



## 2012 PTO UPDATE

Welcome back and happy new year! We hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. January is our month to start thinking about our future priorities and on January 28th we will be holding our Community Strategic Planning Meeting from 9 am to 1 pm. This meeting is where we set our our vision and goals for the coming year. We prepare our balanced score card for the District and the decisions from this meeting will help guide the allocation of our resources and budget.

## PLAYSTRUCTURE UPDATE

Our Playstructure Committee has completed the design and submitted it to the school district. After many meetings and design changes, our final design was accepted by the district architect and will move through the next phases of the project. In the coming weeks, we will present visuals of this new, engaging and creative play structure. Construction is currently scheduled to be completed during the summer break, in time for the new school year. Our next step for our community is to get ready for the "Walk for Play" walk-a-thon so we can raise funds to help pay for the new structure.

## CLASS ASSIGNMENTS FOR STOP DROP GO

### STOP DROP GO

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

Week #6: Mr. Strohm Room 107	Dates Jan. 3-6,
Week #7: Ms. Angus Room 208	Dates Jan. 9-13
Week #8: Ms. Terry Room 209	Dates Jan. 17-20
Week #9: Ms. Franks Room 135	Dates Jan. 24-27
Week #10: Ms. Levine Room 203	Dates Jan. 30-Feb. 3
Week #11: Ms. Dere Room 101	Dates Feb. 6-10
Week #12: Mr. Freund Room 302	Dates Feb. 13-16
Week #13: Ms. Coleman Room 102	Dates Feb. 21-24
Week #14: Ms. Cox Room 205	Dates Feb. 27- Mar. 2
Week #15: Ms. Towsley Room 301	Dates Mar. 5-9
Week #16: Ms. Bondi Room 103	Dates Mar. 12-15
Week #17: Mr. Juri Room 206	Dates Mar. 19-23
Week #18: Ms. Vogel Room 105	Dates Apr. 2-5
Week #19: Ms. Thayer Room 207	Dates Apr. 9-13



## IN MEMORIAL: MICHAEL KOOB



### MICHAEL KOOB (DECEMBER 3, 1961 - DECEMBER 31, 2011)

He was our dance teacher. He created the Argonne Dance Ensemble for the DeYoung Museum and Mayfair performances. Michael was a talented and inspirational person. He was also a dancer, teacher and choreographer. He touched many lives. He will be dearly missed for his upbeat personality and his great big smile.

## UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
Jan 6	Fri	Spirit Day - Red & Black
Jan 16	Mon	No School - MLK Day
Jan 23	Mon	No School - Lunar New Year
Jan 28	Sat	Community Strategic Planning

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Jan 3-6	Tues-Fri	<b>Stop Drop Go - Room 107</b>
Jan 5	Thurs	Grants Committee Meeting - Richmond District SFPL 7pm
Jan 9-13	Mon-Fri	<b>Stop Drop Go - Room 208</b>
Jan 28	Sat	Argonne Strategic Planning Event
May 5	Sat	<b>MayFair</b>

**ARGONNE GRANTS COMMITTEE MEETING THIS THURSDAY**

We've already had some great successes this year with grantwriting to raise money for our school. Now we're forming a committee to try and raise even more funds from outside sources. Here are just a sample of things we raise money for: class size reduction teacher, literacy specialist, PE teacher, new playstructure, and arts programming. Some of you have prior experience, others are great at picking up the phone and asking for donations or doing research. We need a combination of parents who can do research, write/edit, and are organized to be successful. The meeting will begin at 7pm in the Richmond Public Library's program room located on 10th Avenue between Clement St. and Geary Blvd. We'll have some food and drinks to share. Please RSVP at [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com).

**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our families, teachers and staff we are well on our way to meeting our fundraising goals for the year. This year Argonne will be holding our 1st Annual Walk for Play Walk-a-thon to help pay for the cost of our new play-structure. The Walk-a-thon will be held in April and will be a fun filled day of exercise and activities to raise money. Mayfair will be held on Saturday, May 5th, and will be our last major fundraiser of the year.

**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. Details are on the flyers in the Tuesday folder. To enroll your child, please complete the registration form and return it to Grace along with payment (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 the week after 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. Please contact Cindy Wong 415-606-2777, [c117dy34@yahoo.com](mailto:c117dy34@yahoo.com), if you are interested in helping out with the **Book Fair** next week. Volunteers are needed for all days. We need your help to make this event a success. Please sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/argonne>.

**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.