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ARGONNE NEWS **TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2012**

## PRINCIPAL'S HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

Happy New Year!!! Our Spring semester began on January 3rd. If you did not receive a copy of your child's report card before the winter break, the report card will be sent home this week.

Thank you to Jennifer Carlin whose family donated a washing machine to the school. Our custodians will begin using Green products with microfiber rags when cleaning the school. The rags will be washed and reused for cleaning. Thank you to our District Custodial Department for helping us with this project.

Our Play Structure Committee has finalized the design and submitted the changes to our District Architect. Thank you again to the PTO for committing to fundraise for the additional funding which allowed us to increase the size of the structure for our students. Our target completion date is July 2012. We will have copies of the final design at the community meeting on January 28th.

This week our students will be working on curriculum about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. Monday, January 16th is a school holiday honoring his birthday.

Room 154 is now a PTO/Community Room. Thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped with the move. Nancy Forrest Polen and Karen Greener have moved their office to the West Conference Room.

Working Together for School Success

Karen Francois

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS FROM ARGONNE PARENTS

### BASEBALL BOOTCAMP

Get ready for the Spring baseball leagues! Coaches Sherman (David Chin's dad) and Doug (Samuel Dineley's dad) are offering a 2-hour baseball workshop for eight (8) kids, ages 7 to 10. The exercises will focus on developing skills for rookie games such as infield, outfield, hitting, and pitching. Plus, we will just play ball and have some fun! \$20 per student includes a snack and a certificate. Please contact Jane Van Ginkel at [janevg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janevg@sbcglobal.net) to sign up. Here's a testimonial from Maria Chew, mom to Oliver:

"Our family is so excited to be participating in Coaches Sherman and Doug's baseball bootcamp. Sherman coached our older son for his first few years of Little League. Sherman and Doug know baseball in and out. Their manner is direct, respectful and kind. Not only will the kids learn great baseball skills but fundamental sportsmanship. With Little League nearly impossible to join, this is a great way to get our younger son into a great sport.

### LANDSCAPE IN THE PARK

Capture the colors of Spring in Golden Gate Park in an acrylic painting on canvas! Jane Van Ginkel, Sam Dineley's mom (room 205), is offering a painting workshop in the park for five (5) students, grades 2 to 4. We will meet in the park and sketch and paint for two hours. Students will learn about expressive color, the effects of light on a landscape, basic painting technique, and bring home a masterpiece. Materials and snack provided. Sunday, April 22, 2012, from 1 to 3pm. (Rain date of Sunday, April 29.) \$35/child. Please contact Jane Van Ginkel at [janevg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janevg@sbcglobal.net) to sign up.

## GREEN ARGONNE

### WE ARE BUILDING ARGONNE'S EDIBLE SCHOOL GARDEN

As we begin 2012, we are excited to break ground for our school's edible garden. Throughout January and February we will be preparing to get the garden ready for Argonne students to plant. Want to help? For

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Jan 13	Fri	Spirit Day - Jersey Day
<b>Jan 16</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>No School - MLK Day</b>
Jan 23	Mon	No School - Lunar New Year
Jan 28	Sat	Community Strategic Planning

some projects, we require the experience of carpenters/builders and those with knowledge of drip irrigation but for other tasks, we simply will need people who are willing to show up and be ready to dig up some dirt. This is an opportunity to improve our children's educational options, to build community at Argonne, and to learn something about creating a unique garden space. Please email us at [GreenArgonne@gmail.com](mailto:GreenArgonne@gmail.com) if you're willing to help and we'll match your skills and availability to our workdays.

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Jan 9-13	Tues-Fri	Stop Drop Go - Room 208
Jan 17-20	Tues-Fri	Stop Drop Go - Room 209
Jan 19	Thurs	ELAC/CASP Meeting
Jan 24-27	Mon-Fri	Stop Drop Go - Room 135
Jan 28	Sat	Argonne Strategic Planning Event
May 5	Sat	MayFair



**STOP DROP GO**  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AFAC2F4-stop>

**ELAC/MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITY/CASP MEETING THURSDAY JAN. 19TH.**

Our next ELAC/Multi-cultural Community/Chinese after school program (CASP) meeting will be on 1/19/2012 Thursday from 6-7:30 in the School Library. Child care and light refreshment will be provided.

**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

**PLAY STRUCTURE WALK-A-THON:**

Planning committee is being formed. Are you interested in brainstorming Logistics, Marketing, Sponsorship, Snacks / drinks for the event? Do you have any ideas to make the event fun and profitable? Please contact Kathryn Van Koughnett [kathryn\\_v@yahoo.com](mailto:kathryn_v@yahoo.com)

**FRESH & EASY RECEIPTS, BOXTOPS, CAMPBELL'S LABELS AND INK CARTRIDGES**

Just a quick reminder to send in your Fresh & Easy receipts as soon as possible! All receipts dated through December 31, 2011 help us earn money for Argonne. For every \$20 we collect in receipts, Argonne receives \$1. We will be collecting the receipts until Friday, January 13th, so send them in soon. Also, please continue to send in your Boxtops, Campbell's Soup Labels, and used printer cartridges. Argonne just earned \$549.30 from Boxtops collected by all of you, which is so great! So, keep clipping, collecting, and sending them in! You will find collection boxes in the office area near Grace. A HUGE thanks to Sherry Chan for sorting and organizing all these items for us!

**WINTER AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES: REGISTER NOW!**

Argonne is excited to be able to offer two new after-school enrichment classes this Winter. **Take My Word for It**, Creative Writing class on Tuesdays (grades 3-5, min 8/ max 12) and **Tree Frog Treks** on Wednesdays (grades K-2, min 8/ max 16). **Play-well Teknologies, Engineering with Lego** will continue on Tuesdays (grades 2-5) and Thursdays (grades K-1) (min 11/ max 16). Academic Chess (grades K-5) is still being offered on Thursdays. To enroll your child, please complete the registration form and return it to Grace along with payment this week (*checks made payable to Argonne PTO*).

Registration is first come first serve. We need to reach the minimum student requirement to make these classes happen. The classes will take place immediately after school finishes and are open to all. The RDASC and YMCA afterschool programs allow students to participate in these additional enrichment programs, the JCC program does not. Students enrolled in the Chinese after school program may participate in one class per week. Please sign up ASAP: **Lego starts Jan 10 and 12, Creative Writing and Tree Frog Treks start Jan 17 and 18.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



**MORNING DROP-OFF:** Now Stop, Drop and Go. 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](mailto:gcfuel@gmail.com)) Starting this week each class is adopting a week



**ARGONNE LIBRARY:** Contact our Librarian, Ms. Campbell by dropping by or email [campbelld@sfusd.edu](mailto:campbelld@sfusd.edu), if you are interested in assisting with our beautiful library.

**GARDEN WATERING:** Contact Tina at [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com) if you can water in the morning.

**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](mailto:ArgonneES_News@yahoo.com), Subject: "Newsletter", please place text in the email, not as an attachment. Deadline, Friday 10pm.