



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization
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ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

PTO MEETING TUESDAY AUGUST 23, 6PM

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Fundraising and Budget
3. Guest Presenter: Stephanie LeBeau, VP Leadership, CA State PTA & Former Board President, Lafayette PTA
"How We Delivered a Safe Drop Off the Last 700 Days, Rain or Shine"
4. New After School Enrichment Programs
5. Garden Launch

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Welcome Back!!!! I hope you had a restful week and were able to spend time with family and friends.

The California Standards Test scores were mailed to families last week. The CST is administered to all students from second to eleventh grades. The CSTs are developed by California educators and test developers specifically for California. They measure students' progress toward achieving California's state-adopted academic content standards in English-language arts (ELA), mathematics, science, and history-social science, which describe what students should know and be able to do in each grade and subject tested. If your child tested Proficient in the subject areas, they tested at grade level. Advanced is above grade level and Basic is below grade level. You will have time during the Parent/Teacher Conference Week to discuss your child's score or concerns. If you have any questions, please call me.

Our enrichment classes will begin next week. The teachers are looking forward to teaching our students again this school year. I look forward to working with our families and students.

Karen Francois

ARGONNE FAMILY NIGHT @ THE SPORTS BASEMENT THURS., AUG. 25

Argonne's next family night is one week from today--Thursday, August 25th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Sports Basement Presidio location. It's a great event for getting some shopping done! Appetizers and drinks (for kids AND adults) are provided. In addition, there will be a scavenger hunt at 6:30pm, with Sports Basement gift certificates (compliments of SB!) as the prizes.



So, bring the flyer from your Tuesday folder, your lists for fall and winter sports gear and equipment, birthday wants and everyday needs this Thursday to get a great discount and help Argonne!

RSVP to Jennifer Carlin at 415-572-9101 or jmaudecarlin@gmail.com if you know you are coming, so there will be enough drinks and appetizers.

BRING YOUR EGG CARTONS TO SEED OUR GARDEN

Green Argonne is launching our school garden education program this semester in partnership with the Quality of Life Foundation. We need your empty egg cartons to use to grow the seedlings for our edible garden. Please drop off clean, empty egg cartons (cardboard only, not styrofoam) to Ms. Thayer's classroom in Room 207 or Ms. Angus' classroom in 208. We need to collect 130 egg cartons by the end of August. Thank you! Any questions? Email: greenargonne@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many volunteer opportunities at Argonne that will work with your schedule. Do you have some hours free during school time? Your student's teacher would like to hear from you. You only have time after the children are in bed? We have a task for you too. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Kathryn Van Koughnett by email, kathryn_v@yahoo.com, or at the Volunteer Rally on Sept 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Aug 23	Tues.	PTO Meeting; 6:00-7:30
Aug 25	Thurs.	Sports Basement; 5:30-7:30
Sept 1	Thurs	Back to School Night
Sept 1	Thurs	PTO Meeting & Volunteer Rally

ON-GOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Drop-off: Four or more adults are needed every morning to help our students exit quickly and safely from their rides on Seventeenth Avenue. Contact Safety Committee Chairperson Gerald Crump (gcfuel@gmail.com) or goto <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/daily24>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
ongoing	Mon-Fri.	Student Drop Off; 17th Ave. Gate
ongoing	Mon.-Fri.	Watering Argonne's Gardens
ongoing	Wed, Thurs.	Argonne Library; drop-ins welcome
Aug 25	Thurs.	Sports Basement Event
Sept 23	Fri.	Field Day

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.

ARGONNE LIBRARY: Contact our Librarian, Ms. Campbell by dropping by or email sflibraryteacher@aol.com, if you are interested in assisting with our beautiful library.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 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.