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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

16th Street Reopening

We're pleased to announce that the 16th Street building passed final inspections this week and the first floor is now officially open for student use! As of today, music classes are being held in the music classroom and students are once again filling the library to read and check out books. The first floor will also be used for weekly middle school advisory sessions and learning specialist meetings with students. This additional space helps us better meet the needs of all students. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this new space possible!

Boys & Girls Club Partnership

This article is guest written by Rebecca Kroll, Assistant Head of School.

What do a wood shop, a photo darkroom, a computer lab, a game room, a fine arts program, a teen center and a full gymnasium all have in common? They are all resources available to our CDS students at the Boys & Girls Club around the corner.

This historic facility, known as "Columbia Park," is the flagship institution of Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco. The Club has been using that very building since 1906 (with state-of-the-art renovations in the last decade).

For the past 10 years, we've been proud to partner with this impressive organization as an extension of our own campus, and the relationship benefits both organizations greatly. In addition to using their gymnasium and community room for our PE and middle school Spanish classes each day, we are able to use the club to:

- Host all of our home athletic games and many practices (volleyball, basketball and futsal), a privilege not shared by many schools in our sports league and a distinct advantage in that we are able to play the majority of our games at home;
- Offer photography, jewelry making and printmaking classes during the school days as one-time classes, or ongoing middle school Selectives;
- Provide camp activities on days when CDS is not in session (during parent/teacher conferences, teacher work days, etc.);
- Provide outdoor education opportunities at Camp Mendocino, a facility with ropes courses, archery, milling wood and more (in the works for our middle school students!);
- Participate in annual events such as the holiday gift-making bonanza

Hot Dates

Friday, February 5
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Eighth grade presenting

Tuesday, February 9
4 p.m.

Bulldog basketball play-off game

5:30-7 p.m.
PTTA/COID meeting

Friday, February 12
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly and tour of the
Boys & Girls Club
Seventh grade presenting
450 Guerrero Street

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



Thank You!

- To Todd Hosfelt, Tina Leung and Elizabeth Seirmarco for helping with last week's visit day for prospective kindergarten families.
- To Hank and May Lim for hosting Friday coffee on January 29.
- To Shermalee Nicholson and everyone else who donated magazines and boxes to the extended program.

called, "We Care," and the Halloween extravaganza "Monster Mash."

In return, we are able to offer:

- An annual scholarship opportunity for a Club member to attend CDS;
- Professional development for Club staff (to date, Rebecca, Paula, Kirk and Celia have facilitated workshops at the Club's annual citywide conferences);
- After-school collaboration opportunities. In the past, we've partnered with Columbia Park to have movie nights, BBQs, "rock band" tournaments, and gardening at Kid Power Park;
- Use of our PE equipment (and a brand new scoreboard!);
- Rent for spaces that would otherwise go unused during the day.

In addition to these benefits, using this neighborhood resource is a wonderful way to get our kids involved in the Mission community beyond our gates. Of course it is not without challenges. Occasionally, CDS kids encounter typical "urban problems" on their walk to the Club. Sometimes, CDS students will observe an unexpected interaction at the Club that wouldn't be tolerated at CDS. Sometimes issues surrounding language, acceptance or appearance highlight the differences between our students. These are the kinds of challenges important in educating our children for the real world, and we come prepared. Both CDS and Columbia Park provide highly trained staff to deal with situations directly and ensure all kids experience the Club motto, "a safe place to learn and grow."

Because this partnership is so essential to CDS, we're

inviting all parents to visit the Club next Friday, February 12 for Friday morning coffee, our 8:30 assembly and a tour of the Club. This will be an opportunity to see the facilities and meet the Columbia Park director. We look forward to showing you around!

From the Classrooms

Spelling Bee

After many tense rounds in an all-out, friendly battle to claim the prize of Top Speller, one student emerged victorious. Winning on the word "agricultural," Xenia Rangaswami will represent CDS at the City Bee. Congratulations Xenia!

Sixth Grade Green Thumbs

Sixth graders have put their green thumbs to good use. They are partnering with the fourth grade at Mission Dolores School to build a garden. In math class they are solving for size and volume for the garden beds they are building. Next week, they will build the beds, stain the wood and start planting. Good work sixth grade!

From the Office

It's Reenrollment Time!

February is reenrollment month at CDS! Enrollment contracts for the 2010-11 school year for families who have not applied for sliding scale tuition will be mailed home Friday, February 5. Enrollment contracts for families who completed their sliding scale tuition applications on time will be mailed during the month of February on a rolling basis as decisions are made. All families have one week to return their enrollment contracts with a 10% reservation deposit (look for the due date on your contract).

