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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

This week's column is co-written by guest-writer Maria Paschal (8th grade) and Rick Ackerly.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

On Monday there was no school, but I woke up at 5:30, just like any morning. I got dressed and ran out of the house into my mother's black truck. After an hour ride we finally made it to Daly City and quickly boarded BART. While on BART I adjusted my brown and pink skirt while talking to my mom about how excited I was to attend the Martin Luther King Breakfast. After about 20 minutes we were at Powell station and quickly clambered out of the train and up the stairs. Once up the stairs and out of the gate we stepped out into the wet, windy air, and quickly made it to our final destination, the San Francisco Hilton.

Once there we met up with Miranda (6th grade) and Ana (8th grade). The four of us made our way to the "meeting room" to get our tickets. Unfortunately, the tickets were nowhere to be found. After about 15 minutes of waiting for someone to help us, I spotted Millard Larkin, president of the Martin Luther King Civic Committee, and the person who had offered us the tickets. Thirty minutes later we were seated and given a delicious breakfast of eggs, bacon, pound cake, potatoes, asparagus and fruit.

During the breakfast, inspirational essays were read by students who had won an essay competition. The contest was to write about how or what a student could do for their school. After the students read their essays we were embraced with prayers, speeches and songs. When the breakfast was over I was happy I attended. Not only did I hear powerful speeches, but was able to hear about different issues including racism and bigotry, and not just from an African American's point of view but from Asian, Caucasian, and Hispanic points of view as well.

Education

One of the most glorious things about Maria's story is that it buries the lead. Half-way through, while reading carefully, one notices that these CDS students arrived at the breakfast to which they were invited to find that they had been forgotten. The tickets that were promised did not exist, and they could not be seated. What I love is that these young people, in a sea of strange adults, forged ahead undaunted and persevered until the promise that was made to them was fulfilled.

I said it last Friday and I'll say it again: I am continuously impressed by the grace and perseverance with which our students engage in the process of merging their wants with the needs and wants of others. It never ceases to

Hot Dates

Friday, January 25
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Middle school music

9-10 a.m.

PTTA open planning meeting
Faculty lounge

Friday, January 25 & Saturday,
January 26

7 p.m. (Friday) and 1 p.m. (Saturday)
Words, Words, Words

A presentation of one act plays by the
middle school Kaleidoscope
Theater Production
Dolores Park Church
(455 Dolores Street)

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



Thank You!

- To Dave Cohen for cutting up trees and logs for the mushroom growing project.
- To Eva Chittenden and James Glanville for donating two laptop bags to the IT department.
- To the Ramamurthi family for donating delicious cookies to faculty and staff.
- To Lisa Eltinge for loaning a toolbox to the upcoming Kaleidoscope Theater production and to Hannah Ingram for loaning a typewriter.

amaze me (and others) how skillfully they harmonize the pursuit of their goals with the requirements of the environment. With predictable regularity, they respectfully and peacefully pursue what they see as right and are open to expanding that notion of right by opening themselves up to learning from others with different points of view.

The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. would be proud. So would Katherine Haley Will, President of Gettysburg College, who defines education as "...to learn how to learn and how to flourish as a free human being for a lifetime; to be a good citizen in a democracy." She, too, would be happy to have CDS graduates apply. Education is all about leadership and good education produces good leaders.

Thank you, Maria.

Transforming St. Joseph's Hall

Kick-Off Celebration & Date Clarification

Please note that the date published last week for the *Building Our Future* Campaign Kick-Off and Celebration was incorrect. The celebration will not be held on election night but will in fact be held on Monday, February 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All CDS parents, teachers, staff, trustees and local grandparents should have received an invitation in the mail with the correct date and time. Please join us to learn about St. Joseph's Hall and *Building Our Future* campaign progress, hear up-to-the-minute real estate purchase news and enjoy a casual reception in the new third-floor classrooms. No need to RSVP, but please reserve childcare by January 31 with the CDS receptionist.

From the Office

SST Materials Deadline

For returning families applying for sliding scale tuition for the 2008-09 school year, 2007 tax returns (including copies of W-2s, 1099s and all schedules) are due in the business office by Wednesday, February 6. Also, if you received a postcard noting missing application materials, please turn in the requested forms as soon as possible. The Access and Affordability Committee will not consider incomplete applications. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lost & Found

In an effort to make it easier to locate missing items, lost and found items will be displayed on a clothing rack located on the porch outside of the Environmental Education Kitchen after February vacation. Lunchboxes, umbrellas, rain boots and other items will continue to be stored in silver containers in the same location. In addition, to keep the area clean and minimize back-up, all unclaimed items will be donated to Community Thrift on the 15th and 30th of each month.

Events

Words, Words, Words

The middle school Kaleidoscope Theater will be presenting "Words, Words, Words," a series of one act plays by David Ives tomorrow (7 p.m.) and Saturday (1 p.m.). The production will take place at Dolores Park Church at 455 Dolores Street. Admission is free and all CDS families and friends are invited!

A few items are still needed for the show. If you are able to lend the actors any of the items below, please contact Emilie at emilier@cds-sf.org:

CDS Yahoo Group

Our CDS Community Yahoo group is a forum for the CDS community to share information about life outside of school. Join this Yahoo group, our in-house "craigslist," by visiting:
groups.yahoo.com/group/cdscommunity.

School Wish List

- The after school program needs supplies for various art projects. If you have any of the following items to donate, please contact Jasmin at jasminh@cds-sf.org or simply drop supplies off in the Dolphin kindergarten classroom: (clean) socks and stockings, fabric/old clothes, cotton/polyester pillows, yogurt containers, tissue boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and beads and buttons.
- The IT department is currently looking for used laptop bags as well as used desktop and laptop computers (both PC's and Apple computers). PC's should have a processor running at 2GHz or higher (it doesn't matter whether it is AMD or Intel), and Apples should have at least a PowerPC processor running at 2GHz or higher. PC's should be running a legitimate licensed version of Windows XP Pro, and Macs should be running a legitimate licensed version of OS-X, and should be provided with (wherever possible) their installation disks. If you have any of the above to donate, please contact Terry Hall at terryh@cds-sf.org. Thank you!

