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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

Update from the Green Task Force

This week's article is guest written by fourth grader Olivia Starr and members of the Green Task Force.

Happy New Year! Greetings from the Green Task Force. All of us here are focusing on our New Year's resolutions and working very hard to make CDS as "green" as possible. Since there are many things we can all do to become more environmentally friendly, over the coming months we plan to share helpful tips with you via the *CDS Weekly*.

For example, something that's been on our minds these days is carpooling. It's a great way to lessen our carbon footprint and get to know our neighbors. If you'd like to see a list of your neighbors or get more information on carpooling (and we really hope you do!), please see Elsa Townsend at the front desk or Olivia Starr in fourth grade.

Other issues that we're tackling this year include reducing (trash), recycling and composting throughout our CDS environment. The great thing is that it's easy for each one of us to participate! As part of the Green Task Force "To Do" list, we'll be sending e-mails to families, teachers and staff with helpful tips on how to go green at home and at school. If you have any thoughts you'd like to share with us about reducing, reusing or composting, please contact Molly Meng (first grade teacher) at mollym@cds-sf.org. We'd love to hear any ideas or questions you might have as well.

As a matter of interest, here are some of the students on the Green Task Force Committee, who are always available to share the goals of the task force and encourage the greening of CDS: Mathy Chapin - fourth grade; Olivia Starr - fourth grade; Roshni Jariwala - third grade; Jackson Gilmour - third grade; Aisha Glenn - third grade; and Anya Ruppert - third grade.

We hope to inspire all of you to get together and "go green"!

From the Office

Book Group Date Change

Please note that the date for the next meeting of the parent book group has changed. The second meeting of the *Raising Lifelong Learners* book group has been rescheduled to Thursday, February 26. (The meeting date was originally listed as Thursday, January 29.)

Hot Dates

Friday, January 9
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Starfish class presenting

Tuesday, January 13
5:30-7 p.m.

PTTA meeting; mid-year check-in

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



Thank You!

- To Dan Ligon, Luis Pena and Amy Shipley for designing a fabulous new ad for CDS. Look for it soon in the Noe Valley Voice!
- To Sherry Spitzer for taking photos during our Winter Performance. Watch for them soon on our online photo gallery.
- To Rebecca Grey and Pillsbury Levinson for donating five Apple G4 computers and monitors for use by teachers, staff and students.
- To our fabulous Admission department volunteers: Ana Brubaker, Amanda Chapman, Manda Ederer, Anne Funsten, Zahra Ghayour-Kelly, Amy Hecht, Todd Hosfelt, Paige Lang, Tina Leung, Beth Mazie, Amanda Newstetter, Roger Nys, Beth Porter, Louis Schump, Daama Sheepo and Tessa Wilcox.

Family Farmers Needed

We need just a few more family farmers to cover the dates listed below. All you need to do is sign up with Misty Cummings at mistyc@cds-sf.org or 861-5432 x321 and you'll be trained and ready to tend the farm and garden.

- April 6-12
- August 17-21, 24-28, 31
- September 1, 5-7

Events

“Daringly Durang”

The CDS middle school's Kaleidoscope Theater will present their production, “Daringly Durang,” a collection of one-acts plays by Christopher Durang, on Friday, January 16 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, January 17 at 7 p.m. at Dolores Park Church (455 Dolores Street). Suggested donation is \$5 for the performance.

Extended Program News

Enrichment Class Registration

Please note the attached registration form for winter enrichment classes. Registration forms are due by Friday, January 16. Class descriptions can be found at the front desk and on our website at http://www.cds-sf.org/life_at_cds/enrichment.html.

After School Schedule Changes

Please note that the front desk is the clearinghouse for all changes to your child's after school schedule. In the event that your child needs to either unexpectedly stay in after school or go to double doors for pick-up, please make sure to contact Ryan or Elsa at the front desk by emailing frontdesk@cds-sf.org or calling 861-5432 x310. The front desk will communicate this information to teachers and after school staff for students of all ages, preschool – eighth grade.

Preschool After School Schedules

Blank after school schedule sign up forms will be sent home to preschool parents in backpacks on Thursday, along with a winter enrichment registration form and enrichment class descriptions. To assist teachers at dismissal and ensure the smoothest afternoon transitions for your child, we ask that ALL preschool parents please submit a NEW after school schedule sign-up by Friday, January 16.

PTTA Update

PTTA Meeting

Please join us next Tuesday, January 13 from 5:30-7 p.m. for our PTTA mid-year check-in, to be held in the seventh/eighth grade humanities room on the third floor of St. Joseph's Hall. This has been an exciting and busy academic year so far. Come share your thoughts, get updates on current initiatives and help plan for the remainder of the year. Parents interested in playing a leadership role in the future are encouraged to attend and make their interest known. Childcare is available if you sign up with Ryan at the front desk by Monday, January 12. We look forward to seeing you there.

Go Bulldogs!

Basketball Scores

January 6, CDS vs. Kittredge
CDS 36, KITT 28

Basketball Calendar

Wednesday, January 7, 4:10 p.m.
SF School, 160I Lane Street

Tuesday, January 13, 4:10 p.m.
CACs, Boys & Girls Club

School Wish List

- The after school program needs your shoe boxes. If you'd like to donate a shoe box, please leave it at the front desk or contact Jasmin Hoo at jasminh@cds-sf.org.

Friday Coffee News

The Friday Coffee coordinators, Angie Morillo and Wendy Bokhorst-Heng, will host this week's (January 9) assembly. This is an opportunity for you to come and meet them - and an opportunity for you to sign up for your contributions (coffee/calories) at a future Friday assembly and be part of this long-standing CDS tradition!

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?

- General e-mail, CDSPTTA@yahoo.com
- Laura Pliska, President, (415) 641-5116 or laura@sfbabyworks.com
- Robin McClarren, Faculty Appreciation Coordinator, (415) 235-0295 or robinmcc@speakeasy.net
- Sara O'Malley, Parent Involvement Coordinator, (415) 348-8841 or sara@omalleyhilton.com
- 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 xvasquez@aol.com

Upcoming Dates

Friday, January 16 & Saturday, January 17
7 p.m.

"Daringly Durang": one act plays by
the middle school Kaleidoscope Theater
Dolores Park Church
455 Dolores Street

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No school
No extended program

Tuesday, January 20

Teacher workday
No school
No extended program

Friday, January 23

MLK Jr. Day Celebration

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