



Argonne Elementary  
**PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)**  
 680 18th Ave. San Francisco, CA 94121  
 www.argonnesf.com

ARGONNE NEWS **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

**PRINCIPAL’S HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION**

Thank you Jennifer Creasman for the wonderful Harvest Moon Auction! Thank you to the PTO, teachers, friends, and families who attended the event. Congratulations to everyone who bid on an auction item and won!!! Thank you to the parents/guardians who organized the classrooms that made the beautiful platters and paintings for the auction. Thanks again for a lovely evening!!!

It’s hard to believe we only have 22 days of school before our semester and winter break. Our second through fifth grade students will be taking their second district Common Learning Assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These assessments help our teachers check for understanding of the curriculum and instruction as well preparing our students for the California Standards Test. The assessment will be administered in December.

Our closed play structure will be removed from the yard beginning November 16th. The Buildings and Grounds crew will be on site for two days. They will use the fence to surround the area during the demolition. Every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of our students. Our Design Team is continuing to meet with vendors for the play structure. Phil Ginsberg is assisting us with the process. We will choose a company soon and present our recommendation to the school community.

Many fifth grade parents/guardians have questions about the new middle school feeder information. We will have a parent/guardian middle school information night on Monday, November 28th at 6:00 pm in the school library. The Principals from Presidio Middle School and Roosevelt Middle School will be our guest speakers. They will discuss the transition from elementary school to middle school as well as information about their schools. I hope you will be able to join us for this important meeting.

Working Together for School Success,  
 Karen Francois

**HARVEST MOON AUCTION**

The Harvest Moon Auction event was a wonderful evening, thank you Jennifer Creasman for spearheading the effort. The food was delicious, thank you to the foodies. The drinks were refreshing, thank you to the bar tenders.



The band was right on, thank you to Zona Blu. We have some early statistics and will report the final tally next week. There were 66 bidders who bid on 205 items (\$10,435), 25 faculty offerings (TBD), 9 Argonne parties (\$3, 490) and Argonne merchandise (TBD). Thank you to everyone who contributed an item, to those who solicited items, to those who donated their time to make the student art offerings possible and to those who will donate their time and talents to make the Argonne parties a success. Our appreciation also goes to the teachers who are donating their time and special talents to the teacher-parties that the children enjoy so much.

**ARGONNE’S CARING COMMUNITY BARREL DRIVE**

This year, in addition to the annual food drive for the San Francisco Food Bank and the warm coat drive, Argonne will have two barrels for a toy drive sponsored by the Salvation Army. The toys should be new and unwrapped as they will be selected by parents of underprivileged children in our city to give to their children, who might not otherwise receive holiday presents this year. Contact Angie Aldana at [aldana\\_angie@hotmail.com](mailto:aldana_angie@hotmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the toy drive. The barrels have arrived in the front door hallway.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Nov 15,16	Wed,Thurs	Tree Planting
Nov 23-25	Wed-Fri	No School - Thanksgiving
Nov 28	Mon	Middle School Information Session
Nov 29	Tues	PTO Meeting - 6:30pm Argonne Library

**VOLUNTEER CALENDAR**

**GREEN ARGONNE**

DATE	DAY	EVENT
Nov 14-18	Mon-Fri	Stop Drop Go - Room 106: Ms. Rha's Class
Nov 21-22	Mon-Tues	Stop Drop Go - Room 201
Nov-Dec	daily	Food Drive/Warm Coat Barrels

**FRUIT TREES LIVENING UP OUR YARD** Argonne's efforts to green our school has been boosted with a generous donation of 15 fruit trees from the Quality of Life Foundation. Argonne students in nearly every grade will be planting these trees in wine barrels on Tuesday and Wednesday as part of their

ongoing outdoor education classes this semester. Thanks to our amazing teachers who've agree to have their classes adopt a tree and care for these trees over the course of the rest of the school year. Parents, please be sure to stop by in the yard and look at the signs each class made. With your help and support, Argonne will soon be growing its own asian pears, apples, persimmon and meyer lemons. If you have questions or would like to help water these trees, please contact: [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com).



THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOUNDATION

**TREE PRUNING CLASS THIS WEDNESDAY** If you're interested in learning how to care for our new school fruit trees (and also get tips on how to properly prune your fruit trees at home), please join Green Argonne at 2:45pm on Wednesday, November 16 in the school yard. We'll have a private lesson led by Larissa Conte of Quality of Life Foundation. Kids will get to participate in their own activity led by Jedda Foreman, garden educator. Please RSVP: [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com)

**APPRECIATIONS** Thank you to the many parents who've helped prepare and maintain our garden --with weekly watering, moving planter boxes, transporting our new toolshed and fruit trees: Rick Snow, Kirby Vilar, Jonathan-Dat Lam, Ellora and Al Chan, Megan Potente, Joe 'Shahram' Gillam and Tina Eshaghpour. A special shout out to volunteer extraordinaire, John Chan, for helping out every step of the way.

**FREE SAMPLE CREATIVE WRITING CLASS**

Free Sample Creative Writing Class (Grades 3-5) offered by Sondra Hall director of "Take my word for it" Tuesday 29th November at 2.45-3.45 pm in room 201  
 This class focuses on creativity and imagination rather than writing mechanisms and highlights the importance of the power of observation and the power of listening in the creative writing process. If your child is interested in this great class, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or email Vanessa Taylor ([vtaylor@rigel.com](mailto:vtaylor@rigel.com)).

**PTO-SPONSORED MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**

The PTO and the school staff are organizing a middle school information night for interested parents and guardians on **Monday, November 28th, at 6:00 pm in the school library.**

The principals from Presidio and Roosevelt middle schools will be our guest speakers. They will make a presentation about the transition from elementary school to middle school as well as information about their middle school. Their PTA presidents from both schools will also make a presentation to our school community.

You do not need to RSVP to attend. If you need childcare for school aged children in order to attend the middle school information night, please send an email to Robin Morjikian ([rmorjikian@gmail.com](mailto:rmorjikian@gmail.com)) with the names/ages of your children by Sunday, November 27th.

**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 intersted 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.