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THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

A Constructivist Approach to Learning Disabilities

What's more important? Diagnosing what's wrong, or finding what works? Go to www.rickackerly.com to find out.

Cell Phone Tower Update

Since my last email to everyone on April 28, there has been a great deal of activity. I am sure most of you are aware of the Mother's Day gathering on the corner of I6th and Dolores, but most of the work has been going on behind the scenes by parents, trustees and yours truly. One significant change is that the Planning Commission meeting to discuss the T-Mobile proposal has been postponed until their June 17 meeting. In addition, the topic of the school's position is on the agenda for the CDS board meeting on Thursday, May 20. Parents who oppose the project and are concerned about exposure to radiofrequency signals have established a Yahoo group (CDSResponsetoCellTowers@yahoo.com), met with members of the church and collected signatures. I and other members of the board have also met with St. Matthews' representatives, and we will be meeting again this Thursday with Pastor Pielhoop and a couple of church council members to try to find a solution.

This is a very difficult topic for a community to deal with, and I am generally pleased—nay proud—of how people have been handling it. It is an emotional topic about safety for our children and relations with our neighbors and the city, and it is something about which reasonable people can disagree—and are disagreeing. It is important that everyone feels free to ask questions and to speak their mind. This learning community is about speaking up and listening and learning from the process. I hope and trust that this process will continue in such a way that it binds us closer to each other and to our neighbors. This is all possible if we stick together and stick to our disciplines.

Transforming St. Joseph's Hall

Give and Get Matched

For the remainder of the school year, every gift made to the *Building Our Future* capital campaign up to \$50,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. All donations will fund the continuing renovation of St. Joseph's Hall, including this summer's seismic retrofit project and electrical service upgrade. Just this week, we received great news that the campaign will be receiving an additional grant of \$60,000 from the Willow Springs Charitable Trust Foundation, bringing the current campaign total within \$200,000 of the goal of \$2.25

Hot Dates

Friday, May 21
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Kindergarten (Luisa) presenting

Monday, May 24
4:30-6 p.m.
COID meeting

Tuesday, May 25
Capital Campaign email-a-thon

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



Thank You!

- To Lauren Schwartz and Wendy Bokhorst-Heng for taking photos at the Country Fair.

million. You can help CDS reach this milestone and show your gratitude to Mr. Rick for eight great years as Head of School by making a donation. **All gifts up to \$50,000 received by June 15 will be matched dollar for dollar.**

To get the word out about this opportunity, volunteers will be conducting an all-school email-a-thon this Tuesday, May 25, but we'll happily accept any and all donations now and will spare you an email (or a phone call) if you contribute online (www.cds-sf.org/giving) or in any other way before Tuesday. Thank you!

From the Office

Save the Date(s) for Mr. Rick

You should have received an invitation in the mail this week for two events to celebrate Mr. Rick.

- **Friday, June 11, 8:30 a.m.** - The year's last Friday assembly will include a special performance by the Del Sol String Quartet.
- **Sunday, June 13, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - All-school, kids, families, alumni invited to a picnic in the yard. Bring your lunch and a blanket; we'll provide the cake!

COID Meeting

The Committee on Inclusion and Diversity will hold its last meeting of the year and mini-celebration on Monday, May 24 from 4:30-6 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room of the 16th Street building. Topics will include a recap of the Families of Color Picnic, a review of work to be presented to the Board, and a work plan for the 2010-11 school year.

2010-11 Tuition Payments

Just a reminder that, for families who selected the full tuition payment plan for the 2010-11 school year, tuition is due **Tuesday, June 1**. Families who selected the 10-month payment plan will have their first payment made through FACTS Tuition Management on June 5 or June 20. Tuesday, June 1 is also the last day that, with written notice, you may withdraw your child from the 2010-11 school year without incurring the obligation for the total

tuition. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Donna Shibata, Director of Finance & Operations, at donnas@cds-sf.org or 861-5432 x314.

Farm & Garden Volunteers

Want to help tend the farm and garden? Collect fresh eggs for Sunday morning breakfast? Simply e-mail Misty Cummings at mistyc@cds-sf.org to sign up for any of the following dates:

- June 12-13
- July 3-5, 10-11, 24-25
- Aug 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, afternoon only 23-25, 26-29, afternoon only 30-31
- Sept 4-6, 25-26
- Oct 2-3, 9-11, 23-25, 30-31

Also, if you'd like to help out with watering and weeding, we are looking for a volunteer to water and weed for about 1 hour a week. E-mail Misty Cummings at mistyc@cds-sf.org if interested.

Events

Country Fair Photos

Country Fair photos are up on Smugmug! Check out all of the fabulous moments, from shorn sheep to pie eating, at <http://tiny.cc/countryfair>.

Country Fair T-shirts for Sale

We still have fabulous country fair t-shirts with original art work by preschool and first grade parent, Danielle Guthrie, for sale! All proceeds from the sale of the shirts will go towards the faculty and staff holiday bonus fund. If you would like to purchase a shirt, please contact Amanda Richard at amandar@cds-sf.org or 861-5432 x337.

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
- Carlos Vasquez, Classroom Liaison Coordinator, (415) 564-9734 or xcvasquez@aol.com
- Meredith Ashworth, Faculty Appreciation Coordinator, (415) 254-0229 or meredith@glugcollection.com
- Sara O'Malley, Parent Education Coordinator, (415) 348-8841 or sara@omalleyhylton.com
- Ann Van Gelder, Admission Volunteer Coordinator, (415) 647-8561 or cds.tourvolunteering@gmail.com
- Kristen Peña, Parent Involvement Coordinator, (415) 244-1411 or Kristen@glugcollection.com
- Kate Flynn, Middle School Representative, (415) 305-6625 or k8fln@aol.com
- Lauren Schwartz, Preschool Representative, (415) 495-5757 or schwartzbaum@mac.com
- 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

Friday, May 28
Step-Up Day

Friday, May 28 & Saturday, May 29
7 p.m. (Friday) & 1 p.m. (Saturday)
Macbeth

Alumni reunion preceding *Macbeth*, May 28

Monday, May 31
Memorial Day observed
No school, no extended program

Tuesday, June 1
New student and rising kindergarten health and registration forms due

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Sunday, June 13
11-2 p.m.
Picnic in the yard in honor of Mr. Rick

Tuesday, June 15
3:45 p.m.
Eighth grade graduation

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