



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

ALL Things MAYFAIR

A very special "thank you" goes to parent volunteers Annie Au, Dina Gee and Sarah McMillan, our Mayfair leaders extraordinaire! We applaud your hard work and heroic efforts on behalf of Argonne!

Kudos to the Mayfair Committee!

Thank you, thank you -- you did it! Heartfelt thanks to: Maria Chew, Stella Chu, Jennifer Creasman, Arabella Cureton, Jennifer Do, Saifon Doucet, Wendy Hom, Michael Loudermilk, Kelly Louie, Becky Mock, Mary Peterian, Wendy Poon, John Ryan, Nancy Williams Baron and Miki Yamasaki. Also, thank you Phil Ginsburg, Adina Safer, and Robin Sharp.

Raffle Winners:

1st prize- Clay Family (\$500 Cash)
2nd prize- -David Allyn (2 Southwest Airline Tickets)
3rd prize - Nirmal Sherchan (Ipod Nano 5th generation)

Highlights:

Since the Dunk Tank raised \$1,000 Ms. Sharp true to her word, got in the hot seat, and took a few dunks. Now, that's school spirit. Other popular activities: the donut walk, hair spray, and goldfish, not to mention all that delicious fresh fruit.

Silent Auction:

The Silent Auction was magnificent this year!! Our parents really went 'above and beyond' once again creating beautiful baskets with wonderful gift certificates. Though the silent auction was a huge success, we have several items that had no bids on them. With these items, we'll have a "best offer" sale! We will hang the bid sheets on these remaining items in front of the office from Tuesday, May 11th through Friday, May 14th until 9:00 a.m. We will take the best offer listed. Let the bidding start.

See's Candy Pick-Up Reminder

If you haven't pick-up your See's candy order, please come by the office on Wednesday, May 12th, (from 2:00pm to 4:00pm) to pick-up your order. Thank you for your purchases.

PTO Meeting Re-Cap (May 10)

The May PTO meeting was held Monday evening, May 10th. Unfortunately, our special guest Superintendent Carlos Garcia was unable to make it at the last minute due to ongoing contract negotiations. The agenda included:

1. Mayfair Recap
2. 2010-2011 PTO Budget
3. Neighborhood vs. City-Wide School Designation
4. PTO Leadership Opportunities (see below for details)
5. Other business
6. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 6:00pm

PTO: Seeking Leadership

In addition to fantastic teachers, support staff and administrative leadership, one of the factors that make Argonne such a strong community is parent leaders and volunteers. We are currently seeking co-chairs to lead the PTO beginning July 1. This is typically a two-year term. Please contact either Phil Ginsburg (pginsburg@sbcglobal.net) or Adina Safer (asafer@iname.com) if you think you might be interested in this important opportunity.

Green Argonne Planning Meeting

Please join Argonne parents and staff for our final GREEN ARGONNE planning meeting of the year scheduled for Thursday, May 13 from 6:30-8:00pm. We'll be meeting in the Program Room at the Richmond Library (10th Ave. entrance, between Clement and Geary). As always, we'll have some things to snack on and drink (please feel free to bring food to share, if you'd like).

Learn about the exciting new developments, including:

- *launch of COOL THE EARTH program
- *landscape architect's plan in the works
- *donation of planter boxes and seeds for the pilot garden
- *urban gardener's support
- *mural plans for the school yard

This meeting will celebrate our progress to date and prioritize our Greening projects for the new school year. Please RSVP to greenargonne@gmail.com to let me know if you can make it and what other item(s) you'd like to include on the agenda. Would love to see you there!

Weekly Newsletter Item Submissions

Do you have an announcement or news item for the entire Argonne community? Submissions are welcome! The deadline is each Friday at 5pm, for inclusion in the coming week's newsletter. Please email your blurb (remember, less is more) to Calla Devlin Rongerude at calladevlin@gmail.com.

[Editor's note: Parents and teachers, please feel free to encourage our children to submit a short story/item for the newsletter.]

Green Argonne Meeting:	Thursday, May 13
Caring School Community:	Tree Hugger - Conservationist
Spirit Day:	Hawaii Day (Friday, May 14)
May 20: children and 1:00pm	K-2 Russian Presentation (for K-2 families), performance at
May 21 – 25:	Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair
May 27:	Chorus Sing-a-long
June 1:	PTO Meeting (6:00pm)