



February 25, 2010

# THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

## Words from Rick

### The Friendly Bulldogs

The CDS Bulldog basketball team won the JV championship this season. It felt good to win, of course, but what everyone I talked to seemed to be most proud of is that the team earned it. Teamwork is a Bulldog specialty, and they got tighter and sharper in their cooperation as the season progressed: noticing their teammates' location on the court, knowing when to pass and when to go for the shot. When one person shot, others were where they should be to get the rebound.

With each game they played they learned, and they kept winning. Halfway through the season they ran into the San Francisco Friends team, who were also well coordinated as a team and who had several outstanding players. Both teams went into the game undefeated and the Bulldogs came away with their first loss: 42 to 28.

One of the Bulldogs' weaknesses was a palpable absence of aggressiveness. Like [Ferdinand the Bull](#), these Bulldogs seemed to be a little long on friendliness and a little short of fight. Though they had been working on it all season, there had been no serious call for aggressiveness in most of their other games. Yet, they kept working on their teamwork and their disciplines and looked forward to another chance to face Friends in the final championship game of the season.

As we hoped, CDS did end up facing Friends again on February 11 in their final play-off game. At the opening tip Friends got control of the ball and one of their star players dashed down the court to score, but Thomas Prior's aggressive coverage forced him to make a bad shot. There was a rebound and another shot, which Christian Wilburn blocked. The Bulldogs got control of the ball and took it back down the court. Christian Wilburn shot and missed, but Luke Schwartz got the rebound and scored. At the beginning of the game Coach Dan had said, "This Friends team is not used to being challenged. Shock them early, and it will put them back on their heels," and that is what happened. The friendly Bulldogs were also determined bulldogs. Stealing balls and grabbing rebounds, they showed no signs of timidity, and at the end of the first quarter the score was 12 to 4.

However, as the game progressed some of that friendly deference began to creep back into Bulldog play, and Friends began to catch up. Some Bulldogs seemed to be losing their fight and lost the ball to their opponents again and again. At a critical moment, Coach Dan called a time out. What happens in the huddle stays in the huddle, but whatever was said, the next thing that happened is that James Corse scored, and the Bulldogs went on to defeat Friends 27 to 22 and win the championship.

### Hot Dates

Friday, February 26  
Fiesta donations due

Sunday, February 28  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Middle school car wash  
CDS driveway

Wednesday, March 3  
2 p.m.  
Middle school selectives performance:  
Grease!  
Grace Fellowship Community  
Church

Thursday, March 4 &  
Friday, March 5  
Family conferences  
No school  
Extended program available

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



## Thank You!

- To Amanda Richard and the eighth grade parents for hosting Friday Coffee in the Yard on February 5.
- To Marion Quinones for hosting Friday Coffee in the Yard on February 12 at the Boys & Girls Club.
- To seventh and eighth grade families for providing a delicious faculty breakfast!

While watching the Olympics, we all witness the ways that athletes express their aggressiveness, from friendly camaraderie to overt hostility toward opponents, and yet no athlete I saw was relaxed about being number one. It is so important for our children to learn how to go for what they want without seeing one's opponent as an enemy. I am proud that we can count on our Bulldogs to be friendly competitors who are not afraid to fight for it.

## From the Classrooms

### Car Wash

Relief efforts are ongoing in Haiti. You can help out by coming to the middle school car wash and bake sale this Sunday, February 28 from 10-2 p.m. in the CDS driveway. A wash will cost you just \$10; all proceeds will go to [Sirona Cares](#). Eighth graders will also be collecting supplies for Haiti, which you can drop off at the car wash. Supplies needed include clothing, bedding, towels, school supplies, toiletries and books. See you there!

### Grease!

The middle school Grease! selectives class will be performing portions of the musical on Wednesday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at Grace Fellowship Community Church (right around the corner on I6<sup>th</sup> Street). So put on your dancing shoes and come on over!

## From the Office

### Progress Reports

#### Pre-4

Your child's progress report is now available online! Lower school teachers write student reports twice a year, once in January at the end of the first term and once in June at the end of the second term. In between these "official" reporting periods, you will receive informal but

important updates on your child's progress from his or her teachers. And of course you are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with his or her teachers ANY time you have questions or concerns.

On each semester report you'll notice that the first page addresses your child's "Disciplines of Learning," which describe how teachers observe a student's approach and commitment to learning. The following page(s) report on the key skills and disciplines students are exposed to in their academic subjects and other classes.

All reports provide a checkbox and narrative format. The checkboxes indicate student progress on key behaviors and skills, and the narrative section is where teachers elaborate with observations and insights about student growth and goals.

#### What is new this year?

As we rolled out last June, reports will be published "virtually" again via the Family Access Module. Please follow these instructions to access a PDF document of your child's report.

