



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

PTO MEETING ON MAY 10TH WITH SFUSD SUPERINTENDENT CARLOS GARCIA

The next PTO meeting will be held on May 10th at 6pm in the library. We have a special guest in attendance, the Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District, Carlos Garcia. We hope you can attend this important meeting. This is your as a member of the Argonne community to discuss important issues with Superintendent Garcia. Childcare available through the YMCA.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION PROGRAM

Although every child at Argonne is gifted and talented in some way, there is a smaller percentage in grades three through five specifically identified as GATE. These children are first identified in third grade, but may be identified in later grades as well. Students are identified based on a variety of factors in the GATE-identification process including teacher and parent recommendations, student report card, and standardized test performance. While special achievement in other areas is sometimes considered, being identified involves a point system that accounts for a broad range of factors. For more specifics about the program and the point system and criteria, please visit the SFUSD website: www.sfusd.edu departments Gifted and Talented Program. I am the GATE Coordinator at Argonne. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. Call me at school or email me at: dallyn@earthlink.net /415.750.8460 David Allyn, 3rd Grade Teacher

RICHMOND YMCA SUMMER DAY CAMP

Day Camp for grades K-8

A typical week includes field trips, swimming, arts & crafts, visits to local parks, etc. Examples of this year's themes are Globe Trekker, Arts & Entertainment, Weird Science, and Music Week. Check out the brochure at the school office or at our branch on 18th Ave.

- **Days & Hours of Operation:** Our day camp program runs from June 12th - August 6th from 7:30 am – 6:00 pm
- **Cost:** \$260/week
- **Location:** Fulton Playground at 855 27th Ave. at Fulton (Enter on 27th Ave.)

For general information on our programs, please visit our website: www.ymcasf.org/richmond or call Raquel Espana, Youth & Family Director at 415-666-9605. *Financial Aid is available. Please ask for an application at the front desk.*

MAYFAIR NEWS

ATTENTION FACE PAINTERS!!

We need you to volunteer to face paint at Mayfair. Please sign up for an hour shift, or more by contacting Arabella Cureton at cureton@ppic.org or 415/681-3644. Thanks!

GET MS. SHARP INTO THE DUNK TANK!!

All we need to do is collectively raise \$1,000. A donation of a \$100 or more gives you the chance to throw three balls. Start your bidding now!!...by emailing me, dina gee @ [dgedesigns@gmail.com](mailto:dgeedesigns@gmail.com). All donations are welcome, but she will not get into the tank unless we raise the \$1,000!!

MAYFAIR SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW ON FRIDAY, MAY 7 FROM 3:00-6:00 PM!!

Be among the first to walk through our silent auction! Take a look at the new items we have this year. From “good eats” (gift certificates for popular restaurants) to “things you desire” (hotel packages for a weekend get-a-way), there’s no better place to look for great gift items and excursions than our Mayfair silent auction! Here’s a sample of what we have (an up-to-date preview booklet is in your child’s Tuesday folder):

- Firefly restaurant \$100 gift certificate
- Strawberry 2010 music festival tickets
- Camp Mather: Complimentary tent site & meals for a family of 4
- Promotion Ceremony: 8 front row seats
- San Francisco Giants: 4 club level seats + pre-game field visit
- 2010 Nike Women’s 1/2 or full marathon entry
- Timbuk2 classic messenger bag

Mark your calendars and plan now to attend. Thank you and see you there!

MAYFAIR VOLUNTEERS

Parents and family members: if you still wish volunteer for the Mayfair games please sign-up with your respective classroom. Completed volunteer sign-up sheets should be returned to the office no later than Wednesday, May 5. Mayfair layout maps will be available at the volunteer and ticket booths. Please come prior to your shift and check in at your assigned class game.

KEEP SELLING THOSE RAFFLE BOOKS!

The more raffle tickets you purchase, the greater the chance you have to win:

- 1st Prize: \$500 Cash
- 2nd Prize: Two Southwest Airline Tickets
- 3rd Prize: Apple iPod Nano 8GB 5th Generation

Each ticket is \$2.00 and Book of 10 tickets is \$20.00. Remember the student who sells the most books will win a **FREE** Mayfair day. The class that sold the most books will win a pizza party.

Please turn in your SOLD raffle ticket books back to school as soon as possible so we can tally which class will win the pizza party and which student will win the **FREE** Mayfair day. Last day to turn in the SOLD raffle ticket books will be May 7, 2010 for the contest but if you can turn them in earlier that would be great.

Please check the chart located in the front of the Main Office hallway for updated raffle book sale results. If you need more raffle books, please check the Main Office or contact Annie Au at 415.269.8633 or annie_chow@msn.com.

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.]

Spirit Day:	Argonne shirt OR Red & Black
Silent Auction Preview (in the Multi-purpose room)	May 7 (3:00-6:00 pm)
Mayfair	May 8 (10:00 am-3:00 pm)
Argonne Students featured at de Young Museum	May 8-16