Questions? Contact Aimee Giles, Director of Admission & Communication at 861-5432 x322 or aimeeg@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 Country Fair lemonade-makers need your lemons! Drop off harvested lemons at the environmental education kitchen and reap the rewards come May.

March Conference Sign-Ups

All families are required to attend a winter parent-teacher conference on Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5. These two days are an important part of the education and communication process and should not be used as extra vacation days by families. Depending on the teacher, conferences will range from 20 to 40 minutes long. Middle school students (grades 5-8) are expected to attend the conferences with their parents and will have an additional day of conferences on Wednesday, March 3; middle school students will be in classes with substitute teachers that day.

An Extended Program camp will be available with prior registration, and free childcare is provided on the yard for CDS students during the times that their parents are in conference with their teachers.

The online scheduling system, Pick-A-Time, will be available beginning Wednesday, February 10 and will remain **open until Monday, March 1** so that teachers can plan their very full days. If you have not signed up by March 1, you'll need to contact Kerry Parker with your last-minute request.

Signing up via the Pick-A-Time website

To schedule your conference, please log on to the Pick-a-Time website at:

<https://www.pickatime.com/client?ven=11601461>.

The site will ask you to enter your email address and the password that you chose the first time you used your account to log in. In the field titled *Student ID*, please enter your child's "proper" name as one word (ex: kerryparker or kerryparker-smith). In the field titled *Student's Birthday* enter your child's date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) to access your child's teacher's appointment schedule. You can view sibling calendars next to one another by following the directions to enter the values for an additional student and push "Add." If you do not have access to e-mail or the internet, please let me know and I will help you choose a conference and orientation time.

If you need to cancel or change an appointment, please do so via the Pick-A-Time website up until March 1. If you need to make changes later than that, contact Kerry Parker at 861-5432 x312.

Family Farmer Dates

We have just a few remaining dates to cover for family farmer duty. If you can help out during the April 12-16 vacation, please contact Misty Cummings at 861-5432 x321 or mistyc@cds-sf.org.

Events

Fiesta 2010

By now you should have received your Save the Date brochure for Fiesta 2010 in the mail; this year's celebration and auction fundraiser is just around the corner! Don't miss out on the chance to donate an item and support sliding scale tuition. It's very easy to donate—check out the attached flyer for instructions on how to donate an item quickly and easily at our online auction site, www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010. Donations are due by Friday, February 26 and online auction bidding begins on Monday, March 8!

Extended Program News

February Vacation Camp

The Extended Program is offering camp during the February 16-19 vacation. In this camp, preschoolers will be part of "Winter Around the World," and K-8 campers will be "Kids in Motion." Preschoolers will learn about migrating birds, snow-topped mountains, peacocks and igloos, and will make tasty treats. K-8 campers will play frisbee golf, do gymnastics and yoga, hike, dance and cook healthy meals together. A registration form for this camp is attached to the electronic version of this week's *Weekly*.

Go Bulldogs!

Basketball Scores

February 2, CDS vs. CAIS Gold
CDS 28, CAIS 6

Basketball Calendar

Play-off game: Tuesday, February 9, 4 p.m.
Opponent and location TBD – stay tuned!

PTTA Update

PTTA Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, February 9 from 5:30-7 p.m. for the CDS PTTA and Board Committee on Inclusion and Diversity (COID) sponsored event: **“Making CDS a Safe Place to be Yourself: Stories from the Classroom.”** We look forward to an insightful conversation about the experiences our children are having at CDS and some of the concerns kids wrestle with as they work on forming their own identities. With the help of our teachers, the PTTA and COID have collected stories from faculty and students about how issues of diversity and inclusion are playing out in our community. Come hear more about a kindergartner’s interest in gender and racial identity, a second grader’s anxiety over family structure differences, a third grader’s use of demeaning language, a fourth grader’s exclusion from a birthday party, a sixth grader’s hyper-awareness of socio-economic disparities and an eighth grader’s awareness of body image and sexuality. We invite and encourage all parents, teachers, trustees and administrators to share their strategies and approaches for dealing with these challenging issues.

The meeting will be held in the fifth and sixth grade humanities room on the third floor of St. Joseph’s Hall.

Free childcare is available at the school. To reserve a spot for your child, please contact the CDS front desk by Monday, February 8.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, February 15

President’s Day observed

No school

No extended program

Tuesday, February 16 – Friday, February 19

February vacation

No school

Extended program camp available

Thursday, March 4 & Friday, March 5

Family conferences

No school

Extended program available

Monday, March 22

Professional Development day

No school

No extended program

Saturday, March 27

6:30-11 p.m.

