



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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Summer Session Dates Finalized

After the parent surveys regarding the summer session and a discussion at the December PTO meeting, it was recently decided by the Parents, Staff and Administration that the best option would be a summer schedule starting on Monday, July 6th and concluding Wednesday, Aug 4th. Any questions regarding this information, please contact Robin Sharp, Phil Ginsburg or Adina Safe.

Warm Coat Drive Recap

Congratulations Argonne on a very successful coat drive last week -- collecting over 150 hundred coats. Thank you for your participation. Those who missed the opportunity to donate to this year's drive, please save your coats for next year! A big "thank you" goes to the students of Ms. Rha's 1st grade class who helped sort the coats by age group and put them into plastic bags (see the Argonne web site for a photograph).

A MULTICULTURAL POTLUCK & COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

You are invited to Argonne's first annual community celebration and multi-cultural potluck! The purpose of the event is for Argonne families to get to know each other by sharing a meal (we are sure there will be lots of great food from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds!) and having facilitated small group discussions about the many ways we can build a strong and inclusive community at our school and support our diverse families.

Please join us on January 21 from 6pm - 8:15pm (Potluck from 6 to 6:45pm; Community Conversation from 7 to 8:15pm) at Argonne Multi-Purpose Room & Library. For further details and to RSVP online, please visit <http://goargonne1.eventbrite.com/>

We hope to see you there to celebrate Argonne's diverse community!

GREEN ARGONNE Planning Meeting

You're invited to join the GREEN ARGONNE planning meeting scheduled for **January 28 from 6:30-8:00pm**. We'll be meeting in the Program Room at the Richmond Library (10th Ave. entrance, between Clement and Geary). We can bring refreshments so please feel free to bring something to share, if you're able. And if you're rushing over from work we will have some snacks to feed you. (Please note: the library's children's room is next door and will be open if you need to bring your kids.)

Here's a preliminary agenda:

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1. Gardening at Argonne: photos and highlights from garden tours of 5 SF elementary schools with active garden programs
2. Launching a pilot garden program
3. Fundraising updates and opportunities
4. Green cleaning at Argonne: a partnership with SFUSD
5. School beautification: plans for Tile Family Day in late January

Please email greenargonne@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

MAYFAIR 2010 FUNDRAISER - Saturday, May 8, 2010

Believe it or not, plans for Mayfair 2010 are already in the making! As you know, donations have always been a BIG part of our Fair, so, we are asking that you help us with this effort. We want to challenge each family to get at least 1 donation from their favorite restaurant, beauty spa, bookstores, toy stores, hotel/vacation spot, service provider, grocery store, gym, or any other "favorite" you can think of. Of course, if you want to reach for the sky & get even more donations, our school would benefit greatly!

Who could you ask to donate?

- ~ Restaurants: While dining at your favorite eatery, talk to the manager about Mayfair and ask for some type of donation -- whether they can supply food or drinks for our Food Court area or a Dining Gift Card, either would be great. Dining Gift Cards/Certificates auction very well at Mayfair.
- ~ Beauty Spas: Facials, massages, manicures... the next time you're pampering yourself, ask for a "beauty" donation.
- ~ Services: Bringing your car in for a tune-up? Ask the mechanic if they can provide a Gift Card for their services.
- ~ Activities/Lessons (adults & children): When you visit the Gym or take your kids to their lessons (gymnastics, swimming, piano, etc.) ask for a donation! Gift Certificates for lessons do well at our Silent Auction. If it's an art lesson, ask if they can provide supplies to help us in our Arts & Crafts area.

Our Mayfair 2010 Donation Letter & Donor Form are available online at our website: <http://www.argonnesf.com> & hard copies are in our office. Keep a few copies with you so when you ask a business for a donation, you're ready to provide them with the proper forms.

Community Dialogue & Potluck:	January 21 (6-8:15pm)
Green Argonne meeting:	January 28 (6:30 – 8:00pm)
Professional Development Day	January 29 (No School)
K Play Date & Tile Project:	January 31
Lunar New Year event:	February 26