



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday July 19, 2011

SAFETY FIRST! PLAN YOUR ROUTE! LEAVE ON TIME!

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

July 19, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe, but it's that time of year again—the beginning of a new school year!!!! Welcome back!!!! I would also like to welcome our incoming kindergarten families to our school community.

There's a lot of excitement ahead of us, including new teachers to meet, planned activities by the Argonne PTO, new friends to meet, and new skills to master. I look forward to sharing those exciting times with you. As a parent myself, I know how fast time goes by. One year your child is in first grade and before a blink of an eye, they're in middle school, or in their senior year of high school.

In closing, I encourage you to fully embrace the moment and urge you to take the time from your busy schedule to become familiar with our school, as well as create a homework-friendly environment that will allow your child to succeed academically.

Thank you for your commitment to your child's education and I look forward to seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Karen Bell Francois

MORNING DROP OFF REMINDERS FOR DRIVERS, FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

WE NEED HELP WITH MORNING DROP-OFF

•**Drop-off zone is on 17th Ave. only.** Cabrillo is reserved for busses, 18th Ave. is reserved for students with accessibility needs.

•Please have your children ready to exit the car before you reach the drop off team. Ensure that you children have their backpacks and other items with them and please try to avoid placing them in the trunk.

•Please **do not** have your child exit your vehicle into the middle of the street, drop offs are curbside only

•Please wait your turn in line and we'll assist your child out of your car as fast as possible.

•Please note that passing the line of cars ahead of you and making three point turns on 17th Avenue is hazardous to pedestrians and oncoming traffic.

•Finally, please understand that we are doing our best to make this as smooth a process as possible. Your assistance, patience, and understanding are greatly appreciated. To volunteer and help in making morning drop-off safer for our children, please contact Gerald Crump at either gcfuel@gmail.com or out on 17th Avenue Gate every morning!

Upcoming Events Calendar

Date	Day	Event
July 23	Sat.	K. Playdate; 1-3 Argonne Yard
July 25	Mon.	K. Orientation Group#2; 8:30 Library
July 26	Tues.	PTO Meeting; 6-7:30 Library
Aug 3	Wed	Breakfast w/ Principal Francois; 8:30 Conference room
Aug 5	Fri.	Summer Session Ends
Aug 12-14	Fri.-Sun	Outside Lands Parking Fundraiser
Aug 15	Mon.	Fall Session Begins
Sept 23	Fri.	Field Day

PAYING FROM LUNCH JUST GOT EASIER!! ENROLLMENT BEGINS JULY 18TH, 2011

Running late and no time to find \$3 for lunch for your child? Nutritional Services has two methods for breakfast and lunch prepayment.

Pay Online

Go to www.MealpayPlus.com, register a username and password. **You must know your child's SFUSD ID**

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number to enroll. You can add money to his/her account, view account balances and view your child's breakfast or lunch purchase history. For example, you can prepay \$50 and lunch will be debited from their account. You may also pay by phone: (866) 438-7842.

Pay By Check

To pay by check, complete the [school meals prepayment form](#), provided by Grace in Argonne's front office. Put the cash or check in an envelope and return the envelope to Grace. Please note that the check must be made payable to "**Student Nutrition Services**." Be sure to write your child's name and room number on the check. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to pay for any accrued meal charges.

Meal Prices

Pay \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch.

FIRST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR AUG 12-14

Last year Argonne raised over \$10,000 by turning the Argonne Playground into the Argonne Parking Lot during the Outside Lands Festival and Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival. This year we hope to exceed that amount since we have one extra day to raise money. We need your help.

The first festival is Outside Lands Festival, and we need volunteers on August 12th, 13th, and 14th. Shifts run 3 hours, and we need 2-4 volunteers per shift. Last year we had a tremendous response from our parent volunteers. If you haven't volunteered in the past, or if you are new to Argonne, this is a great way to meet other Argonne Parents, support the Argonne PTO, and make some money for our kids programs!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Outside Lands Festival on August 12th, 13th, or 14th, please go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/outside2 to sign up for a shift on any day. **Thanks. If you have any questions please email Eric Lichtenwalter at ericlich@yahoo.com** or send a message back in your Tuesday Folder.

LIBRARY CORNER

Library classes have resumed for 1st-5th graders on Wednesdays and Thursdays through July. Volunteers are needed to shelve books. If you have even a half hour to spare on Wednesdays or Thursdays, drop by or contact Donna Campbell. Kindergarten parents welcome. Donna Campbell, Teacher-Librarian, sflibraryteacher@gmail.com, 415-302-3232

Did you know...

- Students may check out up to 50 books at a time at the San Francisco Public Library and, as long as they are checked out on the student's card, there are no overdue fines. Why not plan a visit to your favorite branch to coincide with one of the free activities offered at the city's libraries every day of the week? For listings, consult SFPL.org.
- Every Wednesday, from April – October, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Friends of the San Francisco Public Library host "Steps Sales," located outside the Larkin Street entrance of the Main Library. There is a nice selection of both children's and adult materials. All books and media are \$1 or less and all proceeds benefit the San Francisco Public Library. Combine your visit with a stop at the Heart of the City Farmer's Market (Wednesdays, 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.) right next door at United Nations Plaza!
- It's not too late to participate in SFPL's summer reading program, "Power Your Mind: READ!" which runs through July 30. Register at SFPL.org and log your hours (children and adults) to be eligible for a Grand Prize and virtual raffle entry for a Kindle or family museum pass.

ARGONNE_ES YAHOO GROUPS

There are many ways of receiving important communications regarding events at school. New to the 2011-12 school year is a **Kindergarten specific** discussion group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Argonne_ES_Kinders/). Go to www.ArgonneSF.org to find a link to join any of our groups.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER ITEM SUBMISSIONS

Do you have an announcement or news item for the entire Argonne community? Submissions are welcome! The deadline is each Friday at 10 pm, for inclusion in the coming week's newsletter. Send it earlier if you would like it translated. Please email your blurb (remember, less is more) to Cassandra Belair at ArgonneES_news@yahoo.com, Subject: "Newsletter"

Go Paperless: Join the Argonne_ES Yahoo Group at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/argonne_es/ (members receive weekly email reminders with a link) or bookmark the newsletter page at http://argonnesf.org/comm_newsletter.html then send a note in the Tuesday folder that you no longer wish to receive paper copies.

PTO MEETING AGENDA

JULY 26TH, 2010 6:00 PM TO 7:30 PM

- 5:45 PM **Pizza and Reception**
- 6:10 PM **Welcome and Introductions** – Robin M. & David S
 - Introduce Incoming Officers
 - (make sure someone taking minutes)
 - Acknowledgments – David S. & Robin M.
 - Demystifying the PTO and Linking Council
 - Mechanics – How it works – By Laws
 - Budget Overview
 - Priorities for the Year
 - Vision & Goals
 - Fundraising – Greening - Community Building
 - What we are offering
 - Committee Descriptions and Sign Ups
- 7:15 PM **Calendar**
 - Overview
 - Upcoming Events
- 7:25 PM **Election Update**
- 7:30 PM **Next Steps** – Review of Any Action Items – Schmooze