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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

Getting Into High School Made Easy

The high school acceptances are in, and once again our eighth graders did magnificently—all are well-placed into schools that were among their top choices. Congratulations to our 18 eighth graders! (See the High School Admission report following this article.)

Why do high schools find it easy to accept our kids? Perhaps these thoughts from high school staff and teachers who know and teach our graduates suggest an answer to that question:

“CDS students are some of the most self-assured high school students I’ve encountered. They are never grade grubbers but rather truly enjoy learning for the sake of learning and growing.”

“The CDS students I have taught are comfortable with taking risks, more interested in learning than just achieving a grade, and very respectful of both faculty and peers. They take advantage of opportunities to challenge themselves and resources to make themselves successful. They are all different individuals, yet alike in their desire to grow, learn and enjoy the process.”

“This past fall, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting current CDS eighth graders during their high school admission process. Time and time again, without prompting, these CDS students unabashedly expressed their genuine love and LOYALTY to the school. It was a window into their CDS lives, and I was sincerely touched and impressed by their appreciation of all they have gained as CDS students.”

“All the kids from CDS know how to be in front of people. Whatever they are doing over there, they are getting something right!”

I see what we are doing right as I walk around the school every day. From eighth grade to preschool, from algebra to PE, from the playground to the Boys and Girls Club, student behavior is the same whether they are writing essays on their own in the third floor hallway, playing in the sandbox, working in learning centers, turning to books in the library like chickens to birdseed or researching and writing papers with titles such as: “Bioengineering: the New Evolution,” “The Marriage Revolution?,” “If the President Does It, It is Not Illegal,” “Risking Racism for Safety,” “They Report, They Decide.”

CDS teachers set up the game of school so that it’s the *children’s* education. Students like to take responsibility, so we give them more and more of it. Children like challenge, so we teach them the disciplines of handling it. Parents play position; that is you don’t hear parents say, “We had a little trouble with our homework last night” in first grade. And you don’t hear them say, “We are

Hot Dates

Friday, April 2

8:30 a.m.

Cesar Chavez Celebration

Yard

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Fiesta Check-Out

Second floor conference room

16th Street

Saturday, April 3

10-12 p.m.

Bring a Book, Buy a Book

Hosted by the third grade Eggs

CDS yard

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



Thank You!

- To Joanna Earl, Michele Gomez and Jon Pendleton, Todd Hosfelt and Louis Schump, Michele Morgano and Leon Kuan and Andrea and Milton Ow for welcoming new families at Fiesta.
- To third grade parents for providing a delicious faculty breakfast last week!

working on our high school applications,” in eighth grade. The work is the child’s work.

For five years in a row, the high school acceptances of CDS eighth graders have shown that schools want more than “academic preparation.” They also want respectful young people who love learning, work well with others and are comfortable just being their own unique selves.

From the Classrooms

High School Admission

We’re pleased to report that the 18 members of the Class of 2010 were accepted into the following high schools:

- The Bay School (4)
- Convent of the Sacred Heart High School (1)
- Drew School (7)
- Gateway Academy (3)
- International High School (1)
- Jewish Community High School of the Bay (3)
- Lick-Wilmerding High School (3)
- Lowell High School (2)
- Saint Ignatius High School (3)
- School of the Arts (SOTA) (2)
- The Urban School of San Francisco (6)
- University High School (2)
- Waldorf High School (1)

Be sure to congratulate the eighth graders the next time you see them!

Green Task Force News

Green Tip of the Week

The Fiesta just happened, but you can keep on giving to CDS and be earth-friendly at the same time! Any time you decide to recycle your goods and make a donation to Community Thrift (on Valencia and 17th Streets), you can list CDS as the beneficiary and CDS will receive a donation. It’s easy being green!

Earth Friendly Friday Help

The Green Task Force is looking for parent volunteers to help out at the front gates on “Earth Friendly Fridays.” Are you available and willing to keep track of walkers, bikers, scooters, carpoolers and the like? If so, we could use your help. Contact Molly, Misty or Elsa for more details. Thanks for going green!

Bring a Book, Buy a Book

All are invited to read books from around the world with a buddy and indulge in our bake sale this Saturday, April 3 from 10-12 p.m. in the yard, sponsored by the third grade Eggs. All proceed go to Ethiopia Reads. Ethiopia Reads supports literacy and education by building libraries in Addis, Ababba, Ethiopia. Children’s books for donation may be dropped off at the community based learning board until April 3.

From the Office

Family Farmer Training

Are you interested in becoming a Family Farmer? Then come to the Family Farmer training on Friday, April 9 at 8:50 a.m., following the assembly. To RSVP for the training, please email Misty Cummings at mistyc@cds-sf.org. Thank you!

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

- April vacation campers need your shoe boxes (any size)! Please bring in shoe boxes and drop them off for Jasmin at the front desk.

Events

Fiesta Check-Out

Thank you to everyone who supported Fiesta 2010. From the online auction to the live auction and party, the event was a great success. The development office will hold check-out this Friday, April 2, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room of 16th Street. Come by any time on Friday to pick up items (won online), pay for items (won the night of) and ask any Fiesta related questions! If you can't make it on Friday, we'll be available next week; please contact Mary (maryd@cds-sf.org) or Marion (marionq@cds-sf.org) to schedule a time to pick up and pay for items. Thanks again for supporting Fiesta, and for coming by on Friday to help us expedite Fiesta check-out.

Country Fair

We're just weeks away from the Country Fair, and organizers are planning! Please help us make the Country Fair another spectacular CDS community event.

Country Fair Market

Do you knit or crochet? Like to sew? Do you make jam or canned items? We need you! We are looking for knitters, crafters and preservers to make creations for our country fair market.

Want to help but not sure what to make? How about seasoned nuts? Have an abundance of herbs or fruits you can harvest from your garden? Dried herbs? Infused olive oil? Recycled bags, tote bags or placemats?

Our market gals have lots of ideas. Contact Wendy Fountain at wendyf@attglobal.net or Mary Dennis at medennis71@yahoo.com if you can volunteer, or would like more information.

Bake Sale

We need baked goods! Contact Jeanette Wilmerding at ifiliatreau@yahoo.com if you can bake something for our fabulous bake sale.

Item Drop-Off

Have items to drop off? Look for our Country Fair drop box by the front desk. Non-perishable items only please. If your item needs to be refrigerated, please hold onto it until just before the fair.

Volunteers

We are still looking for the following volunteers:

- Videographer

Contact the Country Fair co-chairs if you can volunteer, or if you'd like more information:

Dave Klaus: klausthepd@hotmail.com

Danielle Gutherie: danielle@vegaproject.com.

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?

- Robin McClarren, President, (415) 235-0295 or robinmcc@speakeasy.net
- Rebecca Grey, Secretary, (415) 269-0996 or rgrey@pillsburylevinson.com
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- Andrea Reynolds, Fiesta Chair, (415) 860-7556 or andrea-reynolds@sbcglobal.net
- Danielle Guthrie, Country Fair Chair, (415) 515-7994 or danielle@vegaproject.com

Upcoming Dates

Monday, April 12 – Friday, April 16

Spring vacation

No school; extended program available

Friday, April 23

8:30 a.m.

Earth Day Celebration / Sustainability Fair

Saturday, May 1

11-2 p.m.

Country Fair

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