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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Back to School Night was a great success. A GIANT thank you to our teachers for preparing for this night and our families for coming out to learn about our upcoming year!

This week is the last week for our fourth and fifth grade parents to volunteer for our Vicente Street drop off. **Starting next week for two weeks, Rooms 218 (Mrs. See) and 220 (Ms. Bowers) are scheduled for the Vicente Street drop off.** Volunteers for these classrooms should come to school by 7:30 am each morning to set up the cones in preparation for the drop off. Volunteers should plan on staying until about 8:15 am each day they volunteer. There is a sign up in the office, you can stop by and sign up or call Ms. Judy at 615-8460 to sign up. Thank you in advance for your support in keeping our school community safe!

Due to the activism of some of our community members, we were able to get a Municipal Transportation Agency crossing guard. The crossing guard will be stationed at the corner of Vicente and 25th Avenue each day in the morning and after school. Please look out for the crossing guard and follow their guidance. THANK YOU to those who helped secure this much needed help!

We will be having School Site Council elections in the upcoming weeks. Information about the election process is in this week's Wednesday envelope. Joining the School Site Council is a great way for you to be a part in the decision making process for our school site and to learn in depth about school processes and budgets. Please volunteer to be a part of our SSC by filling out the nomination form and returning it to your child's teacher by October 2. If you have questions about the role and responsibilities of School Site Councils, please contact me or our SSC Chair Joshua Mates at joshmates@gmail.com.

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!

Our final budget has arrived. It was based on our ten day count of 432 students. We received a total of \$1,883,902, compared with the preliminary budget we received in April of 2009 which was a total of \$1,882,832. The majority of our budget pays for staffing (i.e. – teachers, secretary, principal, student advisor). Our School Site Council will reconvene tonight at 5:00 pm in the Art Room, to discuss how to budget

our monies. All community members are welcome to join us at this meeting.

Yours in Education,
 Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

September

- Today Picture Day
- Tonight PTA Executive Board Meeting
6:00 pm, Art Room
- Saturday 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 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room

October

- 10/1 1st Grade Family Dinner Night
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 10/7 3rd Grade Family Dinner Night
- 10/8 2nd Grade Family Dinner Night
- 10/14 General PTA Meeting
- 10/15 4th/5th Grade Family Dinner Night
- Week 10/26 Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm
- 10/30 Halloween at DFES

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB



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

COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Kindergarten Family Dinner Night is next Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room. There will be good food, fun, and special surprises. If you missed the flyer, pick it up in the office or download a copy at the DFES website <http://sfportal.sfusd.edu/sites/feinsteines>

Please join us for the 1st Grade Family Dinner Night on Thursday, October 1. This is a great way to get to know 1st grade families and teachers. The cost is only \$8 per adult and \$5 per child. Enjoy mouthwatering Mexican fare! Ticket forms are available in the office or on the DFES website. If you're planning to attend and can bring a dessert, please contact Sandy at sandy.wong333@gmail.com

PTA CORNER

Attend the PTA Executive Board meeting tonight if technology improvements for the school are of interest to you. At the last PTA general meeting, the PTA membership passed a \$7,000 budget for technology improvements. The proposed improvements will be discussed at the meeting tonight at 6:00 pm in the Art Room.

DFES Auction Chairperson(s) needed! We'd love your help in planning one of the biggest fundraisers for the school. Auction Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2010. If you're interested in chairing or joining the Auction Committee, please contact Sandy at dfes.auction@gmail.com

SSC UPDATE

There are two parent/community openings on the School Site Council (SSC). Please consider running for one of these openings to be a part of our school's decision-making process. 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. If you have questions, contact the SSC at DFESSSC@sfusd.edu or Principal Chang.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Enrichment classes are in full swing. Parents, please make sure to pick up your child on time directly from class. GLO students will return to GLO after their enrichment classes.

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

Wednesday

Silly Strings in the Music Room

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

Enjoy light refreshments this Saturday from 9:00 – 11:00 am in the DFES Garden. Keep our garden looking beautiful by weeding, trimming and performing other basic maintenance. We'll provide the gloves and tools. Kids are welcome and encouraged to help!

PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT WORK

Welcome to DFES Kim Bowers, 3rd grade teacher! I come to Diane Feinstein Elementary School with 15 years experience in the SFUSD. I taught for 14 years at Jefferson Elementary in 4th and 2nd grades. Last year I was a Caring School Community content specialist. I am excited to be a part of the Dianne Feinstein Elementary School community. Everyone has been so warm and welcoming.

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

SUNSET COMMUNITY EVENTS

The 2009 Sunset Festival is this Saturday, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Sunset Playground at 28th and Lawton. There will be entertainment, food, games, and local music and dance performances. For more information contact the sunsetfestival@sbcglobal.net