Fiesta 2010

Mighty

119 Utah Street

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www.cds-sf.org/news/calendar.html

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Check out our online silent auction site, hosted by Bidding for Good!

www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010

Similar to last year, we're running an ONLINE auction, from March 8 through March 26, before our live auction event on March 27, 2010. (This year's host, Bidding for Good, is the same as cMarket, with a new name.)

To make donating easy, you can add your item online, and it just takes a few minutes. Follow these directions to register and donate an item:

1. Go to the Fiesta link at www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010.
2. Click on the "Donate Items" icon on the left-hand side of the screen. The first time that you log on it will require that you register first, and will walk you through several contact information fields, including space to choose a username and password. Click "submit" when complete.
3. The next page will confirm your contact information and provide you with an opportunity to include a link to a personal or business website and even include a business logo.
4. After confirming your information, you'll enter your item information: item name, description and estimated value. You'll also choose a category from the scroll down options. Lastly, you'll have the opportunity to upload an image if applicable.
5. Click "submit" and you are all set!
6. Once you've submitted your donation, a volunteer will review it and publish it. When the silent auction goes live on March 8 you'll find your item posted.

Please remember to submit your donation (either online or on paper) by Friday, February 26 so that all items will be accessible when the silent auction goes live on March 8.

If you have any problems submitting your donation online, simply use the paper form that can be downloaded from the CDS website at http://www.cds-sf.org/life_at_cds/springauction.html. Additional paper forms can also be found at the reception desk. If you have any questions, please contact Mary DeNardo at maryd@cds-sf.org.

CDS February Vacation Preschool Camp Registration



Winter Around the World

Travel the globe with Ms. Ngoc, Ms. Gloria and Ms. Gladys as we explore the present season across different continents and countries.

TUESDAY: Venture to Taiwan to study migrating birds and learn the secret of local rice.

WEDNESDAY: We'll not just visit Australia's Snowy Mountains, we'll make our own!

THURSDAY: Let's go to the Himalayas and learn how people stay warm there, then travel south to India to make recreate the peacock, their national bird.

FRIDAY: Return stateside to make Igloos in Alaska and warm ourselves with homemade hot chocolate.

Dates: February 16-19, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Register by: February 11 (24 spots available per day)

Payment required to register (circle your tuition and write check to CDS)

Tuition Range	\$15,000 - \$21,190	\$14,999 - \$11,000	\$10,999 - \$5,500	\$5,499 - \$2,119
Cost	\$60/day	\$45/day	\$30/day	\$15/day

Child's name _____

Grade _____

Parent's name _____

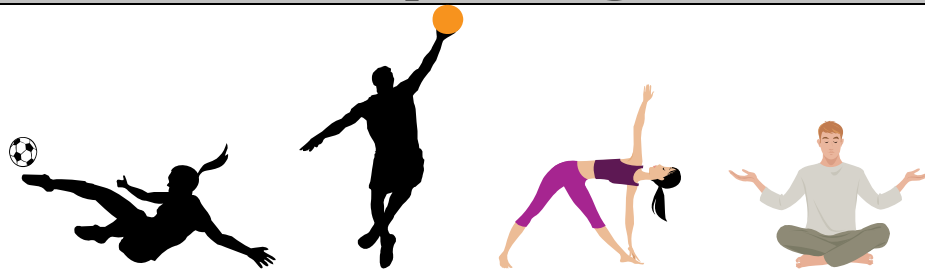
Parent's cell phone _____

Choose which days your child will participate and note estimated drop-off and pick-up times:

Tuesday, February 16	Wednesday, February 17	Thursday, February 18	Friday, February 19
a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.

Questions? Contact Dan Larson, Extended Program Director,
at (415) 861-5432 x315 or danl@cds-sf.org

CDS February Vacation K-8 Camp Registration



Kids In Motion!

Come join Jasmin, Laura, Sophie, Noah and Zachary for four days of exploring fun, healthy living through games, exercises, field trips and relaxation practices.

TUESDAY: Reserve your tee times for rounds of Frisbee golf and wet your appetite for a healthy afternoon cooking project with a guided tour of Rainbow Foods.

WEDNESDAY: Challenge yourself to complete our playground and structure obstacle course in record time, relax with afternoon meditation and prepare a green afternoon appetizer.

THURSDAY: Pack a lunch for a mid-day hike through Golden Gate Park, prepare for headstands, handstands and tumbling in a room full of mats, and help prepare a fresh homemade snack.

FRIDAY: Bring your best soles for an afternoon Dance-A-Thon, limber up in preparation with morning yoga and close the day with a satisfying group meal.

Dates: February 16-19, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Register by: February 11 (35 spots available per day.)

Payment required to register (circle your tuition and write check to CDS)

Tuition Range	\$15,000 - \$21,190	\$14,999 - \$11,000	\$10,999 - \$5,500	\$5,499 - \$2,119
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