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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

16th Street Building Update

As most of you know, the school received approval last summer from the San Francisco Planning Commission to use our new 16th Street property as a school facility. In their ruling they also granted our request that no fees be assessed for the loss of the dwelling units in the conversion of this residential structure to a school facility. As we announced to the community on July 28, 2008, "...this permit officially converts the space from residential to school use." The document gave us three years to go through the process of getting architectural drawings, obtaining a building permit and completing the process of bringing the building up to various code requirements for use as a school, and meanwhile to use the building in reasonable and safe ways. This was the understanding of the CDS trustees and administrators who worked on this project. So as you know, we have been using the building in very limited ways which we are confident are safe (e.g. library and music classes on the first floor). We have been in conversation with our architects since December regarding what would need to be done to use our new building optimally and to bring it into complete compliance with all city codes.

During our last fire drill, the fire department realized for the first time that we were using 16th Street for educational purposes, and then checked with the building department (which is different from the planning department). The fire department found nothing in the file, since the architectural work we had already done had not yet been submitted to the building department--the process that would have brought the fire department into the loop. Since we had permission to use the building we were surprised.

The fire department has asked us to stop using the building while this gets sorted out, and we are complying with this request. Since we have been working with our architects on architectural drawings, we are ready to immediately schedule a "pre-application" meeting with the people at the building department. This meeting will likely happen as soon as next week.

Construction in the 16th Street building will most likely take place this summer. What that construction will consist of is under discussion in this process. In the meantime, we have found other space for the students and classes that have been held in our first floor music room and library.

We have also begun to look for temporary spaces that will serve all of the other current functions of the building – Extended Day Program, Business Office, Development, Admissions, School Office and our teaching specialists who do not have their own classrooms – for the duration of the upcoming construction. This may be a blessing in disguise as we take this opportunity to

Hot Dates

Thursday, April 16
6-8 p.m.

Parent Education Night
sponsored by the
Committee on Inclusion and
Diversity

Friday, April 17
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Second grade (Colette) presenting

Saturday, April 18
1-3 p.m.

CDS Families of Color Picnic
CDS yard

Thursday, April 23
7-9 p.m.

Author Bob Bigelow hosted by
The San Francisco Friends School
750 Valencia Street

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



Thank You!

- To Jen Wana and Kevin Chen, Heather and Clem O'Donnell, and Michelle Lapuz and Frank Delen for Friday morning coffee and treats.
- To Annabelle and Andrew Anido for donating a giant red bean bag to CDS.

redesign I6th Street for our optimal use sooner rather than later. As things move forward we will keep everyone informed.

From the Classrooms

Sustainability Expo

Please join us next Friday, April 24, from 8:45-10:45 a.m. for the second annual CDS Sustainability Expo. This event is a great opportunity to practice coming to school in an earth-friendly way. Reduce your carbon footprint by riding your bike, walking, carpooling or taking public transport. The Green Task Force will recognize your efforts with a bright green sticker you can wear with pride, letting everyone know you came to school in an "earth friendly" way!

From the Office

Fiesta Update

We're happy to report that the Fiesta was a great success, raising approximately \$115,000 for sliding scale tuition. This event would not be possible without the leadership, vision and dedication of parent volunteers, organizers, bidders and party revelers. Thank you!

Item Pick-Up

Many of you should receive paid-for items (and gift certificates) in student backpacks this week. If you still need to pay for items you won at the event, please contact Mary DeNardo at maryd@cds-sf.org to schedule a time to come b, pay for and pick up items.

Auction Photos

CDS parent and photographer John Kraus took pictures at the Fiesta. These pictures are available for viewing and printing online at <http://gallery.me.com/johnkkraus#100077>. You can print pictures for free at home or if you'd like to order a print made by John, you can contact him directly at john@johnkrausphotography.com.

Parent Education Events

Just Let the Kids Play

All parents are invited to a talk hosted by San Francisco Friends School with Bob Bigelow, author of *Just Let the Kids Play*, on Thursday, April 23 from 7-9 p.m. The evening will include a lecture and discussion about competitive sports programs that put the interests of children first. San Francisco Friends School is located at 250 Valencia Street.

