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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Dianne Feinstein School Families,

Our first week of school was a great success! Thank you to all who supported us during the opening of our school- volunteers, faculty and staff. I appreciate your hard work and dedication to our school.

To ensure the safety of our students and families, I ask that you keep the following in mind when dropping off and picking up your children:

- **White zones are for drop off and pick up only, no parking in the white zones**
- **Use yellow cross walks when crossing the street, do not jay-walk**
- **Do not double park your car**

Our Vicente gate drop off volunteer schedule is complete. Starting next week for two weeks, parents in rooms 212 (Mr. Simmons), 230 (Mrs. Albert) and 222 (Ms. Riggs) classrooms are scheduled to supervise the drop off. Please talk to your child's teachers and the other parents in your rooms to work out a schedule so that our Vicente gate drop off is covered. Thank you for your help in keeping our school community safe!

Officers from the San Francisco Police Department have been visiting during drop off and pick up to enforce traffic safety laws in the past two weeks. They told me that they will be citing anyone who does not follow traffic laws around our school. Let's keep our students, families, faculty, staff and our community safe by following the traffic laws.

Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 17 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.

The start of our school year has been a smooth one. Thank you to all who have volunteered for the many

things we needed done to help in this smooth start- welcoming new families, planning for the PTA, planning for the SSC, traffic volunteers, classroom volunteers, office volunteers, yard volunteers, checking in books, organizing, and many more! I look forward to a fabulous year with you and your families.

Yours in Education,
 Michelle Chang

GOT DATES?

September

- 9/3 Diversity Team Meeting, 2:10 pm
- 9/7 No School, Labor Day Holiday
- 9/9 PTA General Meeting, 6:00 pm, Multipurpose Room
- 9/10 SSC Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 9/17 Back-to-School Night 5:30 – 7:00 pm Starts in Multipurpose Room
- 9/22 Community Building Meeting 8:00 am
- 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, DFES

VICENTE GATE DROP-OFF AND SOCIAL CLUB



Who	When
➤ Rooms 212, 230, 222 (Simmons, Albert, Riggs)	9/14/09 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

The Vicente Gate Drop-off is vital to ensuring the safety of our kids. Please help

your Room Parent coordinate coverage by volunteering during your classroom's scheduled period.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Contact: Liz at lizreye@sbcglobal.net

Come to the first Community Building meeting of the school year on September 22nd at 8:00 am. Contact Liz at the above address for information on how you can participate in planning and organizing fun community building events for the school.

PTA CORNER

Contact: Colby at colbyzintl@gmail.com

2009-10 PTA Executive Board:

Colby Zintl, President
Christine Busnell, Vice President
Tammy McMillen, Assistant Vice President
Erik Rapoport, Assistant Vice President
Liz White, Secretary
Clift O'Byaw, Treasurer
Alexis Rand, Assistant Treasurer
Paul Stein, Historian
Peter Udovch, Auditor
Rich Gonzales, Parliamentarian

Colby Zintl came across this message recently, and asked that it be shared with DFES parents:

Parent involvement isn't a luxury—it's an integral component of student achievement and school reform. Decades of research studies on the effect of meaningful parent involvement programs in schools have found that when parents are involved, students achieve more, regardless of socio-economic status, ethnic/racial background, or the parents' education level." (From Parental Involvement Reaps Big Rewards, Edutopia.org)

PTA GENERAL MEETING "Working Together"

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 – 7:30 pm, Multipurpose Room
Childcare and Refreshments Provided

Join the PTA on September 9 and make your vote count!

SSC UPDATE

SSC elections for new members will be held in the fall. Please consider running for a

vacant spot. In the meantime, welcome back returning SSC members Josh Mates, Paula Larink

(parents); Principal Chang, Erin McCarthy, Aaron Neimark, Nicole Small (faculty); and Dan Ryan (community).

Mark your calendars for the first SSC meeting of the school year on **Thursday, September 10th at 5:30 pm.** Minutes from past SSC meetings are posted on the DFES website.

ENRICHMENT AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Contact: Karen at mitguardfamily@yahoo.com

Welcome GLO, to DFES! GLO's DFES

teachers are Susan O'Cain, Theresa Leung, Julie Melikian, Eric Ng, Amanda Whitehead, Mai Xiong, Courtney Rosboro, and Rachel Reves. Jan Hoshida and Saville Gambol are our GLO Site Director and Assistant Site Director, respectively. Please get to know Jan and Saville, below!

Site Director: Jan Hoshida

Thank you to the Dianne Feinstein Elementary School staff, principal, families and kids for welcoming Growth & Learning Opportunities (GLO) into your community. GLO and its staff are all honored to be a part of such an amazing group of people and are ready for an exciting school year. I have chosen the field of Youth Development based on the impact that I have seen it have on numerous children and families (as well as myself) throughout my 13 years in this area of work. For the past 8 years, I worked with Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center (Tel-Hi) where I was the Director of Elementary School Programs and the Lead Academic and Enrichment Coordinator. It was at Tel-Hi that I learned the power of community and the positive impacts that it can have on our youth. Our youth need enriching, diverse and hands-on learning experiences, opportunities for leadership and a safe environment in which to do so. GLO's After School Program at Dianne Feinstein is where this will happen. Please feel free to come and visit me in GLO's Office in Room 104 from 10:00am to 6:00pm!

Assistant Site Director: Saville Gambol

Hello, My name is Saville. I've worked for GLO for more than 10 years at our Alice Fong Yu site. I started out as a volunteer and worked my way up to Assistant Site Director. As a teacher, I worked with 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. I've also taught Hip Hop dance classes at our AFY site. You name it--I've done it. I love listening to music, watching TV, playing games, watching movies. I'm allergic to mushrooms and don't eat eggs, tomatoes, or pickles, or drink soda. I love spaghetti, bread, cereal, and peanut butter. Scooby Doo is my favorite cartoon of all time. I've watched every single cartoon and watched all the movies and have a collection of Scooby Doo stuff that I've collected from GLO kids and families over the years. It's great to be able to start GLO at Dianne Feinstein Elementary School. I'm excited to see all the kids and meet all of you.

Enrichment Session I is coming soon! Look for information and registration forms from GLO.