Last call for Auction Night tickets at the discounted price of \$20/ticket. Prices go up on March 21. If you're still searching for Auction Night childcare, consider signing up for the Stonestown YMCA's "Kids Night Out. Pick up the form at the Auction kiosk in the school lobby or visit the website, above.

Don't miss out on the silent auction portion of Auction Night. Silent auction will run from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, so make sure to arrive on time!

Gotta go, gotta go, gotta go...to the Auction Preview this Friday in the Art Room from 12:30 – 5:30 pm! Classroom art projects, themed baskets, a handcrafted desk, and other terrific items will be showcased. There will be "Cash & Carry" for selected Auction items at the Preview. Only cash and checks will be accepted, so be sure to bring these along.

Please bring raffle tickets to the office by March 23. Our Auction wish list continues for non-alcoholic beverages; crackers, cheese and non-perishable snacks; black or blue fine point Sharpies or markers; double-sided tape; appetizers or desserts; A/V assistance.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizreye@sbcglobal.net



Shake, shake, shake
Shake, shake, shake
Shake your...!

Free dance lessons for adults for Auction Night
Tomorrow (March 19)
6:45 – 8:15 pm Multipurpose Room
Childcare and Snacks Provided

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Remember that all Enrichment classes begin and end one hour early this week due to Parent/Teacher conferences. Please be sure to pick up your child on time. **Sign up now through March 27 for Session 4 Enrichment activities.** Jewelry design, jewelry making, and photography have been added to this session.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

<http://sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/FeinsteinES>



"PLAYLAND-AT-PARKSIDE"

CARNIVAL

May 2, 2009

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Thank you to the following volunteers for helping to build our carnival games on "There Will be Saws Day," last Saturday: Tammy and Brad McMillen and kids; Leesa Boles and son; Lisa and Wai Ouyang and kids; Jeremy Paul and son; Brandon Yu; Guillaume Dunham; Kate Aks and kids; Taryn and Lisa Hanano; Soko Kim and daughter; Sandy Wong; the Lee family; Wei Rappaport and kids; Matt and Karen Mitguard and daughter; and Principal Chang. Together, we sawed, nailed, sanded, and painted two bean bag toss games and stands for Rooms 206 and 118 (Lam and McCarthy), two 14-Count games for Room 203 (Firestone); Wheel of Fortune for Room 222 (Riggs); and the storage shed. We also tested the Feinstein 500 race for Room 209 (L. Wong).



Over 100 pine cars have been ordered!

The competition will be fierce, so start revving your engines for the Feinstein 500 on Carnival day, May 2. For those who may have missed the order deadline, we will be purchasing a handful of extra cars that will be sold at the Pine Car workshop on April 2 on a first come, first served basis. The pine car family workshop is on **Thursday, April 2, 5:00 – 6:30 pm. It will be followed by an "all-hands" Carnival meeting from 6:30 – 8:00 pm for classrooms.** The Carnival Committee requests that at least one parent from each classroom 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.

Talent Show planned, performed, and directed by students, for students and parents on March 27 at 12:45 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please plan to attend!