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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GOT DATES?

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Parent Teacher Conference Week is the week of March 16 – 20. 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.

Our Annual Auction is three 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.

We will be celebrating Read Across America Day this Friday, March 6. For this day, our teachers are preparing fun reading activities for our students and our Student Council has designated this day as Pajama Day (where students wear their pajamas to school). If you are interested in volunteering in your child's class to read aloud or help with activities on this day, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Last week's Third 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.

We continue to have members of our community who are not following traffic safety laws. Please remember to use the Vicente Street drop off in the morning, do not park in white zones at any times, do not double park, and use the crosswalk for crossing the street. The San Francisco Police Department will be enforcing traffic laws during drop off and pick up. Please help to keep our community safe by abiding by traffic laws.

Yours in Education,

Principal Michelle Chang

March

- This Week Auction "Drop-Off"
7:30-8:00 am, Vicente Gate
- Tonight 4th/5th Grade Family Dinner Night
- Tomorrow Community Building Meeting
9:30 am, Off-campus
- Friday Spirit Day, Wear Pajamas
- Friday Auction Committee Meeting
8:00 am, Community Room
- Friday Auction Donations Due
- Friday Pine Car Sale, After School
- 3/11 PTA General Meeting
6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 3/13 Spirit Day, Wear Green
- 3/13 Pine Car Sale, After School
- 3/14 Last Day to Submit Pine Car Orders
- Week of 3/16 "There Will Be Saws" Day
Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal
- Week of 3/16 Enrichment Classes Start/End Early
- 3/18 SSC Meeting 5 pm Art Room
- 3/19 Dance lesson (adults), DFES
- 3/20 Auction Committee Meeting
8:00 am, Community 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
- 3/25 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)

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 3 weeks away on March 28!

This is Auction Drop-Off week at Vicente Gate, 7:30-8:00 am. From the convenience of your car, we'll collect ticket orders, donations, and Wish List items (wine and non-alcoholic beverages, crackers, medium/large baskets, and clear cellophane wrap). Please bring in all donations by this Friday, March 6—and don't forget to stop by the Auction Committee meeting at 8:00 am in the Community Room.

We want you--to volunteer! 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. More detailed volunteer information is in today's Wednesday Envelope. We also need a copy and ad layout person for the Auction Catalog.

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, and items must be taken home on the day of purchase.

Auction information is only a few clicks away.
<http://sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/feinsteines/Pages/auction2009.aspx>

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizrey@sbcglobal.net

What	When
4 th /5 th Grade Family Dinner Night	Tonight!
Dance Lesson (adults)	March 19

READING CHALLENGE

Turn in your child's book summaries to your child's teacher by March 20. Contact Carol Fuerth at fuerthc@sfusd.edu to help post book summaries.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Carmen Robinson is the new YMCA After School Care Site Director. Welcome Carmen!

All Enrichment classes will begin and end one hour early during the week of March 16 (early dismissal week). Please make appropriate arrangements to pick up your child on time.



"PLAYLAND-AT-PARKSIDE" CARNIVAL

May 2, 2009

Contacts: Matt at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Leesa at bolesclan@comcast.net

Psst! We need your help...yes, you.



"Have saw, will travel." To the "There Will Be Saws Day" on Saturday, March 14, we hope. Handy men, women, and kids are needed to help build certain carnival games for the classrooms.



Ready, set, go! Pine cars are on sale now. Order yours in person this Friday after school, or use the convenient order form and drop it off at the office by March 13. Cost is \$12/car.



Parents: The Carnival is being brought to you, courtesy of you and your participation. Please make sure to help your class with your class' chosen Carnival game, and to sign up for one of your classroom's game shifts on Carnival day.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Contact: Paula at DFESSSC@sfusd.edu

Join the SSC for a meeting scheduled for March 18, to hear results of the after school care survey and discussions. You can still share your views on the following: 1) Do you have a child in after school care? 2) What do you like about the current program? 3) What are the components of an ideal program? 4) How satisfied are you with the current YMCA program? Send your comments to the SSC at the above address, or drop them off in the SSC idea box in the office.

DFES satisfaction surveys will be distributed in late March. More information on this is forthcoming.