



∞ The CDS Weekly ∞

...Catching Up on the Coming Weeks

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Community Spanish/Art Project *Milagros is a Spanish word meaning "miracles"*

There is an ancient Spanish and Mexican tradition where small, metal charms are nailed onto a frame or wood sculpture. The purpose of these charms is to remind people of what they are truly thankful for, create personal wishes or remember a miracle that really came true.

This is the first month of a whole new school year. It is a time when many of us are thinking about our hopes and dreams for the year. National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15th to October 15th. To honor the Hispanic culture, the Art and Spanish departments here at CDS thought it would be fun to bring together the hopes and dreams of our school community in the "milagro tradition."

We invite everyone to design a milagro representing your personal goals, hopes, dreams and wishes for the year. In preparation, the afternoon artists have nailed together a wooden frame and the preschool kids have started to paint it.

Kindergarten students have already made an assortment of charms about wishes. Some images include stars, shooting stars, hearts, flowers and horses. On Friday, we will introduce this project to the entire school during the outdoor assembly at 10:45 a.m. Please join us if you can! After the assembly, we will place supplies for charm-making in the grotto. Parents, please come design your charm and tack it onto our wooden frame... where it will become a powerful collection of our community's hopes, dreams and milagros. Thanks.

—Karen & Elizabeth, Art Specialists

—Consuelo, Spanish Specialist

Mailings to CDS Parents

Please do **not** send personal or business mailings to CDS families. The CDS roster that was mailed to you this summer is to be used to contact families for school matters **only**. Thanks for your understanding.

Extended Program Update

Elective Classes are filling up already! If you plan on signing your child up for an elective, **the sooner the better!** The registration deadline is Wednesday, October 1st.

Highlights of the elementary PM program this week include:

- Special projects in the farm and garden
- An art project lead by Ms. Karen
- Carpentry activities in the yard

∞ This Week's Hot Dates ∞



Thursday, September 25th

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.

State of the School Night, Part I

This is an adults only event

Extended Program closes at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26th

10:45 a.m.

All-school assembly, 2nd grade presentation

Parents welcome!

Saturday, September 27th

9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Family Farmer Training

Thank You!

- ▶ To Martha Davis for designing 3 new photo display boards for the San Francisco Kindergarten and Preschool Information Nights, and Mark Towery for printing them out in color and delivering them to CDS.
- ▶ To Kate Moses for donating "CDS blue" mugs for tours and other events, along with 3 cutting boards and some knives for the Faculty Lounge.
- ▶ To Laura Pliska for helping Aimee prepare admission application packets.
- ▶ To Mary Beth Towery, Georgia McNamara and Bree Humphries for working with the kids and teachers and our school photographer to help make Photo Days a huge success!
- ▶ To Tina Corse, Dharam Khalsa and Jeff Levin for driving the 5th/6th graders on their overnight, and to Susie Carlson, Sanlin Cory and Sally Nielsen for driving, cooking, hosting, and generally being all things to all people on the 5th/6th grade overnight to the ropes course!
- ▶ To Cathy Estensen for the microwave!
- ▶ To Nadya Bratt for pillows in Ms. Emily's Kindergarten reading corner.

- Making t-shirts

...And voted last year as the all-time favorite:

- **Wheels Day!**

On this Friday, bring a special wheeled toy, bike, go-cart, etc. (and a helmet!) for a fun-wheeled party in the afternoon.

And finally, we are planning to create a strong after school music program. Do you have any instruments lying around gathering dust? Want to put that old tambourine to use (the one you played in your old 80's rock-country band) that is sitting in your garage under the moving boxes from a decade ago? Then donate it to the PM Music Program! **We are especially interested in working keyboards and headphones!** If you have anything (not new, just used) you'd like to donate, please contact Jenna at x15. Thanks!

—Jenna Stephens, Extended Program Coordinator

Lucky and JoJo Want Ewe to be a Family Farmer!

