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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Thank you to all who take the time out of your day to volunteer at our school. We have community members coming every day for traffic duty, folks coming on Wednesdays to stuff Wednesday envelopes, people coming to lead school tours, volunteers attending field trips, people helping out at lunch and our community members supporting our school in many other ways. It takes all of us working together to make our school the great one it is. We are resending our *Visitor and Volunteer Guidelines* out in the Wednesday Envelope today for all to review. Please keep these guidelines in mind when visiting or volunteering at our school. If you have questions about these guidelines, feel free to speak with your child's teacher or call me directly at 615-8461.

Congratulations to our new SSC members- Gilbert Dair, and Tammy McMillen as well as our new ELAC members- Susan Percal and Richard Wu. Thank you all for taking the time to vote and send in your ballots for this important election. Our next SSC meeting is on Thursday, November 12 at 5:30 pm in the Art Room. All are invited to attend.

You will be receiving a packet for our Walkathon in your Wednesday envelope today. 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. 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 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!

We will be having a Halloween Parade at 12:30 pm in the school yard this Friday. If your child would like to participate in costume, please send the costume in a bag to school. We will assist them in putting on their costume for the parade. Please keep in mind the following guidelines for Halloween costumes: costumes must be age appropriate (no bikini tops, no micro mini skirts, no high heels and no bare midriffs); keep weapons at home (no guns, swords, knives or martial arts weapons); no graphic depiction of violence (no blood and gore). Thank

you for working with us to provide a safe and fun Halloween experience for our students.

Yours in Education,  
 Principal Michelle Chang

**GOT DATES?**

**October**

- This Week Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm
- This Week Early start of Enrichment Classes,  
1:00 pm
- This Week GLO Hours 12:50 – 6:00 pm
- Today Book Club, 2:00 pm, DFES Library
- Tonight PTA EB Meeting, 6:00 pm, Art Rm.
- Friday New SSC Roster to SFUSD
- Friday Halloween Costume Parade and  
Festival at DFES

**November**

- 11/4 CAN-Do Advocacy Committee  
6:00 pm, Multipurpose Rm.
- 11/5 Community Building Meeting  
8:00 am, Art Rm.
- 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 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
➤ <b>Rooms 208, 209</b> <b>(Sova, L. Wong)</b>	<b>Now thru</b> <b>11/6/09</b>
Rooms 203, 207 (Firestone, Mitsui)	11/9/09 thru 11/20/09
Rooms 205, 206 (Vuong, Lam)	11/23/09 thru 12/4/09

## FUNDRAISING CORNER



### Auction Wish List

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

**Thank you, Grace Domingo and Sara Choi, for your Auction Wish List donations.** The Auction Committee's big donor solicitation mailing to businesses is going out later this week. Please help cut costs by donating the "Wish List" items, above. Bring your donations to the office and mark them "Auction." The **next Auction Committee Meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 am in the Art Room. If you have questions, contact the Auction Co-Chairs, Sandy Wong and Debbie Desuyo, at [dfes.auction@gmail.com](mailto:dfes.auction@gmail.com)

**DFES Fundraising is underway!** We will begin our **Annual Fund Campaign** in the coming weeks. The date of the **Walk-a-Thon has been set for Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Please read the flyer for more information or contact Christine at [christinebuesnel@yahoo.com](mailto:christinebuesnel@yahoo.com)

### GARDEN COMMITTEE



**A big "thank you" to all the families who came out for the Community Garden Day on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.** We accomplished a lot! The upper yard planters have new succulents, and adjacent to the lower yard play structure are cool-weather vegetables such as Brussels Sprout, lettuce and broccoli. We have a new ceanothus tree near Vicente Gate, and some of our new plants will attract butterflies or grow into California flowering plants in the coming months. Another gardening day is coming soon!

### ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE



**GLO and the PTA are co-sponsoring the DFES Halloween Festival this Friday.** Please check your child's GLO mailbox for donation requests. **Parents, please stay with your little "ghost" or "goblin" during the Halloween Festival on October 30<sup>th</sup>, unless he/she is currently enrolled in GLO.** GLO cannot care for non-GLO children during the Halloween Festival. Thank you!

GLO is offering a **full day program at Alvarado School** for both GLO and non-GLO students on **Veteran's Day**, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be food, crafts and games. The cost is \$38 and \$43 for current GLO and non-GLO families, respectively. Turn in your registration by this Friday.



**The wait is almost over...the DFES PTA/GLO Halloween Festival is 1:00 – 4:00 pm this Friday in the Multipurpose Room!** There will be games, crafts, food, and a brand new **Haunted Prison**. Twelve (12) **parent volunteers are needed for one-hour shifts** to help set up food, crafts and games, to decorate the Haunted Prison, and to replenish snacks for our hungry witches, goblins, and ghosts. Contact Tammy at [tammymcmillen@yahoo.com](mailto:tammymcmillen@yahoo.com) or Leesa at [leesaboles@comcast.net](mailto:leesaboles@comcast.net) to volunteer.

The Halloween Festival is in need of the following **food donations**. Thank you!

- Kindergarten Families: Apple Juice/Cider
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Families: Muffins
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Families: Oatmeal Cookies
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Families: Orange foods/cookie decorations/edible confetti; Twizzlers
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families: Apples/Fruit
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Families: Popcorn/Pretzels

### GOT PARENT CONTACTS?

Committee/Event	Name	Email/Phone
PTA	Colby	<a href="mailto:colbyzintl@gmail.com">colbyzintl@gmail.com</a> (415) 309-2450
SSC	Josh	<a href="mailto:joshmates@gmail.com">joshmates@gmail.com</a>
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>
Enrichment/After School Care	Karen	<a href="mailto:mitguardfamily@yahoo.com">mitguardfamily@yahoo.com</a>
Garden	Miko	<a href="mailto:mikomaruoka@yahoo.com">mikomaruoka@yahoo.com</a>

### WHAT'S NEW AT OUR SCHOOL?

Did you know that every Wednesday one of our classrooms shares out something they have learned? Today, Mr. Cid's class shared the monster masks they made and the stories they wrote about them. They then walked around the morning circle with their masks on their heads to the tunes of the *Monster Mash*. THANK YOU Room 204 for sharing out today!