



Argonne Elementary  
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ARGONNE NEWS **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011**

**PRINCIPAL’S HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you to the parents and guardians who helped celebrate Thanksgiving with our students prior to our break. We had many Thanksgiving feasts in the classrooms. Thank you again.

December 5th-9th is National Inclusion Week. In recognition of this week, we will kick-off SFUSD’s commitment to improving equity and access for children and youth with disabilities. Our theme is “All Kids Can!” This aligns perfectly with the SFUSD Strategic Plan, Beyond the Talk, 2.0. Creating an inclusive school environment is a high priority for our school district and school site. If parents or guardians would like to help with activities during Inclusion Week, please let me know or contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Applications for middle school are due January 27th. If you were unable to attend the middle school information session last night, I will give you the information presented at the meeting. Presidio Middle School is our feeder school. If you have questions, please call or email me.

Teachers will be administering the Mathematics and English Language Arts Common Learning Assessments December 5th-15th. Kindergarten and first grade students do not take the assessments.

Our first through fifth grade students will be participating in Adventures in Music with the San Francisco Symphony. They will be attending a concert at Davies Symphony Hall.

Working Together for School Success,  
 Karen Francois

**PTO MEETING TONIGHT, TUESDAY NOVEMBER 29TH**

This Tuesday, November 29th at 6 pm we will hold both our School Site Council (SSC) meeting followed by our monthly PTO meeting. We will start the SSC meeting at 6 pm and end the SSC meeting before 7 pm and then start the PTO meeting at 7 pm and adjourn by 8 pm.

Everyone is welcome at both meetings or may come to one or the other. Childcare will be provided by the YMCA (if you are interested in child care, please send an email by Monday to Robin at [rmorjikian@gmail.com](mailto:rmorjikian@gmail.com) with the names/ages of your child(ren) -- space is limited) and refreshments will be served in the hallway outside the library.

Robin Morjikian and David Silberman, PTO Co-Chairs

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL (SSC) AGENDA**

- Review and approve October meeting minutes
- Overview of SSC objectives
- SSC budget discussion and approval
- Bylaws discussion

**PTO AGENDA**

- PTO budget update
- Play Structure Committee Report
- Vote on play structure funding
- 2011 Review and 2012 Preview
- Announcements

**ARGONNE’S CARING COMMUNITY BARREL DRIVE**

Hey Caring Argonne! No, we did not install gigantic trash barrels in the front hallway. These are our Caring Community Barrels supporting the SF Food Bank and the Salvation Army Toy and warm coat drives.

Through the month of December, we are once again collecting for those less fortunate than ourselves. Please bring non-perishable foods, warm coats (new or in good condition) or new (unwrapped) toys and deposit your gift in the appropriate barrel. Contact Angie Aldana at [aldana\\_angie@hotmail.com](mailto:aldana_angie@hotmail.com) if you have any questions regarding the toy drive.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Nov 29	Tues	SSC/PTO Meeting - 6:00pm, Library
Nov 30	Wed	See’s Candy & GLScrip orders Due
Dec 2	Friday	Spirit Day - Twin Day
Dec 16	Friday	Last Day of Fall Term

Send your class trip photo (permission of all students requested) or your student artwork to see it posted here!

Student submissions greatly encouraged.

**VOLUNTEER CALENDAR**

**FUNDRAISING CORNER**

**SEE'S CANDY & GLSCRIP CARDS**

Just a reminder that all See's Candy and GL Scrip gift card orders are due Wednesday, November 30th. Now is a great time to be selling candy and getting gifts for the holidays!! Candy and gift cards will be ready for pick up or sent home through school the week of December 12. All checks payable to ARGONNE PTO.

DATE	DAY	EVENT
Nov 28- Dec 2	Mon-Fri	<b>Stop Drop Go - Room 104 Mr. Lopez's class</b>
Dec 5-9	Mon-Fri	Stop Drop Go - Room 303 Mr. Allyn's class
Nov-Dec	daily	Food Drive/ Warm Coat Barrels
Dec 12-16	Mon-Fri	Scholastic Book Fair

- From See's, Argonne earns anywhere from \$1.90 for the boxes of assorted candies up to \$3+ for the boxes of chocolates. Extra See's order forms and envelopes can be found in the office.
- From GL Scrip, Argonne earns a percentage of each gift card sold. The percentage varies and is noted on the form. (HINT, HINT: Gift cards are a great idea for teachers for the holidays, so coordinate your classes early to get a gift now through GLScrip!) [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for a complete list of retailers
- GL Scrip is different than E-Scrip. GL Scrip is a program through which you can purchase gift cards and Argonne earns a certain percentage back. You can purchase gift cards for gifts AND for everyday uses (Safeway, Target, Whole Foods, Starbucks, Peet's, etc.).
- Please let me know if you have any questions! Jennifer Carlin (415-572-9101 or [jmaudecarlin@gmail.com](mailto:jmaudecarlin@gmail.com))

**COME SEE THE MUPPET MOVIE AT THE BALBOA THEATER, SUNDAY DECEMBER 4TH!**

Join other Argonne families and friends for the new Muppet Movie during either of the afternoon showings (2:20pm or 4:35pm). When you mention Argonne, you will receive a special ticket price of \$6 per person. Everyone who attends will also receive an Argonne goodie bag! It will be so fun for our kids, a great opportunity for families and friends to hang out, and a really nice way for us to support a local business. Be sure to mention Argonne to get the special ticket price! [www.balboamovies.com](http://www.balboamovies.com) Balboa & 37th Avenues

**2011 GIVING CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Thank you again to all families who contributed to the 2011 Annual Giving Campaign!! Official acknowledgment letters will be sent to you either via USPS or e-mail by December 31st. Pledge payments will continue to be processed throughout the year.

**HARVEST MOON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

Thank you so much for participating in the event and auction!! If you have not yet picked up your silent auction items, you can pick them up from school 8:15 to 8:45am or 2:15 to 2:45pm everyday this week (in the conference room). All items, including teacher offerings (passes, lunches, etc.), should be paid for and picked up by this Friday if at all possible.

**LIBRARY CORNER**

**ARGONNE'S ANNUAL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR, DECEMBER 12-16 (PREVIEW DAY 12/9) – VOLUNTEER?**

Thanks to Cindy Wong (Nathan 107, Tyler 106), who stepped up to be the PTO Chairperson of this annual fundraiser, Argonne's Scholastic Holiday Book Fair will be coming to the Argonne Library December 12-16, 8 am-3 pm daily, with extended hours on Thursday, 8 am – 8 pm. Plan on coming by to stock up on the latest titles for gift giving and Winter Break reading. The theme is "To the Book Fair and Beyond! Reading Is Out of This World!" Volunteers are needed for all days. On-the-job training is provided for Adopt-A-Day Co-chair, cashier, crowd control, and customer service positions. The countdown has begun and we need volunteers to help launch our most successful Book Fair ever! We hope you will share your talents and join us as we bring an out-of-this-world reading event to our school.

Please sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/argonne> contact Cindy Wong, 415-606-2777, [cl17dy34@yahoo.com](mailto:cl17dy34@yahoo.com)

**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.

**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.