



PRINCIPAL'S HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

The Federal Government has cut the grant which funds from the Russian Language program. This cut from Congress affects language programs in school districts around the United States as well as our school district. SFUSD is committed to continuing our Russian language program. However, we need to organize our efforts to ensure our program will continue at Argonne. I will be meeting with our Russian Language teachers, Mila and Zhanna this week for their input and would like to form a committee of parents, teachers, and the Richmond community to organize a meeting to plan our next steps. I will be inviting the Russian Consulate to visit our school and discuss how the Consulate's office can partner with us to help continue the program. If you have suggestions as to how to form this committee, please contact me. I would like to be able to report to our community meeting on January 28th our progress and next steps.

Our teachers will have grade level meetings the fourth Monday of each month from 3:00-4:00 p.m. The second Monday will be our regular faculty meeting. This new meeting time will allow teachers to review class data from the CLA, assess whether students have mastered skills on the CLA, and monitor student progress towards our academic goals. Remember, the purpose of assessing our students is ensure that students are building key skills, responding to instructional strategies, and making academic progress. Assessments also allow teachers to re-teach and make adjustments to their lesson plan if necessary. Our next grade level meetings will be January 24th. I want to thank the teachers for agreeing to collaborate once a month.

Our new Paraprofessional schedule is effective today. Our Special Education team (Nancy, Karen, and I) collaborated to design the new schedule. The new schedule meets the academic goals and objectives for our students. We will have a community meeting facilitated by Jean Robertson, Special Education Administrator, to discuss the Special Education Department's new redesign model. If any parents or caregivers would like to help organize this meeting, please contact me.

Our students worked on curriculum about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the legacy he left in this country. Some classrooms reviewed his famous, "I Have a Dream" speech which he gave on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. Dr. King has a new memorial statue near the location where he gave his speech which was dedicated to the public in November 2011.

Our Lunar New Year Celebration will be held on Friday, February 10th from 5-8 p.m. We will have more details about the celebration next week. Monday, February 23rd is a school holiday to celebrate Lunar New Year. This is the year of the Dragon.

On Friday, January 20th, our Spirit Day theme is Red and Black!!!

Working Together for School Success
Karen Francois

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.

GREEN ARGONNE

GARDEN APPRECIATIONS A HUGE thank you to Alexandra Minnis and Neil Hrushowy for orchestrating Saturday's fence building and garden workday. Led by project foreman Peter Good, a wonderful crew of parents and Argonne students spend much of the day together to build a split rail fence, weed and water.

Thanks to: Andy May, Ed Barber, Eric Moreno, Jason Gillam, Diana Solis, Julie Reber, Vanessa Taylor, David Silberman, Tina Eshaghpour and Argonne students Aidan, Eric, Jupiter, Lucas, Noah, Oliver, and Tita for helping transform our school grounds.

Also our thanks to Sahrui Keiser for managing the tremendous amount of paperwork and reporting to wrap up Argonne's First 5 grant.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Jan 19	Thurs	ELAC Meeting
Jan 20	Friday	Spirit Day - Red & Black
Jan 23	Mon	No School - Lunar New Year
Jan 28	Sat	Community Strategic Planning

ARGONNE NEWS, TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2011

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
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
Feb 10	Fri	Lunar New Year



STOP DROP GO

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D45AFAC2F4-stop>

FUNDRAISING CORNER

FRESH & EASY NIGHT AND RECEIPTS We are hosting our school's first Fresh&Easy Night on Wednesday, January 25th. Argonne will receive 5% of ALL sales from 4 to 8 pm at our local store at 3132 Clement Street (Clement and 32nd). We need at least 5 volunteers there at all times to help bag groceries and greet customers the evening of the event. There are two shifts: 4 to 6pm and 6 to 8pm. Please let Jennifer Carlin know if you can be there that evening to help! 415-572-9101 or jmaudecarlin@gmail.com In addition, we raised \$151 by collecting Fresh&Easy receipts last fall--yeah for Argonne!! Thanks so much for collecting receipts and joining us on the 25th from 4 to 8 pm!

OTHER NEWS....

LEADERSHIP SURVEY MANY THANKS to all families who have completed the Leadership Survey. Your opinion and feedback are essential for Argonne to continue to be the best school and community for our children. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so by Friday, January 20th. You can access the survey online (www.surveymonkey.com/argonnesurvey) or pick up one in the office. The results will be shared with our community by the time of the January PTO meeting on Tuesday, January 31st.

SUPPORT ARGONNE'S 3RD GRADE BASKETBALL TEAM Argonne has a 3rd grade boys & girls basketball team through SF Rec & Park? Come cheer on the Wolfpack any of the next five Saturdays at the Potrero Hill Rec Center at 11am (same time each week). It's a fabulous rec center with great views of the city and awesome new playgrounds which the kids played at following the game. If you want more info, contact Jennifer Carlin at jmaudecarlin@gmail.com You can also check out other great winter programming options at SFRecPark.org

<https://argonne-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com/> The school loop site has a page for the most active PTO committees. Submit your information and photos to Cassandra Belair for placement there. Check it out!

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 on **Jan 29 from 1-3pm** 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 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 to sign up.

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.