



May 26, 2005

THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Please note: "Words from Rick" is taking a week off and will return next week.

The Dirt

Hummingbird Perch

The Tadpoles have been studying pollinators this spring. They have been going outside with a clipboard and checklist in search of butterflies, bees and hummingbirds. One afternoon, after several weeks of not finding a hummingbird, I spotted one flying around in the garden by the Mexican sage. I went into the Tadpole classroom to get some students to come out and look at the bird. When we got outside it flew up in the air really high and disappeared. We started to look around for it and noticed that it was perching at the top of the pepper tree in the back corner of the garden by the Tadpole room. Ever since that day many of the Tadpole students have started to look up to the top of the pepper tree to see if the hummingbird is perching. There have been many occasions where I am passing through the yard and will hear a preschooler say, "Look, a hummingbird in the top of the tree!" Without this project we never would have discovered our hummingbird's favorite place to hang out. Thank you Tadpoles!

From the Office

Teacher Support Initiative

The campaign is off and running and volunteers will be calling parents and grandparents soon to ask for help gathering information and raising money. We hope to raise \$60,000 by September 1 to fund professional development opportunities for the CDS faculty as well as hire a second music teacher. To do this, we are asking parents to share business and personal contacts who we could approach for gifts and grants, as well as to donate what you can. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Susi Alexander, Teacher Support Initiative Chair, at salexander@publicmediacenter.org or 641-0393, or Marion Quinones at marionq@cds-sf.org or 861-5432 x23. Thank you for your help.

A Lemon Tree for Marilyn

On Tuesday, June 7 we will gather our school community as well as friends and family of Marilyn, Bob and Eddie for a tree-planting ceremony in the CDS yard. At Eddie's suggestion, we will plant a lemon tree in memory of his mother. The ceremony will take place as part of a school assembly at 10:15 a.m., and a reception with poetry and refreshments will follow for adults in the CDS library. Marilyn was an avid photographer and her work will be on

Hot Dates

Friday, May 27

10:15-10:30 a.m.

Friday assembly

Leaping Lizard class presenting

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day

No school

No extended program

Wednesday, June 1

10:15-11:10 a.m.

Step-Up Day

Grades K-7



Thank You!

- To all the volunteers who help set up and bring doughnuts to Friday morning coffee: Adam Feuerstein, Michael Silver, Tanja Beck, Karolina Garrett and Nasrin Naraghi.

display in the library all week. We invite you to join us for this special day.

Turning the Tables

The last Friday coffee of the year – only one week away on June 3! – will be guest-hosted by the administration and faculty as a thank you to all of the dedicated, enthusiastic and helpful parent volunteers who have made this year so much fun. Please stop by and enjoy a coffee toast by Mr. Rick and treats on the house. From all of us, thank you for all you have done for CDS.

Goodbye Rachael

Rachael Hammerlein will be leaving CDS to take care of family concerns at the end of the month. She will be helping her mom relocate and will then return to India. She plans to stay in touch with the CDS community from abroad. Her last day will be Friday, May 27. Christian Kaup will replace her as outside teacher for the remainder of the year. Chris has a B.A. in English and has worked as a substitute teacher in Ohio and more recently, here at CDS. Please wish Rachael well and welcome Chris to CDS.

Lost & Found

Come and get your lost t-shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, shorts, shoes and backpacks! Today and tomorrow, lost and found items will be on display on the front gates. Please retrieve your missing items. On Friday afternoon anything leftover will go to Community Thrift.

From the Students

PAWS

The 6th grade class is conducting a pet food drive as a community service project. They are volunteering with an organization called PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support). PAWS helps people with AIDS and other disabilities take care of their pets when they are sick, in the hospital, having trouble leaving the house or affording pet supplies. The students are collecting pet food and cash donations for the PAWS food bank. You too can help

out by dropping off pet food donations in the PAWS bucket in the school entrance. The pet food drive will run until June 8. Thanks for your support.

Events

Step-Up Day

Step-Up Day will take place on Wednesday, June 1 from 10:15-11:00 a.m. On Step-Up Day all students in grades K-7 “step-up” to the next grade for an hour. During this time they will have a chance to meet their new classmates and teachers and get oriented to the upcoming school year.

Extended Program News

Summer Camp

Extra summer camp registration forms are available at the front desk. All four sessions are almost completely full. If you are interested in having your child participate, please call or e-mail first to make sure there is still space available.

All Preschool-K camps are full. Elementary/middle school camps that are full:

- Session I: Farm and Garden
- Session II: Arts and Crafts
- Session III: Farm and Garden, Arts and Crafts
- Session IV: Theater

There are still several spaces left in our middle school youth leadership camp. E-mail or call Jenna (x15), or go to the website (www.cds-sf.org) for more information.

Boys and Girls Club

Tuesday, May 31 will be the last day that the after school program goes to the Boys and Girls Club.

Enrichment Classes

Friday, May 27 marks the end of enrichment classes for spring term. Make-up sessions will be held for the following classes:

- Thursday, June 2: Yoga and Beading
- Monday, June 6: Piano and Drama

Hola Familias de CDS

Hola Familias!

The 2nd graders are learning to talk about themselves and others.

The 3rd grade class is working on menu planning in Spanish.

The 4th/5th graders are finishing their projects and books.

Ms Geddes' 6th and 7th graders are moving onto individual projects based on topics that they have chosen.

La frase de la semana. The phrase of the week (from the 2nd grade class).

Quien eres tu? Who are you?

— Spanish Department

Upcoming Dates

Friday, June 3

8:30 a.m.

Friday coffee &

Thank you to volunteers
CDS yard

Monday, June 6

5-6 p.m.

Community building committee meeting
Library

Tuesday, June 7

10:15 a.m.

Lemon tree planting in honor of
Marilyn Tepper
CDS yard

Wednesday, June 8

2 p.m.

End of year ceremony

Thursday, June 9

Last day of school

Noon dismissal

No extended program

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