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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL **Weekly**

Words from Rick

Rick is out this week celebrating his daughter's wedding. Stay tuned for next week's article.

From the Director of Diversity

Living in the City

Check your child's backpack for *Living in the City*, a newsletter sent home today with the *Weekly*. *Living in the City* highlights service learning, diversity work and community partnerships the CDS community has engaged in this year. Extra copies will be available at the front desk and in the Extended Program Office on the third floor, beginning Friday morning.

Transforming St. Joseph's Hall

Celebrate St. Joseph's Hall

Please join us in kicking off the transformation of St. Joseph's Hall on Friday, June 1, from 8:30-9:30 a.m. in the yard. Mingle over Friday morning coffee, enjoy the weekly assembly and then parade with students and teachers through *pre-construction* St. Joseph's Hall. The all-school building tour will highlight the east end of the building, where extensive renovations will take place this summer. Invitations are in the mail this week to parents, local grandparents and neighbors. See you there!

From the Office

CDS Yahoo Group

The CDS Community Yahoo group is a forum for the CDS community to share information about life outside of school. This is not a list about school-related matters, but a way to share resources within our community. In other words, it's our in-house "craigslist." To learn more about posting guidelines and to sign up, visit groups.yahoo.com/group/cdscommunity.

Events

Country Fair Clean-Up

We still have many unclaimed items left at the school from last week's Country Fair. Please stop by the faculty lounge on the third floor to claim your items. Thank you.

Hot Dates

Friday, May 18
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Seventh grade presenting

Tuesday, May 22
7-8:30 p.m.
PTTA meeting

Thursday, May 24
7-8:30 p.m.
Middle school meeting:
Intro to Sixth Grade

For parents of students entering sixth
grade in the fall
David Minus Science Center

Dates also posted on CDS website
www.cds-sf.org/news/calendar.html



Thank You!

- To Kristin and Andrew Henry, Carlene Lim, Tina Leung, Jerry Liang, Paul Moreno, Roger Nys, Sara O'Malley, Laura Pliska and Ann Van Gelder for helping with the New Family Preschool Night.
- To the Seirmarco family for donating tricycles to the preschool.
- To Starfish families for providing a lovely faculty breakfast last week.
- To Luis Peña for creating the Country Fair logo; to John Kraus for taking Country Fair photographs; and to Danny Zemanek for videotaping the fair.

Extended Program News

Enrichment Classes

All enrichment classes are completing their final sessions this week, except for the classes listed below, which have missed classes throughout the term:

- Mondays: Piano (June 4), Beads (May 21)
- Tuesdays: AcroSports (May 29)
- Wednesdays: Movies (May 23), Animation (May 23), Cello/Violin (June 6)
- Thursdays: Creative Dance (May 24), Sewing (May 24)

Summer Camp

Summer camps are almost full; however, there are still a few spots open for pre-K campers in Sessions I and II. All forms are available online at http://www.cds-sf.org/life_at_cds/summer.html. For families already signed up, please note that half the tuition was due on May 15 and the remaining half is due Friday, June 1. Thanks for your participation in Summer Camp 2007.

Library Corner

Library Requests

Sheets

With construction comes dust, and the books in the library will need protection this summer. We'll be draping sheets over the stacks to protect them. If you have large sheets to spare, please contact Elsa at 861-5432 x327 or elsat@cds-sf.org.

Overdue Books

Please return all overdue books to the library as soon as possible! Once all books are returned, we'll be able to arrange shelves alphabetically or by subject so that they're ready for labels. Thank you.

PTTA Update

End of Year Meeting

It has been an active year in the CDS community and next year promises more of the same. Annual rituals like the Fiesta and Country Fair proved to be great celebrations and Step Up Day and Graduation are on the horizon. Parents, teachers, trustees and administrators have worked to create plans for increasing diversity, transforming the building and guiding our school into the future. This year has seen significant changes in all areas of the school and has pointed to challenges in how we communicate about those changes.

Join us the evening of Tuesday, May 22 as we review this year, plan for next year and return to the focus of communication strategies at CDS. All are welcome. Childcare will be provided; please sign up with Ryan Gordon at ryang@cds-sf.org.

PTTA Corner

Friday Morning Coffee

Come join other parents for coffee and doughnuts in the yard after Friday drop-off, 8-9 a.m. This is your chance to meet other families, have a few minutes of grown-up conversation and grab sustenance and caffeine before you start your day.

PTTA Questions or Ideas?

- Ray Baxter, PTTA President, (415) 902-0765 or ray@warmroom.com
- Patrick Everett, VP, Coordinator of Classroom Liaisons, (415) 609-4055 or patrick@everettnilsson.com
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- Michael Silver, VP, Coordinator of Diversity Initiatives, (415) 518-1803 or silvermas@aol.com
- Ann Van Gelder, VP, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, (415) 647-8561 or anndirkgv@hotmail.com
- Tanja Beck, VP, Coordinator of Events, (415) 377-8756 or tbeck@zephyrsf.com
- Edwina Paschal, VP, Middle School Coordinator, (510) 499-7739 or edwinapaschal@earthlink.net

Upcoming Dates

Friday, May 25

9:30 a.m.

Step Up Day

7 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Dolores Park Church (455 Dolores St)

Saturday, May 26

9:30 a.m.

Family farmer training

2 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Dolores Park Church (455 Dolores St)

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day

No school; no extended program

Tuesday, May 29 – Friday, June 1

Eighth grade class trip

Friday, June 1

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Building Celebration

First 2007-08 tuition payment due.

Last day to withdraw your child from the 2007-08 year without incurring the obligation for total tuition.

Thursday, June 7

3:45-5:30 p.m.

Eighth grade graduation

CDS yard

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