



## Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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### ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Welcome and Welcome Back!!

#### Explore What's New in our School Yard

Argonne's Green Committee is starting the school year with some exciting new changes to the playground. Check out the new vines and flowers planted over summer break. Thanks to the expert advice and labor of Argonne neighbor and landscape architect, Leslie Katzman (with husband Mike and infant son Bodie assisting) we now have trumpet vines and passion flower vines growing on two corners of our playground. Watch for splashes of purple and red flowers over the remaining summer months. We hope these will attract hummingbirds and butterflies into our playground.

Also new this school year, Argonne will have planter boxes available for classroom and afterschool gardening projects. We owe huge thanks to Sherman Elementary School garden coordinator, Linda Myers, for donating two planter boxes and Argonne parent and carpenter extraordinaire, Ed Barber, for donating his labor and supplies to build brand new boxes for our outdoor garden. We were also fortunate to partner with Lora Kellner at Sloat Garden Center for donations of seeds and a \$50 gift card to get us started. We're truly lucky to have support from our neighbors, local business, and parent community to green our playground.

We welcome any parents who'd like to help with maintenance of our growing garden! Please contact Tina Eshaghpour at [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com) if you are interested.

#### Play Date for All Kindergarten Students (this Saturday, July 10, 10am – 12:30pm)

Let's play! All kindergarten students and their parents (siblings too) are invited to an informal play date this Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am – 12:30pm at Argonne (in the yard off of 17th Avenue). There will be fun and games for the children (jumpy house, face painting, and an art project) as well as time for parents to meet each other. This is a great way for families new to the Argonne community to get acquainted. We hope to see you there. Any questions? Please contact Kathryn Van Koughnett at [kathryn\\_v@yahoo.com](mailto:kathryn_v@yahoo.com).

#### Seeking Parking Volunteers on August 14 & 15!

Last year Argonne raised over \$9000 by turning the Argonne Playground into the Argonne Parking Lot during 2 outdoor concerts (Outside Lands Festival and Hardly Strictly Blue Festival). This year we hope to raise just as much money, and we need your help. The first festival is Outside Lands Festival, and we need volunteers on August 14th and 15th. Shifts run 2-3 hours, and we need 2-4 volunteers per shift. Last year we had a tremendous response from our parent volunteers, and we hope you all will come back and help again. If you didn't get a chance to volunteer last year 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 14th and 15th, please send an email to Eric Lichtenwalter at [ericlich@yahoo.com](mailto:ericlich@yahoo.com).

#### Weekly Newsletter Item Submissions

Do you have an announcement or news item for the entire Argonne community?

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Submissions are welcome! The deadline is each Friday at 5pm, for inclusion in the coming week's newsletter. Please email your blurb (remember, less is more) to Cassandra Belair at [cdbelair05@mac.com](mailto:cdbelair05@mac.com).

[Editor's note: Parents and teachers, please feel free to encourage students to submit a short story/item for the newsletter.]

### Upcoming Calendar Items

July 6:	First Day of School (summer term)
July 10:	Kindergarten Play Date (10-12:30)
July 27: provided)	PTO Meeting (6:00pm, child care is
August 4:	Last Day of School (summer term)
August 16:	First Day of School (fall term)
September 6:	Labor Day Holiday – No School
September 17:	Field Day (school-wide event)
TBD:	Back to School Night