



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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ARGONNE NEWS

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Argonne Open House and PTO/Linking Council Meeting TONIGHT, Tuesday, April 13th at 6:00pm

Our Open House is going to be fabulous! With classroom visits from 6:00-7:00 pm. Great work done by students going to be exhibited. Also, the library will be open during Open House, so please stop by and browse our book collection and displays. The PTO meeting will take place from 7:15-8:00 pm in the library, and we will have a budget update from Principal Sharp. Other agenda items include: Citywide/Attendance area discussion (brief) and results of poll, the April 18th playdate, announcement and "ask" for new leadership and roles for 2010-2011 year, and the need for a Mayfair push for raffle tickets/donation solicitation. Childcare for the PTO meeting will be provided by the YMCA.

SFUSD Bike-to-School Day is April 15th

SFUSD is hosting the second annual Bike to School Day on April 15th, 2010. Currently, few than 0.1% of SF children bike to school on a regular basis. Biking has the potential to provide a regular source of exercise, reduce traffic congestion, and minimize air pollution. If the number of kids who walk and bike to school was restored to 1969 levels, our nation would cut 3.2 billion vehicle miles, 1.5 million tons of CO₂, and 89,000 tons of pollutants. That's the equivalent of taking 250,000 cars off the road for a year! Bike to School Day will be used to educate students, parents, staff, and the community about the benefits of biking. Participating bikers will receive a Bike to School Day bag complete with cycling guide, reusable water bottle, bike map, healthy snacks, and other goodies. For more info or to sign up, go to: <https://sites.google.com/site/sfbiketoschoolday/>

Argonne Students Featured at Young at Art Festival at the de Young Museum!

Congratulations to Kenna Fung, Room 207, Belinda Li, Room 206, Maya True-Fogel, Room 107, Daniel Diner, Room 104, and Shahzaib Mirza, Room 101! Their art will be displayed at this year's Young at Art Festival at the de Young Museum from May 8-16. We have also submitted special projects from rooms 105 and 107. For more information about the festival, visit www.youngatart.com.

Argonne Park Family Playdate on April 18 from 10am to 1pm

Please join us for an informal play date at Argonne Park, located between 18th and 19th Avenues, between Anza and Geary. Enjoy the beautiful weather, meet other families, or re-connect with friends. We hope to see you there!

Library News

Special Opportunity for 9-12 Year Old Readers:

In early May, Random House is touring the author of a new trilogy and would like to organize a small book group of Argonne students (9-12 year olds) to discuss the book BEFORE IT'S PUBLISHED! The book, Museum of Thieves, by Lian Tanner, is the first book in a trilogy called The Keepers. It is a highly entertaining thriller, full of cliffhangers, placing high stakes on the coming of age quest. Perfect for Funke, Pullman, Gaiman and DuPrau fans!

Students will read through the Advance Reader's Copies of Museum of Thieves and then meet with the author in person, at school, on Wednesday, May 5 (time to be determined) to voice their opinions about the book months before it hits the shelves. Ms. Tanner will also talk to students

about how she learned to tell stories, the writing process, and what it's like to become an author, going from manuscript to published book, etc.

If your student would like to participate in this opportunity, please contact Ms. Campbell for additional information: sflibraryteacher@aol.com

Open House: The library will be open during Open House. Please stop by and browse our book collection and displays.

Mayfair: Please donate your used books, CD's, and DVD's for the Mayfair fundraiser. Children's or adult titles of all genres are appreciated. Drop your donation off in the office, or in the library (open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and during Open House). Boxes are needed to hold and display books donated for Mayfair. If you have file boxes, or boxes similarly sized, please drop them off at the library.

Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day on Tuesday, May 4

Contrary to popular belief—that teachers live at school and never leave the building—teachers actually have hobbies, homes and even kids of their own! On Teacher Appreciation Day, anything that comes from a student's heart, even just a spoken "thank you," will mean the world to a teacher. With all that is required of teachers, and how a young life is touched in such a tremendous way, the least to be done is to bring something to class to honor your child's teacher on this day. On May 4th, please take a moment to bring a card or simply say thank you to acknowledge Argonne's wonderful teachers!

Thank you, Tuesday Folder Volunteers!

Without the help of Miki Yamasaki, Wendy Hom, Winnie Liang, Jennifer Do, Gizi Elek, Marlene Donohue, Cynthia Roman-Stevenson, Jana Stabile, Al Chan, and Kelly Ng, you would not be reading this newsletter. Each week, they come to Argonne and assemble the Tuesday folders. Thank you for taking the time from your busy schedules to help our school!

Weekly Newsletter Item Submissions

Do you have an announcement or news item for the entire Argonne community? 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 Calla Devlin Rongerude at calladevlin@gmail.com.

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

Spirit Day:	Kindness & Caring
Open House & PTO/Linking Council Meeting:	April 13 (6:00 pm)
SFUSD Bike-to-School Day	April 15
Argonne Park Family Playdate	April 18 (10 am-1 pm)
Teacher Appreciation Day	May 4
Silent Auction Preview (in the Multi-purpose room)	May 7 (3:00-6:00 pm)
Mayfair	May 8 (10:00 am-3:00 pm)
Argonne Students featured at de Young Museum	May 8-16