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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GOT DATES?

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

We had a fun time during Halloween on Friday. Our students enjoyed parading around our yard in their costumes after lunch and many of our families enjoyed our first after school Halloween Carnival. A **HUMONGOUS THANK YOU** to GLO, the many students and many parents who helped to make this after school carnival a huge success. Our GLO students and staff had a great time making the games for the carnival. Our parents, headed by Tammy McMillen, Leesa Boles and Lucy Wang had a great time planning and coordinating the carnival- we appreciate your help. Thank you to all who volunteered time, energy, decorations and treats for this event!

Last week, you received a packet for our Walkathon happening on Saturday, November 21. Our Walkathon is one of our biggest fund raisers and it is a lot of FUN! Please review the packet, and sign up to participate. Make sure you have your child decorate the shoe template in the packet and return it to school if they are participating in the Walkathon. We have big fundraising goals this year and hope to meet them. The Walkathon will help us to meet our goals.

The SFUSD Enrollment Fair will be held this Saturday from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Concourse Exhibition Hall in San Francisco. This event is a great opportunity for families of current fifth graders to check out our district's middle schools. Also, all incoming kindergarten students and outgoing fifth grade students need to have an enrollment application in to EPC by January 8, 2010. Applications should be ready to be picked up at our school site by the beginning of next week. Please call Ms. Judy at 615-8460 to see if they are ready to be picked up next week.

Our Lost and Found has grown in the past months. Please stop by our cafeteria to check for any lost and found items that your child may have lost. All items remaining in the Lost and Found on November 13 will be taken to the Goodwill.

Yours in Education,
 Principal Michelle Chang

November

- Tonight CAN-Do Advocacy Committee
6:00 pm, Multipurpose Rm.
- Tomorrow Community Building Meeting
8:00 am, Art Rm.
Diversity Team Meeting 2:10 pm,
Room 112
- 11/6-16 Growing Up Green Fundraiser
Sloat Garden Center
- 11/11 **Veteran's Day, No School**
- 11/12 SSC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Art Rm.
- 11/13 Auction Committee Meeting
8:00 am, Art Rm.
- 11/13 Enrichment Committee Meeting
4:00 pm, Art Rm.
- 11/13 Family Movie Night
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Multipurpose Rm.
- 11/21 Lost and Found items to Goodwill
DFES Walk-a-Thon
10:00 am – 1:00 pm, DFES Blacktop
- 11/25-27 **Thanksgiving Break, No School**

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB



Who	When
Rooms 208, 209 (Sova, L. Wong)	Now thru 11/6/09
➤ Rooms 203, 207 (Firestone, Mitsui)	11/9/09 thru 11/20/09
Rooms 205, 206 (Vuong, Lam)	11/23/09 thru 12/4/09



VETERANS DAY

Wednesday, November 11th
 No School

The Newslion will return on November 18th

FUNDRAISING CORNER



Auction Wish List

- First class stamps
- DFES Family/Friend “Connections” (Please put us in touch with caterers, florists, and restaurant owners who may want to support the Auction!)

Countdown to Auction Night on April 10, 2010 at the St. Mary’s Cathedral Event Center. Please continue to check the “Auction Wish List” for ways you can help the auction. The **next Auction Committee Meeting is November 13th** at 8:00 am in the Art Room. If you have questions, contact Co-Chairs Sandy Wong or Debbie Desuyo, at dfes.auction@gmail.com

The annual DFES Walk-a-thon is on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Please refer to the “Information Packet” in last week’s Wednesday Envelope for pledge sheets and instructions.

COMMUNITY BUILDING



The CAN-Do Advocacy Committee is meeting tonight from 6:00 – 7:30 pm to discuss the impending budget crisis, how it may affect our school, and ways parents can get involved. Liz Isaacs, Tammy McMillen, Colby Zintl and teachers Aaron Niemark and Nicole Small have been attending meetings and conferences to promote an advocacy approach and cohesive message to the District. Attend the meeting tonight to learn how you can have an impact. Light refreshments and childcare will be provided.

Please turn in your **RSVP form and payment for the November 13th Family Movie Night.** There has been a change to the movie, so stay tuned for more information. The cost, however, remains unchanged at the bargain price of **\$5.00/adult** and **\$3.00/child** for a movie, pizza, and popcorn. If you have questions, contact Charlotte at cucurie@netable.com or Carole at johnchinfamily@comcast.net

Thank you, **Geraldine Azinheira** and **Alexis Rand** for putting together the fun-filled “mysterious” Book Club last week. The Book Club meets every fourth Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the Library (no Book Club on Thanksgiving Day).

GARDEN COMMITTEE



Remember to buy your garden supplies at Sloat Garden Center November 6th through 16th. Ten percent of your purchases will come back to DFES for use on school garden projects and classroom activities. The school with the overall highest participation will receive a 20% return on school sales plus the support of a Sloat garden expert. Use the coupon in the Wednesday Envelope to credit your purchase to DFES.

PTA NEWS



Things could not have gone more “boo-tifully”! Tammy McMillen, Leesa Boles and Lucy Wang extend a monster hug to all who brought food and/or helped at the Halloween Festival! Without your support and participation, this event could not have been possible.

Space...the final frontier. The PTA will be sponsoring “**Space Night**” on **December 9th**. There will be a portable planetarium and hands-on activities. Parents with space connections, hobbies, or aliens in their household should contact Tammy at tammymcmillen@yahoo.com to help.

There’s a whole lot of shakin’ going on. And we want to be prepared at DFES! Come to the **December 9th PTA Meeting** to hear about efforts to get our school ready for an emergency. Learn about water barrels and how much stuff can fit in a Ziplock bag!

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

The next Enrichment Committee Meeting is **Friday, November 13th at 4:00 pm in the Art Room.** A special **thank you to GLO staff, parents and kids** for co-sponsoring the Halloween Festival— “it was a graveyard smash!”

GOT PARENT CONTACTS?

Committee/Event	Name	Email/Phone
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Garden	Miko	mikomaruoka@yahoo.com