



May 29, 2008

# THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

## Words from Rick

### Open House

As I said in last week's *Weekly*, Saturday is moving day. When we return on Monday, the lounge, curriculum room, and most administrative offices will be over at the new 16<sup>th</sup> Street building. In order to acknowledge and celebrate this move and the many people who worked hard to make it happen, we'll hold a special Friday Coffee on June 6, our last assembly (led by the fabulous Tadpoles) and Friday Coffee of the school year. Please join us for the usual fare, along with extra special breakfast treats before assembly. After assembly we'll hold an open house to introduce our new space to the community and begin the orientation process so that everyone knows who is where. All are welcome to join—we'll walk over together and take a short tour. The first floor parlor will be open and available for coffee, chatting and merriment until 9:30 a.m.

Please join us; we look forward to seeing you on June 6!

## From the Classrooms

### 2007-08 CDS Yearbooks

The 2007-08 CDS yearbooks are on the way! Pre-order yours today by filling out the attached form. Extra forms can also be found at the front desk. Thank you.

### Family Farmer Needed

The lovely farm and garden is in need of tending the weekend of August 30–September 1. If you are available to help out, please contact Misty Cummings at [mistyc@cds-sf.org](mailto:mistyc@cds-sf.org). Thank you in advance for your help.

### Middle School Dance Chaperones

All middle school students are invited to a dance to celebrate the Class of 2008 and the end of the school year on Thursday, June 12 at the Axis Café (1201 8<sup>th</sup> Street) from 6:30-9:30 p.m. (fifth and sixth graders will leave at 9 p.m.). Adult chaperones (preferably from lower grades) are needed to supervise the dance. If you'd like to re-live your middle school days, and celebrate with our middle school students, please contact Pat Rose at [patinsf@pacbell.net](mailto:patinsf@pacbell.net) or 415-282-9209.

## Hot Dates

Friday, May 30  
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly  
Starfish presenting

9-10 a.m.  
Step-Up Day

4:30-6 p.m.  
Extended Program Spring  
Arts Festival

Tuesday, June 3 – Friday, June 6  
Eighth grade class trip

Monday, June 2  
Last day to cancel 2008-09  
enrollment contract

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



## Thank You!

- To Leaping Lizard families for providing a wonderful array of breakfast treats for last week's faculty breakfast!

## From the Office

### Lost and Found

Please collect your lost belongings! Lost and found items will be displayed on the yard today and tomorrow. Unclaimed items will be donated to Community Thrift at the end of the day on Friday.

### Join the Parade!

Each year, a dedicated group of CDS parents, trustees, teachers and staff, and children march in the San Francisco LGBT Pride Parade. This year, the 38th annual parade will be held on Sunday, June 29 along Market Street. Join this year's parade behind the CDS banner and be part of the fun. For more information about joining the CDS contingency or becoming a safety monitor, please contact Carlos Vasquez at [xvasquez@aol.com](mailto:xvasquez@aol.com) or (415) 564-9734.

### Last Weekly of the Year

Please note that next week's *Weekly* on June 5 will be the last newsletter of the year!

## Events

### End-of-Year Events

#### Step-Up Day

On Friday, March 30, students will "step up" to the next grade level. Students will mark the occasion with a students-only ceremony in the classrooms from 9-10 a.m.

#### Passing the Torch Ceremony

Everyone is invited to the Passing the Torch Ceremony on Thursday, June 12 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. At the ceremony in the yard students from each grade will share words of wisdom and give advice to the incoming classes. Please join us!

## Class of 2008 Graduation

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the Class of 2008 graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 12 in the CDS yard. Graduation will run from 3:45-5 p.m. All parents are invited to attend and bring their children with them; please note that there will be no extended program available that afternoon. **Any child who stays past dismissal must be accompanied by a parent.** For Leaping Lizards only, different arrangements will be communicated via liaisons regarding pick-up as they are the eighth grade class buddies and will be part of the ceremony. We hope you'll join us in celebrating this year's graduating class and all of their achievements!

## Extended Program News

### Middle School Summer Camp

There are still spots available in this summer's middle school arts camp for students entering grades 5-9. Led by Terry Ashkinos, Christopher Gonzalez-Crane and Melanie Liu, sessions I and II will include a Photography Seminar and a Creative Writing Workshop. Session I runs from June 23 - July 3 (\$540) and session II runs from July 7 - July 18 (\$600). Sign-up forms, including course descriptions, are available at the front desk and on our website. If you have any questions please contact Dan Larson at [danl@cds-sf.org](mailto:danl@cds-sf.org).

### Spring Arts Festival

Join us tomorrow from 4:30-6 p.m. for our Spring After School Arts Festival! Building off the fun we had last December, the spring festival will be a chance to showcase the art created in after school clubs and enrichment classes. Violin, cello and guitar classes will be performing, and the festival will feature another original production from Ms. Jasmin's Story Theater Club. Refreshments will be provided.

## 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](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cdscommunity).

## 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

Friday, June 6

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Assembly, Friday Coffee and Open House

Tuesday, June 10

8:15-10 a.m.

Middle school project fair

Thursday, June 12

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Passing the Torch ceremony

3:45-5 p.m.

Class of 2008 Graduation

Friday, June 13

Last day of school

Extended program available

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