



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday August 2, 2011

DROP OFF AT THE 17TH AVE GATE ONLY!!

DO NOT DOUBLE-PARK ANYWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!!

The neighbors are complaining to the principal and to the police and are rightly ready to call DPT to take care of the problem they are experiencing. We have a minority of our parents not demonstrating good community spirit to the students of Argonne. Please don't be the one who ruins our school's reputation as a benefit to the neighborhood.

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our first session comes to a close, I would like to thank the Argonne School Community for their endless hours of volunteering this summer. I would especially like to thank our 5th graders (rising 6th graders) who volunteered their time in our classrooms. You were wonderful with our students. I would also like to thank our student teachers who also helped in our classrooms. Some of you are beginning your career with SFUSD as Teacher Interns. Good Luck!!!

Our amazing teachers were able to take our students on field trips to the Picasso Exhibit at the DeYoung Museum as well as trips to the beach and the zoo.

The first day of our regular school year begins on Monday, August 15th. Our school day will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Thank you all again and I look forward to seeing you on August 15th.

Karen Francois

NOW HIRING AT CASP

The Argonne Chinese After School Program, CASP is currently seeking an experienced, dedicated, energetic, creative teacher assistant to join the CASP teaching team. This is a part time position with a minimal of 15 hours per week, must be able to work between 2:30pm to 5:30pm M-F. Biligual in Chinese (Mandarin/Cantonese) & English is a must. For full job description, qualifications and questions, please email: argonne_es_casp_officers@yahoo.com

THE SAFETY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

As we take steps toward implementing a formalized morning drop off system, the Safety Committee is asking the Argonne Community for help in two areas. The first is volunteering just twenty minutes of your valuable time in the morning.

Kathryn Van Koughnett (PTO Volunteer Committee Chair) set up a page to sign up:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/morning40>

The second area is in providing constructive suggestions on how to improve the morning drop-off process. Please contact, Gerald Crump (PTO Safety Committee Chair) at gcfuel@gmail.com, with your suggestions.

Upcoming Events Calendar		
Date	Day	Event
Aug 3	Wed	Breakfast w/ Principal Francois; 8:30 Conference room
Aug 5	Fri.	Summer Session Ends; Auction committee meeting 7-8pm
Aug 12-14	Fri.-Sun.	Outside Lands Parking Fundraiser
Aug 15	Mon.	Fall Session Begins
Sept 23	Fri.	Field Day

A few reminders:

- 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.**

Go Paperless: Join the Argonne_ES Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/argonne_es/

Volunteer Opportunities Calendar		
Date	Day	Event
ongoing	Mon-Fri.	Student Drop Off; 17th Ave. Gate
ongoing	Wed, Thurs.	Argonne Library; drop-ins welcome
ongoing	Mon-Fri.	Watering Argonne Gardens
Aug 5	Fri.	Auction Committee Meeting 7-8pm
Aug 12-14	Fri.-Sun.	Outside Lands Parking Fundraiser
Aug 25	Thurs.	Sports Basement Event
Sept 23	Fri.	Field Day

•Effective Monday 8/15/2011, **all three yard gates will be locked promptly at 8:30 A.M**

Thank You from Your Safety Committee

ARGONNE STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN THE GARDEN

On Friday, nearly 120 Argonne students had the opportunity to learn about cover crops and photosynthesis as part of their summer science curriculum. Garden educator, Markos Major, led 5 individual classes through a lesson about the importance of plants in capturing the sun's energy, seed life cycles, and how certain plants help keep soil alive and healthy. Students then went to our new native garden to plant fava beans, buckwheat and cannelli beans to help prepare the soil for our fall planting of California natives. Parents are most welcome to help water

the garden as we watch the seeds grow. Contact greenargonne@gmail.com if you want to volunteer or have any questions.

VOLUNTEERING AT ARGONNE

In closing out the Summer session, I'd like to say a big thank you to all the parents who volunteer their time at Argonne. Looking ahead, we have a fantastic year planned and many opportunities for you to volunteer at school and offsite. There are many social activities, FUNdraising opportunities, and ongoing activities. Please help out. It's a great way to learn more about what goes on at school, meet other parents, and teach kids how to contribute to their community, plus - it makes you feel good! Thank you for everything you do for our school!
Kathryn Van Koughnett, PTO Volunteer Chair

SCHOOL GARDEN PLANNING MEETING: THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 6PM

You're invited to join us on Wednesday, August 3 from 6:00-7:45pm in the Argonne school library for our first Green Argonne meeting of this school year. We will be meeting with several invited guests to discuss plans for Argonne's outdoor classroom with native and edible gardens:

Alec Hawley/SWA Group: landscape design firm providing support to develop and implement plans for Argonne's edible garden
Lynn Kuo and Jemma Foreman/Quality of Life Foundation: partnering with Argonne to provide garden education program for Argonne's fall semester
Markos Major/Urban Farm Educator and Grey2Green native garden liaison. New families are most welcome! Please RSVP so we have an idea of how many people to expect. The YMCA will be providing on-site childcare. Tina: greenargonne@gmail.com or (415) 203-3343

VOLUNTEER FOR THE AUGUST 12, 13, AND 14 - OUTSIDE LANDS PARKING PARTY.

This is one of our biggest fundraisers - parking for the Outside Lands music festival. This is where we use the school playground to park cars. Argonne needs people to collect money and hand out tickets, directing cars into spots (no parking involved!), and overseeing the lot when it is full. There are three days with many shifts available including: Friday 2-5 and 5-8, and Sunday 1-4, 4-7 and 7-9. You can sign up for a shift using the online sign up form at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/outside2/1242336 or contact Eric Lichtenwalter at ericlich@yahoo.com.

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/morning40>, or contact Gerald Crump at gcfuel@gmail.com.

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.

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, Subject: "Newsletter", please place text in the email, not as an attachment. Deadline, Friday 10pm.

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