To access the report cards:

- Go to [www.cds-sf.org](http://www.cds-sf.org).
- Click "Parent Portal" in the lower right corner.
- Click "Family Access Module" on first line of page that comes up.
- Enter your username and password (if you have misplaced or forgotten your user-name/password, please contact Kerry Parker, 861-5432 x312 or [kerry@cds-sf.org](mailto:kerry@cds-sf.org) for help).
- View (and print, if you choose) your child's progress report.

Note: While on the FAM site you can also click on the "My Account" tab in the upper right hand corner to update any of your family's personal information such as phone numbers, addresses and emergency contacts.

## CDSYahoo 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).

## School Wish List

- Country Fair lemonade-makers need your lemons! Harvest that winter tree and drop lemons off at the environmental education kitchen. Thank you.

We're continuing to work out kinks with this new technology. Please let Rebecca Kroll know immediately if anything seems to be missing from your report!

Please contact your student's teachers directly about any student-related questions or concerns.

### Grades 5-8

Middle school report cards will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, March 2, at which time they will also be available on FAM.

## March Conference Sign-Ups

All families are required to attend a winter parent-teacher conference on Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5. Depending on the teacher, conferences will range from 20 to 40 minutes long. 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, is available and will remain **open until Monday, March 1**. 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=II60I46I>.

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](mailto:mistyc@cds-sf.org).

## Events

### Donate to Fiesta Now!

What do a Tahoe ski house, Giants tickets and a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant have in common? They are all Fiesta donations, currently online, awaiting your bids beginning March 8! Don't miss out on your opportunity to donate and help raise money for sliding scale tuition. It's super easy to donate at [www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010](http://www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010). Once registered, the site will walk you through the donation process. You can also pick up a donation form at the front desk, or on our website at [http://www.cds-sf.org/life\\_at\\_cds/springauction.html](http://www.cds-sf.org/life_at_cds/springauction.html). **All donations are due by Friday, February 26.**

## Extended Program News

### March Conferences Camp

The Extended Program is offering camp during family conferences on Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5. Preschoolers will join Ms. Danielle and Ms. Rebekah to find out what is "Living in the Garden." They'll learn about insects, plants and soil through art, movement and cooking.

K-8 campers will join the after school staff on an "Animalia" adventure! Thursday they will travel to the San Francisco Zoo, and Friday they are off to a trip to the Aquarium of the Bay. Please make sure your child is dressed and ready for the weather.

Registration ends Tuesday, March 2. Forms are available online and at the front desk. There are only 24 spots for preschool and 45 spots for K-8 camp. If you have questions, please contact Jasmin Hoo, Extended Program Coordinator, at 861-5432 x362 or [jasminh@cds-sf.org](mailto:jasminh@cds-sf.org).

## Summer Camp Registration

Summer Camp is back for another nine weeks of enrichment and recreation this year, and open to all CDS students, preschool through middle school. Returning this year are themes such as Broadway Wonders, Theatre Stars, Rock Band, Summer Photography Seminar, while new camps such as Carnival Crazy, Animal Trackers and Bug Lovers round out our menu. All the info and camp descriptions are on the CDS website at [http://www.cds-sf.org/life\\_at\\_cds/summer.html](http://www.cds-sf.org/life_at_cds/summer.html). The registration form is also attached to the *Weekly*. Spots are limited, so sign up ASAP, and please contact Jasmin Hoo at [jasminh@cds-sf.org](mailto:jasminh@cds-sf.org) with any questions.

## PTTA Update

### Friday Coffee Volunteers

Seeking Friday Coffee in the Yard hosts! Consider partnering with a friend to host an upcoming Friday Coffee on the day when your child's class is presenting at morning assembly. If interested, please contact Robin McClarren at [robinmcc@speakeasy.net](mailto:robinmcc@speakeasy.net) or (415) 235-0295.

## Upcoming Dates

**Monday, March 8**

Fiesta online auction goes live at  
[www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010](http://www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010)

**Monday, March 15**

4:30-6 p.m.

