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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

GOT DATES?

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

A GIANT THANK YOU to all who worked in coordinating our second and third grade dinner nights! We had a terrific turn out of families on both nights. This week, we will be having fourth and fifth grade dinner night (tomorrow). I look forward to seeing you at these fun, community building events!

Parent Teacher Conference Week is the week of October 26 through October 30. During that week, school will be dismissed one hour earlier, at 12:50 pm. Your child's teacher will be scheduling a time for your conference in the upcoming weeks. **Please make arrangements to have your child picked up early (by 12:50 pm) as all staff will be participating in Parent / Teacher conferences.**

Our school tours will begin next week. They will be held every Wednesday from 10-10:45 am until January. We are in need of people to check in visitors, lead groups of tours, help out tour leaders, and answer questions asked by our visitors. If you are available to help market our school during the enrollment and touring period, please contact Kate Aks at kate@akshome.com. This is a great opportunity to help market our fabulous school.

The SFUSD Enrollment Fair will be held on November 7 from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm at the Concourse Exhibition Hall in San Francisco. We are in need of parent/guardian volunteers to come and help market our school at this event. Please stop by the office and sign up for a two hour slot to be a part of this important event. Thank you in advance for your time!

The School Site Council (SSC) and English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) Election Ballot will be sent home this week. You will receive one ballot for both elections. All DFES community members may vote for positions on the SSC. Only parents of English Language Learners may vote for positions on the ELAC. **Please take a moment to read each candidate's biographies, vote for the candidate of your choice, and sign the ballot.** Please turn in your completed ballot to the main office by Monday, October 19.

Yours in Education,
 Principal Michelle Chang

October

- Tonight ELAC Meeting, 5:00 pm Art Rm.
 General PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm
 Multipurpose Room
- Tomorrow 4th/5th Grade Family Dinner Night
 6:00–7:30 pm, Multipurpose Rm.
- Friday Auction Committee Meeting
 8:00 am, Art Rm.
- Saturday Community Garden Day
 9:00–11:00 am; DFES Garden
 Ballots for SSC Elections Due
- 10/19 **Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Week 10/26** **Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm**
- Week of 10/26 Early start of Enrichment Classes,
 1:00 pm
- 10/22 SSC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Art Rm.
- 10/28 Book Club, 2:00 pm, DFES Library
- 10/28 PTA EB Meeting, 6:00 pm, Art Rm.
- 10/30 New SSC Roster to SFUSD
- 10/30 Halloween Costume Parade and
 Festival at DFES

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB



Who	When
➤ Rooms 112, 201 (Finnegan, Zucchi)	Now thru 10/23/09
Rooms 208, 209 (Sova, L. Wong)	10/26/09 thru 11/6/09
Rooms 203, 207 (Firestone, Mitsui)	11/9/09 thru 11/20/09

FUNDRAISING CORNER



Join the Auction Committee this Friday at 8:00 am in the Art Room to kick off one of DFES' biggest fundraising events. We're gearing up for the donor solicitation mailing to businesses and are in need of first class (\$.44) stamps and copy paper (see "Wish List," below). Please bring your donation to the office and indicate "Auction, Attention: Sandy Wong." Thank you! Contact Sandy at dfes.auction@gmail.com

Auction Wish List

- First class stamps
- Reams of 8-1/2 x 11" white copy paper

Sloat Garden Center's Growing Up Green fundraiser benefits DFES during the weeks of **November 6 – 16** and **December 7 – 14**. Remember to bring your Sloat Garden DFES coupons.

COMMUNITY BUILDING



Over 200 families and staff turned out for last week's family dinner nights! Thanks to the many volunteers who helped. A special "thank you" to **Tammy McMillen, Leesa Boles, Sarah Smith and Kate Aks** for making the 1st and 3rd grade events so spectacular! **Tomorrow Night is the 4th/5th Grade Family Dinner Night.** If you haven't already done so, please RSVP to Alexis Rand at Tim.Lex@sbcglobal.net or to Judy in the front office. We need an accurate "head count" for food.

Family Movie Night is coming on November 13th, so save the date!

PTA NEWS



The PTA General Assembly meets tonight at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. The meeting will focus on DFES emergency preparedness.

SSC UPDATE

- The next SSC meeting is October 22nd at 5:30 pm in the Art Room.
- Election ballots for the SSC and ELAC openings (sent home this week) must be turned in to your child's teacher or the office by October 19th.

- The new SSC and ELAC roster will be submitted to the SFUSD by October 30th after results are tallied and announced.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



Enrichment classes will begin and end an hour early during the week of October 26th. Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time.

Parents, please note that you must stay with your child during the after school portion of the Halloween Festival on October 30th, unless your child is currently enrolled in GLO. GLO cannot care for non-GLO children during the Halloween Festival. Thank you!

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Rain or shine...come to the Community Garden Day at DFES this Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. We will be planting bulbs, California native plants and succulents in the butterfly garden area and the upper and lower yard beds. All are welcome! Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you!



Get ready for Ghoulish Fun at the DFES Halloween Festival on Friday, October 30! There will be a costume parade and Halloween fun.

SUNSET COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Sunset's Big Rumble Earthquake Preparedness Fair is this Saturday on Irving Street at 20th Avenue, from 11:00 am-4:00 pm. There will be live music, local performances, food, face painting, a jumpy house and more. Go to www.thebigrumble.org for information.

GOT PARENT CONTACTS?

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