



Argonne Elementary
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ARGONNE NEWS **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

PRINCIPAL'S HOME SCHOOL CONNECTION

Thank you to the parents and teachers who worked at the Enrollment Fair on Saturday. Our table was visited by many prospective parents and guardians. This year elementary schools were placed near their feeder middle school. I toured Presidio MS last Friday with other school principals. I was impressed by the climate of the school and the electives and clubs that are offered before, during, and after school. We are planning a 5th grade middle school night for parents and guardians this month. Applications for middle school are due January 27, 2012. Fifth grade families should have received a letter from the district with the application. Please remember to fill out Part 4 and list your "choice" middle school. If you have questions about the application process, please contact me.

Buildings and Grounds will be on site this week to remove the play structure. I do not have an exact date or time the workers will begin the work. We will close part of the yard to separate the students from the workers. It will take approximately two to three days remove the structure.

November 11th is a school holiday and November 12th is the date for our Harvest Moon Auction. Thank you to the Art in Action parents who worked with our students to create art items for the silent auction.

Partners for School Success,

Karen Francois
 Principal

"A teacher opens the door, you have to step inside."--Author Unknown

HARVEST MOON AUCTION

We hope you will join us Saturday, November 12th, from 6-9:30pm at the Golden Gate Park County Fair Building for Argonne's first adult evening out. With live music, silent auction (including artwork from many of our classes), raffle, great food, and even better company, it's a great time to get to know other families and the faculty in our awesome community!

Childcare will be provided by the YMCA at 18th Avenue and Geary to those who RSVP. Please contact Jennifer Carlin at jmaudecarlin@gmail.com to sign up. Space is limited. \$35 for one child/\$50 for two children. 5:30 to 10:00pm.

You can check out the items we have so far, buy entry and drink tickets and even sponsor a teacher to attend at our really cool online site: www.biddingforgood.com/ArgonneFallAuction. The passes, parties and projects sponsored by the teachers are posted outside of their classrooms. Please stop by to sign up or contact Jennifer Carlin and she will help you out.



HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION ENJOYED BY ALL

The students thoroughly enjoyed the Halloween celebrations that were organized by the teachers and parents. Thank you to all the family members who were able to take time out of their busy days to make this day a success. It was a joy to see the parade of costumed students marching around the block. Many classrooms celebrated with the pizza parties that were earned by our highly successful Giving Letter Campaign.



UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	EVENT
Nov 11	Fri	No School - Veteran's Day
Nov 12	Sat	Auction; GG Park 6:00 pm
Nov 29	Tues	PTO Meeting - 6:30pm Argonne Library

VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAM

DATE	DAY	EVENT
Nov 12	Sat	Auction; GG Park 6:00 pm
Nov 14-18	Mon-Fri	Stop Drop Go - Room 106: Ms. Rha's Class
Nov-Dec	daily	Food Drive/ Warm Coat Barrels

Want to know more about the Russian Language Program at Argonne -- keeping reading: With the assistance of federal FLAP (Foreign Language Assistance Program) funds, the SFUSD began its first Russian FLES (Foreign Language in Elementary School) program in 2007. There are 370 K-4th

grade students from different backgrounds receiving Russian language instruction and there are also 34 students in the after-school Russian for Heritage Speakers program in grades K-4. Students in the FLES K-2 program receive Russian language instruction twice a week for 30 minutes, while 3rd and 4th grade students receive instruction twice a week for 45 minutes. Please visit their new web site at <http://russianclasses.wordpress.com/> for additional information, a monthly newsletter, teacher contacts, resources, links and more.

STOP DROP AND GO GOES LIVE NEXT WEEK

Stop, Drop and Go is a morning drop off program that keeps our children safe.

Start time 8:15 until 8:30. Location is at 17th Avenue Main Gate. The tardy policy is still in effect. Please be on time and have your child ready to exit the car. Your cooperation is appreciated.

This community service is a shared school wide parent run volunteer program. Each classroom participates. Please ask your fellow parents to sign up. 3 volunteers are needed per day, each shift is only 20 minutes!

Currently over 90 families use it daily and we could not do it without your time and efforts.

Remember: It's a short period of time but the BIGGEST contribution you can make to our school community. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Any questions, please call Gerald at (415) 720-4797. GO TEAM!

Sincerely,

David and Robin, PTO Co-Chairs; Gerald Stop, Drop, and Go - Chair

- Week #1: Ms. Rha Room 106 Dates Nov. 14-18
- Week #2: Ms. Peterson Room 201 Dates Nov. 21-22(fill in as needed: b/c W,Th,F-Off)
- Week #3: Mr. Lopez Room 104 Dates Nov. 28- Dec. 2



HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR SCHOOLLOOP?

Please go to the Argonne SchoolLoop site to register. <https://argonne-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com/>, you will need your students' ID#, which you may find on the Argonne Student ID card, or obtain from your teacher. If you have questions about the registration process or using SchoolLoop please click the help button on the website, or email Cassandra Belair at cdbelair05@mac.com. Help files will also be posted at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/argonne_es/files/Communications/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



MORNING DROP-OFF: 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) or go to: <http://www.signup-genius.com/go/daily24>

ARGONNE LIBRARY: Contact our Librarian, Ms. Campbell by dropping by or email campbelld@sfusd.edu, if you are intersted in assisting with our beautiful library.

GARDEN WATERING: Contact Tina at greenargonne@gmail.com if you can water in the morning.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Coordinator/Manager(s) needed for the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair (December 12-16, 8 am - 3 pm). Set-up, coordinate & train volunteers, count money and have fun! Ideally, two or three people will share responsibilities, breaking up the duties and time commitment. This annual event is only possible with your support. For more information, contact Donna Campbell, sflibraryteacher@aol.com, 750-8460 X108 (W,Th,F).

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, Subject: "Newsletter", please place text in the email, not as an attachment. Deadline, Friday 10pm.