Education Revolution 2009

Parents Education Network is holding a day-long event, Education Revolution 2009, on Saturday, April 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at AT&T Park for students who learn differently, and the parents and educators that support them. The event will include conference sessions and an afternoon resource fair. Further event details can be found at www.parentseducationnetwork.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.

Events

Parent Education Night

Please join us for Parent Education Night on Thursday, April 16, from 6–8 p.m. in the third floor humanities room of St. Joseph's Hall. The night's topic is "Talking About Race and Racial Identity with Your Child" and will be facilitated by Tarah Fleming, founder of Start Dialog, whose mission is to create positive learning environments where the art of dialog guides challenging conversations around issues of social equity and racial justice. You'll have the opportunity to:

- Learn tools to use when talking to your child about navigating our multiracial society
- Explore ways to talk to your child about race and respecting differences
- Discuss the challenges of raising culturally competent children

Childcare is available for all CDS students, and non-CDS students in grades K-8. Please RSVP for childcare with the receptionist by Wednesday, April 15.

Families of Color Picnic

The CDS Families of Color Picnic and Get-Together is this Saturday, April 18, from 1-3 p.m. in the CDS yard. This is an opportunity for CDS families of color to meet outside of school and get to know other kids and parents who may share some of the same experiences at school and in their daily lives. Multi-racial families, transracially adoptive families, Asian, Latino, African-American families, and anyone else who wants to spend a couple of hours making connections outside of school is welcome to attend. Basic picnic food and drinks will be provided, but if you can, we encourage you to bring a potluck dish to share.

The event is sponsored by the Committee on Inclusion and Diversity and the PTTA. For questions, or to sign up to help, contact COID/PTTA member Sara O'Malley at 415-348-8841, or Sara@OMalleyHylton.com.

Country Fair News

Don't miss the attached flyer with all of this year's Country Fair details. You'll find everything you need to know about this year's event, held on Saturday, May 2 from 11-2 p.m.

Extended Program News

Spring Enrichment Classes

Enrichment classes have begun but there are still some spaces available. Please contact Dan Larson at dani@cds-sf.org to enroll.

After School Talent Show

Don't miss the after school program's annual talent show on Friday, April 17 from 3:50-5:45 p.m. The entire CDS community is invited to witness this showcase of after school talent. The event will be held at Grace Fellowship Community Church at 3265 16th Street (just around the corner). We hope to see you there.

Summer Camp

The Extended Program is very excited to offer a full camp once again for all CDS students in preschool through eighth grade. Summer camp enrollments are rolling in, but we still have space in all camp sessions in each age group. Some highlights this summer include our first ever Spanish Immersion Camp for elementary students during Session IV, July 27-Aug 7; Rock Band Camp with Mr. Terry and Mr. Ryan for middle school students during Session III, July 13-24; and Theatre Camp for elementary students with Ms. Emilie and Ms. Jasmin during Sessions I and II. Preschool camp will also include these new exciting themes: Animalia, Cultural Explorer, Environment, Living with Music and Cooperation and Community. Enrollment forms are available at the front desk and online at http://www.cds-sf.org/life_at_cds/summer.html.

- Session I: June 15-26
- Session II: June 29-July 10
- Session III: July 13-24
- Session IV: July 27-Aug 7
- Session V: August 10-14

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. (Earth friendly tip: bring your own mug!)

We're always looking for additional volunteers—if you're willing to sign up to bring morning sustenance, please contact Friday morning coffee coordinators Wendy Bokhorst-Heng at wdbheng@gmail.com, or Angie Jolie at ajolie@morillojolie.net.

PTTA Questions or Ideas?

- General e-mail, CDSPTTA@yahoo.com
- Laura Pliska, President, (415) 641-5116 or laura@sfbabyworks.com
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- Karen Randig, Secretary, (415) 824-1784 or krandig@msn.com
- Andrea Reynolds, Preschool Representative, (415) 860-7556 or andrea-reynolds@sbcglobal.net
- Darya Soto, Diversity Coordinator, (415) 812-1715 or daryasoto@yahoo.com
- Carlos Vasquez, Classroom Liaison Coordinator, (415) 987-6501 or xcvasquez@aol.com

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Country Fair

Monday, May 11 – Friday, May 15

ERB testing week – grades 3-8

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day observed

No school

No extended program

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