



March 11, 2010

THE CHILDREN'S DAY SCHOOL Weekly

Words from Rick

SPEAK About Technology

Do you remember the January 28 *Weekly* article about how the accelerating pace of technological change creates new generation gaps? Issues raised in the article, and the *New York Times* piece (<http://tinyurl.com/yek7zx7>) it was based on, generated a lot of discussion and continue to stimulate conversations in our school about the changing role of technology in our lives and in education. I found it was also a big topic in the two conferences I went to this year, and I wrote about it again in the February 11 *Weekly*, and on my new blog at www.rickackerly.com.

As technology changes and grows, so do our conversations. On Tuesday, March 23, SPEAK is sponsoring a panel discussion, "Smart Parenting in a Digital World." Panelists Anne Zehren, President of CommonSense Media, BJ Fogg, author of "The Psychology of Facebook," and Matt Levinson of the Nueva School, will discuss the unique challenges faced by parents trying to manage and understand the revolution in communication and information technology that is part of their children's lives.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in Gresham Hall at 1100 California Street, in the basement of Grace Cathedral. Admission is free to the CDS community. Since they began two years ago, SPEAK events have been well attended and are a great resource for our community. Don't miss this opportunity to hear from educators and experts, and talk with fellow parents about challenges specific to the growth of technology in our daily lives. For more information, visit www.speaksf.org. I hope to see you there!

From the Classrooms

Green Task Force News

Our Facilities Manager, Jake Fishman, recently installed in all CDS bathrooms new hand washing foam dispensers with a Green Seal Certified cleanser. We will also be switching to earth friendlier paper products (facial tissue, toilet tissue and paper towels). Livi Paper is made of 100% renewable fiber sources and is completely compostable. All their suppliers and forestry business partners participate in ecological control programs in order to maintain the forests in the most environmentally friendly way. Thank you Jake for helping CDS Go Green!

Students vs. Staff Basketball Game

Want to take on the mighty Bulldogs? Sign up to play against the JV Boys Basketball League Champions on Monday, March 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at

Hot Dates

Friday, March 12
8:30 a.m.

Friday assembly
Fifth grade presenting

Monday, March 15
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Staff vs. Bulldog basketball game
Boys & Girls Club

4:30-6 p.m.
COID meeting

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



the Boys & Girls Club! Parents and teachers/staff are all welcome to participate in the CDS annual basketball game. This is a wonderful way to show your Bulldog pride. All ability levels are welcome; the more adults on the roster, the better chance we have of defending our title. Spectators are also encouraged to attend. Please e-mail Celia at celiar@cds-sf.org if you'd like to play. We hope to see you there!

From the Office

Annual Fund Participation

We're very happy to report that 100% of CDS preschool families have contributed to this year's Annual Fund. In addition to grateful appreciation for each preschool family donor – 71 in all! – we extend a special thank you to the Leaping Lizard, Starfish and Teddy Bear class captains Rich Torres, Zahra Ghayour-Kelly and Rachel Yeaman, whose gracious persistence helped CDS reach this milestone for the first time. Thank you for showing us that peer pressure can be a good thing.

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

Bid Now!

Martha Davis shoes, Ms. Elsa's babysitting services, dinner at Range...what more could you ask for? A Nintendo DS Lite? Homemade apple pie? A day of sailing on the Bay? Jim Reynolds in a toga? We've got it all! Log on to www.biddingforgood.com/cdsfiesta2010 to bid on these items and many more donations, and help support sliding scale tuition. Bidding will stay open until 10 p.m. on Thursday, March 25. And don't forget to RSVP for Fiesta as soon as possible. You don't want to miss out on this wonderful event with amazing silent and live auction items, great food and music and some wonderful surprises!

Wine Cellar

Each year we sell no more than 100 raffle tickets for \$100 each (great odds!) and the winner receives our Instant Wine Cellar, a collection of wine donated by community members that rivals any esteemed wine collection. For just

\$100 you can take home a wine cellar that will give back for years to come.

Child Care

Don't forget: free childcare will be available the night of Fiesta, at CDS, from 6 p.m.-12 a.m. To sign up, contact Ryan Lambert at the front desk.

Country Fair

There are just eight weeks until the CDS Country Fair, and organizers have begun 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 jfiliatreau@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.

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

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

Volunteers

We are still looking for the following volunteers:

- Food team leader
- Craft table leader
- Digital photographer
- Videographer

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

Dave Klaus: klausthepd@hotmail.com

Danielle Guthrie: danielle@vegaproject.com

Extended Program News

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. Spots are limited, so sign up ASAP, and please contact Dan Larson at danl@cds-sf.org with any questions.

Upcoming Dates

Monday, March 22

Professional Development day

No school

No extended program

Tuesday, March 23

7 p.m.

SPEAK event: Smart Parenting in a Digital World

Gresham Hall, Grace Cathedral

1100 California Street

Saturday, March 27

6:30-11 p.m.

Fiesta 2010

Mighty

119 Utah Street

Friday, April 2

Cesar Chavez Celebration

Monday, April 12 – Friday, April 16

Spring vacation

No school; extended program available

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