



## ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

### PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Thank you to the teachers, PTO, and the school community for a wonderful Back to School Night!!! I hope parents and guardians were able to spend the time in classrooms and learn about our curriculum and instruction for this school year. If you would like to review the California State Standards, please go to the California Department of Education website. That address is [www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/](http://www.cde.ca.gov/be/st/).

Each of you should have received a copy of your child's score from the California Standards Test which was administered in the spring of 2011. If you did not receive a copy, please let me know. Our scores increased in Math 3% and decreased 3% in English Language Arts. Our API (Annual Performance Index) decreased from a score of 888 in 2010 to 883 in 2011.

Our Annual Field Day will be held on September 23rd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers are needed for this event. Please check with the PTO if you would like to volunteer for the day and help with the activities.

I understand Mr. Allyn's class had a wonderful time on the BALCLUTHA. Field trips are an important component of learning for our students. Our teachers have taken students to view the Picasso exhibit at the DeYoung Museum. If you have not had a chance to view the exhibit, it will be on display through October.

If you are searching for employment, I would like to suggest a great resource-- [www.edjoin.org](http://www.edjoin.org). This website is primarily for educators, but has job listings for the Asian Art Museum, KQED, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, school districts, and agencies throughout the Bay Area and California. Please pass this information to those who may need our help and support in our school community.

Karen Bell Francois  
 Principal

### NEW AFTERSCHOOL ENRICHMENT CLASSES OFFERED

Thanks to all who signed up for Play-well and Drama and to all who stopped by the booth on Thursday. Please return your completed application and payment to the school office asap. We are really close to meeting the minimum numbers to make these classes happen. But we need a few more kids to sign up! Flyers were sent out in the Tuesday folder last week and there will be more at school.

The schedule is as follows:

**Play-well Teknologies Engineering with Lego:** (10 classes)

Grades 2-5: Tuesdays 2.45-4.25pm - Room 201 - Sept 13th-Nov 22nd (skip Oct 18th for parent-teacher conferences, flyer has the wrong date)

Grades K-1: Thursdays 2.45-4.15pm - Room 135 - Sept 15th -Dec 1st (skip Oct 20th and Nov 24th)

Sign-up by Sept 8th!! (checks payable to Argonne PTO)

**New Conservatory Theater Center, Drama class:** Sept 21st- Dec 7 (skip Oct 19th and Nov 23rd) (10 classes)

Wednesdays 2.45-3.45pm

Grades 1-2 - Room 135

Grades 3-5 - Room 107

Sign up by Sept 15th!! (checks payable to NCTC or contact for payment plans/financial aid)

**Academic chess:** Sept 15th - Nov 10th (skip Oct 20th) (8 classes)

Grades K-5: Thursdays 2.50-3.50pm - Room 303

Flyers will be in Tuesday folder.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Sept 11	Sun	CA Native Garden Planting
Sept 15	Thurs	ELAC/Multi-cultural Community/CASP meeting
Sept 20	Tues	Paxti's Pizza Night
Sept 23	Fri	Field Day; Speedway Meadows

Please contact me with any questions: [vtaylor@rigel.com](mailto:vtaylor@rigel.com) The RDASC and YMCA afterschool programs allow students to participate in these additional enrichment programs, the JCC program does not. Students enrolled in the Chinese after school program may participate in one class per week. Thanks, Vanessa.

### ELAC MEETING THURSDAY SEPT 15

Our next ELAC/Multi-cultural Community/Chinese after School Program (CASP) meeting will be on 9/15/2011 Thursday from 6-7:30pm in the School Library. Child care and light refreshment is provided.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR		
DATE	DAY	EVENT
Sept 11	Sun	Grey-to-Green; Argonne 10-2pm
Sept 23	Fri	Field Day; Speedway Meadow 9am-1pm.
Oct 1-2	Sat-Sun	Parking Fundraiser: 9am-9pm
ongoing	Mon-Fri	Student Drop Off; 17th Ave. Gate
ongoing	Mon-Fri	Argonne Library; drop-ins welcome

Tentative agenda items include:

- Presentation on Argonne Standardize Test Scores
  - Russian Program Introduction & update
  - Introducing the SFUSD "Lau" Plan intended for English Language Learner (ELL) students
  - CASP Program update
- Thanks, John, CASP Officer

**SEPTEMBER 11: PLANT. BUILD. GARDEN**

**MAKE OUR SCHOOL GREEN AND BEAUTIFUL. YOU** are invited to to join other Argonne families on Sunday, September 11 to help create a school garden.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to lend a hand to plant our CA Native Garden for our kids. This is a demonstration garden for San Francisco's Grey2Green program and will be part of our outdoor classroom for Argonne students. If you have them, please bring your work gloves and hand-held garden tools and join the fun.

Come meet new families, socialize with friends, and enjoy food and drinks provided by the PTO. Meet us at the Argonne School playground or outside on Cabrillo Avenue from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. All are Welcome!

Questions or RSVP to Tina at (415) 652-6348 or [greenargonne@gmail.com](mailto:greenargonne@gmail.com). PLEASE RSVP so we know how many people to expect. Thanks!

**LIBRARY CORNER**

**ARGONNE BIRTHDAY BOOKCLUB:** Are you looking for a great way to celebrate your child's birthday, encourage your child's love of reading, and support our school library all at the same time? Then don't miss out on the new Argonne Birthday Book Club! Sign-up flyers and information sheets are available in the school office and under "files" on the school Yahoo group page. Stop by our table at Back To School Night for more information! If you have questions, feel free to contact Lisa Wolf ([lwolfssf@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lwolfssf@sbcglobal.net)) or Donna Campbell ([campbelld@sfusd.edu](mailto:campbelld@sfusd.edu)).

**ARGONNE'S ANNUAL SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY CARD DRIVE:** Does your child have his/her own SFPL card? Students can check out up to 50 books at a time, and there are no late fees! As the school librarian, I will submit your application and deliver your child's new or replacement card to school. No identification is required at the time of your application through this process. Please complete the attached form on both sides if your student is requesting a SFPL card of his/her own for the first time (no charge), or had his/her own SFPL card at one time and needs a replacement card (50¢ fee). A signature is all that's required if your child has a SFPL card in his/her own name (& possession), or if you do not want your child to be a cardholder at this time. In any case, please return the form by September 15. We are hoping for 100% school-wide participation. Questions? Contact Donna Campbell, Library teacher, [sflibraryteacher@aol.com](mailto:sflibraryteacher@aol.com).

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



**SEPTEMBER 23RD - FIELD DAY - GOLDEN GATE PARK:** Field Day is fast approaching, and we need parent volunteers to help run the event. There are many opportunities - games, face painting, arts and crafts, clean up, set up, and more! Sign up for a shift that is only two hours long, and enjoy the rest of the day with the kids. Contact Mike Loudermilk at [loudy20002000@yahoo.com](mailto:loudy20002000@yahoo.com) with how you would like to volunteer, or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/field466>

**OCTOBER 1-2ND - PARKING FUNDRAISER (HARDLY STRICTLY BLUEGRASS):** If you are able to volunteer for the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass parking fundraiser, please do so now. There are just a few spots left to fill. This is one of our top fundraisers every year, and we need your support. To sign up, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/hardly1>

**ON-GOING 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 ([gc-fuel@gmail.com](mailto:gc-fuel@gmail.com)) or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/daily24>

**ARGONNE LIBRARY:** Contact our Librarian, Ms. Campbell by dropping by or email [sflibraryteacher@aol.com](mailto:sflibraryteacher@aol.com), if you are interested in assisting with our beautiful library.

**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.