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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Due to feedback from our community members about our SSC ballots, we are resending the ballots today. Some people felt that the directions for voting were not clear so we added information to the ballot to make the process clearer. Please take a moment to vote for up to two SSC candidates and up to two ELAC candidates. Only families with children who are English language learners may vote for the ELAC candidates. **All ballots must be signed to be counted. Ballots are due no later than this coming Monday, October 26 at 8:00 am.** They can be returned to your child's teacher or the office. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families had a great time at Family Dinner Night last week. A GIANT THANK YOU to Alexis Rand for organizing this event and to all who helped her!

We had a busy Saturday this weekend. A number of families came out to help plant new plants in our school yard. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the volunteers and especially our Garden Committee Chair, Miko Maruoka for organizing this event! Our yard looks beautiful thanks to your work. We also had a number of families come out to help hook up the donated computers in our library. A GIANT THANK YOU to our Technology Committee Chair, Matt Chamberlain for organizing this, his team for sharing their technological skills, and to our PTA President, Colby Zintl, for procuring this large computer donation! We now have 23 working computers in our library.

We are working hard to increase our Food Bank donations this year. Please see the flier in your Wednesday envelope about how you can help us to reach our goal.

Parent Teacher Conference Week is next week. 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.**

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!

Yours in Education,  
Principal Michelle Chang

**GOT DATES?**

**October**

- Tomorrow SSC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Art Rm.
- Next Week Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm
- Next Week Early start of Enrichment Classes,  
1:00 pm
- Next Week GLO Hours 12:50 – 6:00 pm  
10/27 Community Building Meeting  
8:00 am, 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

**November**

- 11/4 CAN-Do Advocacy Committee  
6:00 pm, Multipurpose Rm.
- 11/11 Veteran's Day, No School
- 11/13 Family Movie Night  
6:00 – 8:00 pm, Multipurpose Rm.
- 11/23 Community Building Meeting  
8:00 am, Art Rm.
- 11/25-27 Thanksgiving Break, No School

**VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB**



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

## FUNDRAISING CORNER



### Auction Wish List

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

Please bring your donation to the office and indicate "Auction, Attention: Sandy Wong." Thank you! Contact Sandy at [dfes.auction@gmail.com](mailto:dfes.auction@gmail.com) if you have questions about the auction. **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 90 attend another fun and successful Family Dinner Night last week!** Thank you, **Alexis Rand**, for coordinating this 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade family event. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped make it happen! **Book Club is next Wednesday at 2:00 pm** in the Library. A partnership with the **CAN-Do Advocacy Committee will host a workshop on the budget situation on November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm** in the Multipurpose Room. Mark your calendar! **Family Movie Night at DFES is coming on November 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## PTA NEWS



**Don't forget to join the PTA.** The cost is only \$10/person. Thank you to all parents who attended the PTA General Assembly meeting last Wednesday. As part of our emergency preparedness, the PTA is investigating the purchase of centralized water barrels to reduce waste and conserve space. An overview of DFES emergency preparedness efforts will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for individual classroom needs! Special thanks to **Matt Chamberlain** and the Technology Committee for installing 23 almost new computers in the library last Saturday. We still need about 10 laptops to reach our computer-to-student goal of one computer per student. If you have a working laptop to donate, please contact the PTA. The Technology Committee has purchased 5 new **ELMO digital projectors** with PTA funds. The ELMO projectors will be distributed by lottery to teachers. The PTA's year-end goal is to raise enough funds to purchase an ELMO for every classroom that requests

it. If you have questions about the projectors, please contact the PTA.

## SSC UPDATE

Because detailed instructions were omitted from the SSC/ELAC voting ballots, some school community members expressed confusion about the voting process and new ballots will be sent out. To ensure a fair vote, the SSC Executive Board and Principal Chang have revised the ballot and will conduct the vote again. We apologize for any inconvenience. **Kindly vote again (one vote per parent) following the instructions given, and turn it in to your child's teacher or Miss Judy by Monday, October 26 at 8am.** Ballots must be signed to be counted!

## ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



**Enrichment classes will begin and end an hour early next week.** Please make arrangements to pick up your child on time. **Next week, GLO will begin immediately after early dismissal.** Closing time remains unchanged at 6:00 pm. **Parents, please note that you must stay with your child during the after school portion of the Halloween Festival on October 30<sup>th</sup>, unless your child is currently enrolled in GLO.** GLO cannot care for non-GLO children during the Halloween Festival. Thank you!



**Get ready for Ghoulish Fun at the DFES Halloween Festival on Friday, October 30!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Learn about middle schools on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.** Everett Middle School is sponsoring a parent panel focusing on topics of interest to those applying to public middle schools. Get tips, advice and resources. For more information, call (415) 861-7077 or email [info@ppssf.org](mailto:info@ppssf.org)

## GOT PARENT CONTACTS?

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ELAC	Susan	<a href="mailto:s.percal@gmail.com">s.percal@gmail.com</a>
Community Building	Liz	<a href="mailto:lizreve@sbcglobal.net">lizreve@sbcglobal.net</a>
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