COVID meeting

**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

**Friday, April 2**

Cesar Chavez Celebration

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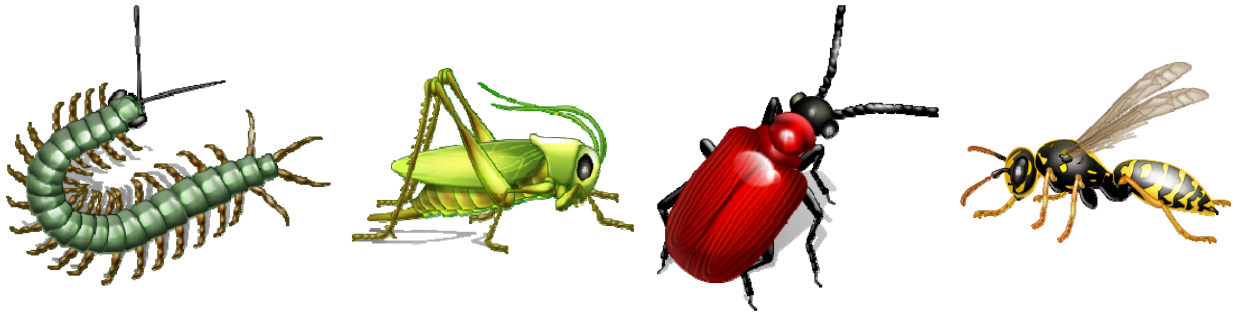
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# CDS March Conference Camp Registration



## Preschool Camp: Living In Our Garden

Come join Ms. Danielle and Ms. Rebekah as we break out our magnifying glasses to get an up-close look at the secret lives of **worms, bugs and insects** in our garden. We'll study their relationship with plants and soil, and see how many different creatures we can identify. We'll follow up our investigations with art and cooking projects, of course, and play movement games transforming ourselves into our favorite crawlies and squirmies. So come join the fun and get ready to collect a little dirt underneath your fingernails! **24 spots available, so register ASAP.**

**Dates:** 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., March 4 & 5    **Register by:** Tuesday, March 2 (**24 spots**)

**Payment required to register** (make checks payable to CDS)

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

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
a.m.	a.m.
p.m.	p.m.

**Questions?** Contact Jasmin Hoo, Extended Program Coordinator,  
at (415) 861-5432 x362 or [jasminh@cds-sf.org](mailto:jasminh@cds-sf.org)

# CDS March Conference Camp Registration



## K-8 Camp: Animalia

Come join the after school staff for two days of everything animal! Thursday we're headed to **The San Francisco Zoo** for a late morning and early afternoon of viewing giraffes, gorillas, elephants, monkeys and more. Friday we'll journey down to the wharf for a tour of **The Aquarium of the Bay**, where we'll head under sea to observe swirling schools of Anchovies, giant Sea Bass and Sea Stars, witness Bat Ray feeding, and even touch Leopard Sharks, California King Snakes and Blue Tongued Skinks. **Camp is open to 45 students, so be sure to register ASAP.**

**Dates:** 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., March 4 & 5    **Register by:** Tuesday, March 2 (45 spots)

**Payment required to register** (make checks payable to CDS)

<b>Tuition Range</b>	\$15,000 - \$21,190	\$14,999 - \$11,000	\$10,999 - \$5,500	\$5,499 - \$2,119
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## CDS Summer Camp Registration

(for students entering grades preschool – 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Name of Student** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age** (as of 6/15/10) \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** (fall 2010) \_\_\_\_\_

**Session I: June 21 – July 2, 2010** **\$600.00**

- Preschool: Animal Kingdom
- Elementary: Theatre Stars
- Elementary: Castles to Space Stations
- Middle School: Exploring Asian Cuisine

**Session II: July 6-16, 2010** **\$540.00**

- Preschool: Music and Movement
- Elementary: Carnival Crazy
- Elementary: Animal Trackers
- Middle School: San Francisco Snapshots

**Session III: July 19-30, 2010** **\$600.00**

- Preschool: World Travelers
- Elementary: Spanish Experience Camp
- Elementary: Rock Band Land
- Middle School: Rock Band Rebels

**Session IV: August 2-13, 2010** **\$600.00**

- Preschool: Living Green
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- Elementary: Broadway Wonders
- Elementary: Bug Lovers
- Elementary: Rock Band Land

**Session V: August 16-20, 2010** **\$300.00**

- Preschool: The Working World
- Elementary: Daring Designs
- Elementary: Maximum Movie Making
- Elementary: Caves to Skyscrapers



### Summer Camp Payment Schedule

- **Deposit due upon registration – \$25** per session
- **May 1, 2010** – 50% cost for all sessions checked above
- **Due June 1, 2010** – remaining balance

### Extended Program Hours

Additional morning and evening hours are available from 8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m. The cost of extended program is \$12/hour, billed in 15-minute segments so that families are only charged for the actual amount used. Extended program hours will be compiled and billed by mail after the close of each session.

### Terms of Registration and Refund Policy

I understand that I am obligated to pay for the 2010 Summer Camp according to the Summer Camp Payment Schedule, above, and that no portion of these fees paid or outstanding will be refunded in the event of absence, withdrawal or dismissal of the above-named student from camp. Payments will be refunded in the event of a cancelled theme or session. I understand and accept the terms of this Summer Camp Registration Form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_