Are you interested in spending a little more time with Lucky and JoJo, our new sheep? Wondering what it's like to have a flock of hens peck grain out of your hand? Join me on Saturday, September 27th at 9:30 a.m. for the Family Farmer Training. It should last approximately one hour. This training will provide you with all of the skills and resources you will need to care for the farm and garden during holidays and weekends when the school is closed. At the end of the training, you'll have the opportunity to sign up for a few weekends throughout the school year. All levels of experience are encouraged to come. If you have any questions about the training or what the responsibilities of a family farmer are, please contact me at x21. Hope to see you there!

—Morgan Taggart, Environmental Education Resource Teacher

Hola Padres!

In Kindergarten, we are learning parts of the body, numbers 1-30 and fun songs like "La Cucaracha".

The song of the week is...

La cancion de la semana es...

"La cucaracha, la cucaracha
ya no puede camimar
por que le falta
por que no tiene
las dos patitas de atras! Cha, cha, cha!"

Hasta luego!

—The Spanish Department

CDS Book Fair Date Change

Our 4th Annual CDS Library Book Fair will be held on Wednesday, December 10th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books. This festive annual adults-only

tradition is a great way to support our school library and plow through your holiday shopping list at the same time. Thanks to the generous people at CWLPB, a percentage of all sales is donated to the CDS Library. Plan to shop and enjoy the party with other CDS parents and staff. More details on this year's Book Fair in weeks to come ... but meanwhile...

"You've got to read this!" A new fun twist for this year's Book Fair will be "CDS Recommends" – books designated as recommendations from parents, teachers and friends. Is there a book you've read that you wish you could share with other parents at school? Do you like to know what your friends think about a book before taking the plunge? We invite everyone in the CDS community (kids, too) to send us your recommendations of really good books – fiction, poetry, essays, cookbooks, history, story books, you name it. Give us up to three book titles plus one or two lines about why your choices are special, and you'll see your name & recommendations posted at the Book Fair. Email your "CDS Recommends" choices to library@cds-sf.org or drop them off at the Library mailbox on the 3rd floor. Deadline is Wednesday, October 8th.

And don't forget: you can ALWAYS make your book purchases count for CDS by mentioning "CDS" as your Frequent Buyer when shopping at Clean Well Lighted Place. A percentage of all sales go to CDS. Muchas gracias, CWLPB!

Updates to the School Year Calendar

To find out about changes to the School Year Calendar, visit our website at www.cds-sf.org Click on the News and Events page, followed by the School Calendar page to pull up the latest info!

Do You Prefer *The Weekly* by Email?

Help! The computer virus of this last July hit CDS particularly hard, and one of the casualties was our *CDS Weekly* emailing list. If you've received the *CDS Weekly* via email in the past and would like to continue helping us reduce our paper usage, please drop us a quick email at cdsweekly@cds-sf.org and remind us who you are. Also, let us know the name and class of the child your hard copy usually goes home with so we can remove him or her from the classroom distribution list. Thanks!

CDS Parent-Teacher -Trustee- Administrator Association PTTA Update

Friday Morning Coffee

Suffering from separation anxiety...from fellow adults?! Try to schedule a few free minutes into your Friday morning to join other parents for hot coffee and grown up

conversation outside in the yard after drop off, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. starting this

PTTA Questions or Ideas?

Contact Marion Quinones at 701-1957 or MQuinones@fbm.com.

Upcoming on the CDS Calendar



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6:00 p.m.

Deadline for registry in Fall Electives

Thursday, October 9th

5:00 — 5:30 p.m.

New Family Reception

Faculty Lounge

5:30 — 7:30 p.m.

Back-to-School Night

This is an adults only event

Extended Program closes at 5:00 pm

Friday, October 10th

Community Breakfast

How to Submit to *The CDS Weekly*.

Submissions are to be received **no later than Wednesday at 8:00 am**. Please email them to cdsweekly@cds-sf.org

