



# Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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## ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday August 16, 2011

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

#### REMEMBER TO DROP OFF AT THE 17TH AVE GATE ONLY!!

#### THE SAFETY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

- PLEASE have your children ready to exit the vehicle before you get to the drop off area on 17th Avenue, By having them ready, the drop off line will move much faster for everyone.
- There is currently no drop off on 18th Avenue prior to 8:30 A.M.
- Cabrillo Street is a BUS ZONE**, not a drop off zone
- Do Not Double Park** on either 18th Avenue or Cabrillo Street, our neighbors on 18th avenue are especially upset with our community
- ALL STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER 8:30 MUST NOW ENTER VIA THE 18th AVENUE ENTRANCE AND GET A TARDY SLIP FROM GRACE.**
- Effective Monday 8/15/2011, **all three yard gates will be locked promptly at 8:30 A.M**

#### Thank You from Your Safety Committee

#### BOTTLES FOR BALCLUTHA!

Water bottles are easy to collect and carry, they are light in weight and almost unbreakable when used for their designed purpose. Sadly, they make up a large part of the waste generated, and many will otherwise be added to the waste stream, end up in landfills, ocean and on our shores. Room 206 is doing a Earth conservation and recycling movement to educate ourselves about recycling, and to help collect funds to apply to our overnight program in May. In conjunction with this, the students will also be studying the recycling process, the Science of the water cycle and the ecology and environments of the water from our safe, delicious, and inexpensive tap water from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Yosemite! HOW CAN YOU HELP?? Please help us by collecting and sending in any WATER BOTTLES that can be recycled! We will have collection bins stationed inside/outside the classroom if you would like to drop any by, or send them in with your student. (We choose water bottles ONLY for the ease and lack of sticky, sugar residue that could create a potential pest problem.) Please help us as we help the Environment, and raise funds for our fantastic overnight opportunity! Thank you for your support!  
~Students of Room 206 and Mrs. Juri

#### THE GREEN TEAM NEEDS A GENERAL CONTRACTOR

The Green Argonne Committee needs a general contractor to lead a team of parent volunteers in building an edible garden on the school's property. The school applied for a grant to build an outdoor classroom to enrich the science and writing programs and has some funding to pay a modest fee. Experience in directing small- to medium-sized landscaping projects is required. If you, or someone you know, would like to help with this project, please reply to Neil Hrushowy at [nhrushowy@gmail.com](mailto:nhrushowy@gmail.com).

Upcoming Events Calendar		
Date	Day	Event
Aug 15	Mon.	Fall Session Begins
Sept 1	Thurs	Back to School Night
Sept 1	Thurs	PTO Meeting & Volunteer Rally
Sept 23	Fri.	Field Day

#### SINGLE PARENTS DISCUSSION GROUP

We have set up a discussion group for Argonne Single Parents and their friends within our Argonne\_ES groups. If you are interested please check out [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Argonne\\_ES\\_SingleParents/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Argonne_ES_SingleParents/) and click on the "Join this Group" button.

#### STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED

Is your student a budding author or artist? Has your student recently been recognized for an outstanding achievement? We would like to include at least once a month a contribution from one of our students. Please contact the editor, Cassandra Belair at [ArgonneES\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:ArgonneES_news@yahoo.com).

<b>Volunteer Opportunities Calendar</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>ongoing</b>	Mon-Fri.	Student Drop Off; 17th Ave. Gate
<b>ongoing</b>	Wed, Thurs.	Argonne Library; drop-ins welcome
<b>ongoing</b>	Mon-Fri.	Watering Argonne Gardens
<b>Aug 25</b>	Thurs.	Sports Basement Event
<b>Sept 23</b>	Fri.	Field Day

**VOLUNTEERING AT ARGONNE**  
**PARKING FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!**

Argonne Parents raised \$7979 last weekend with a very successful parking fundraiser for the Outside Lands Festival. Many of our customers came for 3 days in a row. A special thanks to all the volunteers, including Scot Brodie, William Chang, Jason Quock, Clive Mellor, Yelena Laudati, Anne Toy, Cindy Wong, Erin Lichtenwalter, Robin Morjikian, Mike Loudermilk, Steve Carlin, Mark Sole, Jim Cureton, Dan Cohen, Angela Lee, Tracey Limon, Paul Yieh, Kurtis McKinzey, Jennifer Carlin, Mimi Chen, Inna Portnoy, Heidi Wilcox, Jon Yip, Willie Chin, Jennifer Creasman, Monica Sembler, Katya Cornejo, Laesha Cornejo, Christina Boyle, Jamie Litz, Felicia Won, Sahr

Keiser, Inna Gudeysky, Donna Campbell, and David Silberman.

And a special thank you to our new Principal Karen Francois for supporting this great event. Hardly Strictly Bluegrass is only 6 weeks away....another opportunity to volunteer! Eric Lichtenwalter

**MORNING DROP OFF - ONGOING**

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help! Our children and parents thank you for giving your time in the morning. We still need more people starting at 8:15 to 8:30. You can sign up for one week, a month, or ongoing. To sign up, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/daily24> or contact Gerald Crump at [gcfuel@gmail.com](mailto:gcfuel@gmail.com). To provide constructive suggestions on how to improve the morning drop-off process, please contact, Gerald Crump (PTO Safety Committee Chair) at [gcfuel@gmail.com](mailto:gcfuel@gmail.com), with your suggestions.

**WATERING PLANTS - ONSITE/ONGOING**

Help keep our school green - and watered! People are needed to water the plants and trees in front of the school on 18th Avenue, the gardens on Cabrillo, and the vines in the schoolyard. This needs to be done 3 times per week. If you are interested, contact Tina at [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com).

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEM SUBMISSIONS**

Do you have an announcement or news item for the entire Argonne community? Please email your blurb (remember, less is more) to Cassandra Belair at [ArgonneES\\_news@yahoo.com](mailto:ArgonneES_news@yahoo.com), Subject: "Newsletter", please place text in the email, not as an attachment. Deadline, Friday 10pm.