



February 28, 2008

# THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

## Words from Rick

*Rick is out of town attending the NAIS conference; Words from Rick will return next week.*

## Transforming St. Joseph's Hall

### Party-a-Thon

Sweeping soon through San Francisco is the first-ever Children's Day School party-a-thon, a series of casual gatherings to share information about the St. Joseph's Hall renovation and *Building Our Future* capital campaign while having fun with CDS families, neighbors and classmates. Parents will be hosting different events throughout town over the weekend of March 15-16 and during March. A variety of gatherings is planned – for Noe Valley residents, the LGBTQ affinity group, Dolores Park neighbors, fifth grade parents and more. All CDS families will be invited to at least one gathering, and invitations will be on their way to families soon. Please help CDS party our way to the campaign's \$2.25 million goal by June and keep an eye out for an e-mail or note from a fellow parent with more information and event details.

## From the Classrooms

### Middle School Photos

The middle school yearbook staff is looking for photographs of middle school students and middle school events for this year's yearbook. Please send digital photographs to Avalon Qian at [hiphopwolf11@yahoo.com](mailto:hiphopwolf11@yahoo.com).

## From the Office

### Farewell Ryan Gordon

Please join us in wishing good luck to receptionist extraordinaire, Ryan Gordon. Ryan has spent the past 2 ½ years at CDS improving systems at the front desk; supporting families, teachers and administrators; coordinating childcare; and juggling all of our questions, comments and urgent requests while simultaneously applying an ice pack or taking a child's temperature!

Ryan will be leaving CDS for an administrative opportunity with the Dental Health Foundation in Oakland. This non-profit helps under-resourced children access quality dental care. Her last day as the PM Receptionist will be Friday, March 7.

Stop by the front desk in the next week to thank Ryan for her incredible support of CDS, and encourage her to visit often!

## Hot Dates

Friday, February 29

Parent-teacher conferences

No school

Extended program available for K-8  
(8-6 p.m.)

Tuesday, March 4

5-7 p.m.

Mid-year Middle School Update  
Current middle school parents invited  
Faculty lounge

Dates also posted on CDS website  
[www.cds-sf.org/news/calendar.html](http://www.cds-sf.org/news/calendar.html)



## Thank You!

- To Leslie Hom and James Kingsbury for donating two clothing racks to the lost and found.
- To Mo and Margot Mitchell and Tori Anido for donating lemons to the first and second grade classes so they can make and freeze lemonade for this year's Country Fair.
- To Lourdes Cordero for helping with English/Spanish translations for the Admission Office.
- To the Klaus, Corse and Spitzer families for donating wonderful new books to the library. Thank you for thinking of the library during your spring cleaning!

## First Day of School

The first day of school of the 2008-09 school year will be Tuesday, September 2, 2008. Mark your calendars!

## Middle School Update

Please join Rick, Rebecca and members of the middle school faculty for a "Mid-year Middle School Update" on Tuesday, March 5 from 5-7 p.m. in the faculty lounge. They'll cover topics such as the current Middle School Head search and the curriculum development process, as well as answer your general questions about the CDS middle school experience.

Childcare with snacks will be provided. Please sign your children up at the front desk by Monday, March 3.

## Lost & Found

Come by the lost and found area and see how easy it is to reclaim those layers that your children shed on a daily basis. The former jumble of lost and found clothing now hangs neatly on two clothing racks on the front porch just beyond the environmental education kitchen.

## Events

### Fiesta 2008: Call for Donations

Our biggest fund-raising party of the year is Friday, April 4, from 6:30 p.m.-midnight at Foreign Cinema. We need your donations to make this year's Fiesta a success. This week we've attached information about how to use our

FIESTA ONLINE CATALOG to make your donation. It's easy, paper-free, and can be accessed at:

<http://www.galaxygoo.org/Members/Fiesta>

You can also drop off your donation form in the box marked "Fiesta Donation Forms Here" to the left of the reception desk. Help us raise money for sliding scale tuition by donating now! All donations must be submitted by Friday, March 14.

If you have questions, please e-mail Pat Rose at [patinsf@pacbell.net](mailto:patinsf@pacbell.net).

## Extended Program News

### Art World Camp Hours

The hours for tomorrow's Art World camp have been extended so that camp will run from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. (the original posting stated 8:30-5). We look forward to our first collaboration with Swivel Arts and are excited to be returning to the Boys & Girls Club after a fantastic experience last week during vacation camp.

### Talent Show

On Friday, March 14, the Extended Program will host its annual talent show. All CDS students are welcome to share their abilities with the community during an afternoon of fun, refreshments and entertainment. We encourage any interested parents to join us and support our wonderful performers.

## Go Bulldogs!

### Co-ed Futsal

Futsal (indoor soccer) season has just begun, with Wednesday afternoon practices. The first game of the season will be Wednesday, March 19 and will kick-off the Bulldogs first-ever futsal season.

Check back here for schedules and scores as the season progresses.

## School Wish List

- The first and second grade classes request lemons from your trees! In an attempt to make and freeze lemonade for the Country Fair in May, they need additional lemons. If you have lemons to donate, you can drop them off at the front desk.

## 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?

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## Upcoming Dates

**Monday, March 10**  
Professional development day  
No school  
No extended program

**Thursday, March 13**  
Parent Education Night

**Friday, April 4**  
6:30 p.m.-midnight  
Fiesta 2008  
Foreign Cinema Restaurant

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