- Three old-fashioned lunch boxes
- One tire
- One hourglass
- One red and white checked table cloth
- One cape

Fiesta 2008

Calling all volunteers and committee members! Come and hear our plans for Fiesta 2008 on Friday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. at Maxfield's, across the street from CDS. If you'd like to get involved, call Pat Rose at 415-282-9209. See you there.

Extended Program News

Mandarin Classes

The Extended Program is planning to offer Mandarin instruction in the form of enrichment classes that will start after February vacation. Classes will be led by teachers from the Chinese-American International School, whose off-site enrichment classes are known for their excellence, and the rate per class will be the same as other enrichment offerings (about \$18/hr). If you are interested in Mandarin classes for your child, please email Dan at danl@cds-sf.org or call 861-5432 x315.

Acting on further enrichment survey feedback, additional enrichment classes may be offered during the next session including music in the preschool, as well as dance, Spanish conversation, yoga and Tree Frog Treks for upper grades. Thank you again for your feedback

February Vacation Camp

February vacation camp returns to CDS this winter with the theme "Cultural Exploration." Instructors will lead students in exploring San Francisco's flavorful menu of art, food and recreation through field trips, projects and activities. Each day will include an opportunity to learn about new people and places around the city while creating art and preparing food that reflects these discoveries. Camp will be available from 8:30–6 p.m. and the cost per day is \$60. Camp is open to CDS and community students in preschool through eighth grades. Registration forms will be available at the front desk beginning tomorrow; the enrollment deadline is Friday, February 8.

Go Bulldogs!

Basketball Calendar

Boys - Today, 4:30 p.m.

SF School, Boys & Girls Club

Tuesday, January 29, 4:30 p.m.

Synergy, Boys & Girls Club

Girls - Tuesday, January 29, 4 p.m.

SF School, 300 Gavin Street

Basketball Scores

Girls vs. Lycee Francais

Lycee 10, CDS 9

Summer Camp

Due to planned construction in St. Joseph's Hall, this year's summer camp will once again be offered only to students entering preschool and kindergarten. Starting June 23, we invite CDS students and community members to spend the summer making art, conducting science experiments, feeding chickens, watering tomato plants, cooking special snacks and participating in dance parties while learning from enthusiastic teachers. Summer camp at CDS is a time to meet new friends, gain new skills and have a safe and fun camp experience while exploring a wide variety of themes. As an enhancement to this year's preschool and kindergarten camps, students and instructors will have the full yard and wood chips area to enjoy during their days. Enrollment forms are attached and the first payment is due May 1, 2008.

Summer Camp Details

- Session I: June 23–July 3, 2008 (no camp on Wednesday, July 4)
- Session II: July 7-18, 2008
- Session III: July 21-August 1, 2008
- Session IV: August 4–August 15, 2008

Cost Per Session: \$600 (Session I costs \$540)

February Art World Camp

As a service to families during the parent-teacher conferences on February 29, the Extended Program is offering a one-day camp (8:30-5 p.m.) in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club and Swivel Arts theater company. Students will have the choice of enrolling in either a performing arts or graphic arts workshop. Led by Swivel Arts instructors, the performing arts workshop will offer a day of improvisation, movement and puppetry. The morning session will teach students how to explore, move and speak while mixing dramatic improvisational techniques with exciting contemporary dance. During the afternoon, instructors will lead students in puppetry creation and play. In the arts workshop, students will work with CDS teacher Christopher Gonzalez-Crane and long-time Boys & Girls Club Craft Shop Director Mark Heija to complete a morning printmaking workshop, followed by an afternoon workshop in the photography lab.

Art World campers will need to bring a lunch and can be dropped off at CDS at 8:30 am. The cost for half a day is \$35 or \$60 for both morning and afternoon sessions. Unfortunately, due to staffing and facility limitations, this camp will be available only to students in grades K-8. If successful, we hope to expand this service to include the entire student community in upcoming camps. Registration forms will be available at the front desk beginning tomorrow. To ensure space for your child, please note the strict enrollment deadline of Friday, February 8.

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?

- Laura Pliska, President, (415) 641-5116 or laura@sfbabyworks.com
- Patrick Everett, Classroom Liaison Coordinator, (415) 609-4055 or patrick@everettnilsson.com
- Ann Van Gelder, Community Outreach Coordinator, (415) 647-8561 or anndirkvg@hotmail.com
- Michael Silver, Diversity Coordinator, (415) 203-0776 or silvermas@aol.com
- Sara O'Malley, Parent Involvement Coordinator, (415) 348-8841 or sara@omalleyhilton.com
- Karen Randig, Secretary, (415) 824-1784 or krandig@msn.com
- Tanja Beck, Middle School Representative, (415) 377-8756 or tbeck@zephyrsf.com
- Robyn Moss, Teacher Representative, (415)-861-5432 x389 or robynm@cds-sf.org

Upcoming Dates

Friday, February 1

Teacher workday

No school

No extended program

Monday, February 4

6:30-8 p.m.

Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

Wednesday, February 6

SST materials deadline:

2007 tax return, W-2s, 1099s and schedules

Monday, February 18

Presidents' Day observed

No school

No extended program

Tuesday, February 19 – Friday, February 22

February vacation

No school

Extended program available

Friday, February 29

Parent-teacher conferences

No school

Extended program available for K-8 (8:30-5 p.m.)

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