



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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TOWN HALL MEETING: Public Education – Funding our Future

Thursday, February 25, 6:30 – 8:30pm, at Marina Middle School. Join parents and city organizations in a community discussion moderated by Michael Krasny, host of KQED's award-winning Forum. RSVP at www.fundingourfuturest.com. We need your help to show the strength of parent voices! Join other members of the Argonne community for this important conversation!

Read to Succeed Program (sponsored by Six Flags)

Read to Succeed program forms were distributed in the beginning of February via the Tues folder. The program runs through 2/26/10 and awards students with a free pass to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom after just 6 hours of recreational reading. Reading logs need to be completed and submitted to the teachers by 2/26/10. Any questions, contact Lillian Chou, parent volunteer and program coordinator at lillianbfan1990@yahoo.com. For information on the web: <http://sixflags.weeklyreader.com/>

Argonne's First Annual Fifth Grade Spelling Bee:

Congratulations to the winners: they are:

1st Place: Danlei Zhou (spelling **bureaucracy**!!! for the gold)

2nd Place: Brian Talas

3rd Place: Yael Vainberg

4th Place: Hannah Dong

Next Community Potluck (Save the Date)

Thursday, March 25th will be our 2nd community potluck to continue our conversation from the Jan. 21 community event. Location will be at Argonne and time is from 5:30 to 8pm. We will do another conversation following the potluck. The goal is to figure out how to continue the momentum of community building by setting up an infrastructure for future community events. Other top items that surfaced from Jan. 21 will also be discussed.

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Wang at eshang@yahoo.com. or Calla Devlin at calladevlin@gmail.com

Jump Rope for Heart (a campaign of the American Heart Association)

The official date for our Jump Rope for Heart event is Thursday, February 25th. Traditionally during the students' PE period, they jump rope and take count of how many times they can jump. It usually takes more than one day for Bill (PE instructor) to reach all of the classes. It is definitely fun watching all of our kids out jumping. Students are encouraged to get donations from family and friends. The school will put up a small display of hearts honoring friends and relatives who might have died from heart disease - so we jump in their memories. Students receive prizes according to how much money they raise. Our goal this year is to raise \$2000. If you want to come and turn jump ropes for different classes, we would love to have you (contact Ms. Sharp). See below for a great website where you and your child can register for the Argonne Team:

http://amha.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1240&pg=entry

This is also a great way to let friends and relatives that live farther away, still support our kids.

Abe – By Toby Lichtenwalter – Ms. Thayer’s Class – 3rd Grade

Abe was smart but, he loved mischief. Abe had an older sister. He was a pioneer boy. Abe loved books. His Dad was a carpenter. Abe moved a lot. He was 10 and in Indiana when Abe’s mom died. One day Abe’s dad got a new wife, Sarah Bush Lincoln. His step-mom had three children. After a while he was elected.

Before he was president he lived in Illinois. There were lots of Indian wars. After one war, he got a book of laws. A little while later Abe met Mary Todd. They soon married. After that they had a boy named Robert. After that they bought a house. After that they had another boy. After awhile the second boy died. But they had two more sons. Soon a lot of people knew him. Soon he was elected to the United States congress. Then he went back to Illinois. Soon he started to think about slavery, he went against it. He made speeches against slavery. Everybody thought he could run for president. So he decided to do it. All the important people came to his house. Then the election came. Then we won. All his sons were watching. Mrs. Lincoln tried to give them something to eat. The he moved to Washington. Then the civil war came. But he still played with his children. Soon he talked to the other generals. He made many decisions. Lots of people were dying. So he made a speech. Soon Willie died. Then Abe was elected for his second term. The he went to a play. An actor name John Wilkes booth had shot him. He was upset about the war. Everybody was sad.

Now there is the Lincoln Memorial.

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