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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Back to School Night is tomorrow from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm. We will begin in the Multipurpose Room at 5:30 pm. At 5:45 pm, we will move on to the classrooms. We will have two sessions to allow families with more than one child attending our school to hear from their children's teachers. The first session will start at 5:50 pm and the second session will start at 6:25 pm. This is a time when you will learn about the upcoming year- school procedures, school policies, curriculum, class procedures, class policies, and meet other adults in your child's classroom. Child care will not be provided on site so please make child care arrangements for your children.

When dropping off your child in the morning, please use the Vicente gate drop off. This is the safest and fastest way to drop off your child. Also, I have noticed many families who are not following the traffic rules. It is imperative for the safety of all in our community that all people driving around our school follow the traffic rules. Please see the flier in today's Wednesday envelope from AAA which reminds you of what the traffic rules are and ways to be safe around our school. It takes all of us working together to keep our school community safe.

Our classroom volunteer rotations to staff the Vicente gate drop off area have already begun. Thank you to parents and guardians who have volunteered at the Vicente gate drop off from rooms 212 (Mr. Simmons), 230 (Mrs. Albert) and 222 (Ms. Riggs). These rooms are scheduled to staff the drop off through September 25. If you are a parent in these rooms, we continue to need help for the next week and a half. Please come to help out starting at 7:30 am each morning. There is no need to sign up, just come to the Vicente gate. Please help keep our school community safe by volunteering to staff the drop off when your class is scheduled.

We will be having School Site Council elections in the upcoming weeks. Information about the election process will be in next week's Wednesday envelope. If you have questions about the role and responsibilities of School Site Councils, please contact me or our SSC Chair Joshua Mates at DFESSSC@sfusd.edu.

We are in need of volunteers to help in putting together our Wednesday envelopes. If you are able to help on a Wednesday any time from 7:50 am to 10:00 am, we would appreciate your help. If you have younger children, they can come and be with you while you are assisting with the Wednesday envelopes. If you can, please stop by the Art

Room anytime from 7:50 to 10:00 am on Wednesdays. I appreciate your support!

Yours in Education,
 Principal Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

September

- 9/17 Back-to-School Night
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Starts in Multipurpose Room
- 9/22 Community Building Meeting
8:00 am, Art Room
- 9/23 Picture Day
- 9/23 PTA Executive Board Meeting
6:00 pm, Art Room
- 9/26 Community Garden Day
9:00 – 11:00 am, DFES Garden
- 9/29 Art Meeting, 2:10 pm
- 9/30 Kindergarten Family Dinner Night
6:00 – 7:00 pm, Multipurpose Room

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB



Who	When
➤ Rooms 212, 230, 222 (Simmons, Albert, Riggs)	Now thru 9/25/09
Rooms 218, 220 (See, Bowers)	9/28/09 thru 10/9/09
Rooms 112, 201 (Finnegan, Zucchi)	10/13/09 thru 10/23/09

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Please come to the Community Building meeting on September 22, at 8:00 am in the Art Room.

PTA CORNER

The PTA is looking for a chairperson(s) to head the 4th Annual DFES Auction Night fundraiser. The Auction is one of DFES' biggest fundraising events (\$42,000 in 2009!), and we need enthusiastic volunteers who want to make a difference for our school. Next year's Auction will be held on April 10, 2010 at the Event Center at St. Mary's Cathedral. If you're interested in chairing and/or joining the Auction Committee, please contact Sandy Wong at dfes.auction@gmail.com

The PTA membership passed the proposed 2009/10 expenditures presented at the PTA general meeting last week. The expenditures are estimated at \$76,655. The current PTA balance, which does **not** include any projected income for this school year, is \$105,961. Approximately \$7,000 of PTA funds has been earmarked for technology improvements. These technology improvements will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting on September 23 at 6:00 pm in the Art Room. Please plan to attend if this topic is of interest to you.

SSC UPDATE

School Site Council (SSC) elections are coming soon. There are two open positions for parents/community members. Please consider running for one of these openings. Being a part of the SSC is a great way to participate in the decision-making process, and to gain an in-depth knowledge of our school. The SSC is responsible for reviewing and analyzing student achievement data, gathering community input, and helping to develop and monitor the school site budget and Balanced Score Card. Nomination forms will be in next week's Wednesday Envelope, and elections will be conducted via the Wednesday Envelope in October. If you have questions, contact the SSC at DFESSSC@sfusd.edu or Principal Chang.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enrichment begins this week, from 2:00-3:00 pm. GLO students will first go to their GLO classrooms to check in and then will proceed to their Enrichment classes. GLO staff will accompany K-2nd grade GLO students; 3rd-5th grade GLO students will go together with a partner. Non-GLO students should go to their respective Enrichment activity directly from class. GLO students will return to GLO after

Enrichment. Non-GLO students should be picked up from their Enrichment classes. If Non-GLO students are not picked up by 3:00pm, Enrichment instructors will contact parents directly.

Monday

Guitar Hero in the Music Room
Painting & Drawing in the Art Room

Tuesday

Recorder in the Music Room
Mad Science in the Science Room
Jewelry Making (cancelled)

Wednesday

Sewing & Fashion Design (cancelled)
Silly Strings in the Music Room
Suzuki Flute (cancelled)

Thursday

Creative Drumming on the Basketball Courts
Sunset Musical Theater in the Music Room

Friday

Academic Chess in the Library
Playtime Gymnastics in the Multipurpose Room

GARDEN COMMITTEE

Participate in the first 2009/10 school year DFES gardening event on Saturday, September 26th. Enjoy light refreshments while you help to weed, trim, and maintain our lovely garden. Gloves and tools will be provided, and kids are welcome!

PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT WORK

Meet Kimberli Kearny, our new Speech-Language Pathologist. Hello, my name is Kimberli Kearney and I am the new Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP). This is my first year working in SFUSD; however, this is my third year as an SLP. When working with students, I focus on many aspects of speech and language such as receptive/expressive language, social language, speech sound production, and fluent speech. This school year I will be on campus on Mondays and Fridays. I'm looking forward to working with the DFES students and staff!

GOT PARENT CONTACTS?

Committee/Event	Name	Email/Phone
PTA	Colby	colbyzintl@gmail.com (415) 309-2450
SSC	Josh	joshmates@gmail.com
Community Building	Liz	lizreve@sbcglobal.net
Enrichment/After School Care	Karen	mitguardfamily@yahoo.com
Garden	Miko	mikomaruoka@yahoo.com