



## Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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**Tuesday, September 8, 2009**

### **PTO Meeting (Wed, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6-7:30pm) – All are Welcome!**

Please find below a draft agenda for Wednesday's PTO meeting – we need all hands on deck!

#### *Agenda*

- PTO – overview & meeting dates
- Balanced Scorecard Update
- ReBud Committee Report- giving letter status, review of 08-09 year-end results
- '09-'10 Proposed School Budget
- Back-to-School Night – overview & needs (Sept. 15)
- Field Day (Friday, Sept. 25) Discussion
- Website preview and discussion
- K Tour Dates & Other School Calendar Items

### **SPOTLIGHT: Our Beloved Argonne Faculty and Staff**

In this new feature, we will run periodic snapshots of members of the faculty and staff, so we can all get to know them better. Today's featured teachers are Ms. Bondy and Ms. Thayer:

When asked to provide some get-to-know-you material for this week's newsletter, Ms. Bondy (1st grade, Room 104) and Ms. Thayer (2nd/3rd grade, Room 107) decided to combine their contributions. Apparently, these two teachers, so different in appearance, have a number of eerie similarities.

Though their childhoods were spent mostly in the Bay Area (Berkeley and Marin County respectively), Ms. Bondy and Ms. Thayer both spent important pre-teen periods in southern England. They graduated from high school in the same year (1974). The names "Bondy" and "Thayer" were assumed upon their marriages to guitar-playing architects. Both women came to teaching though participating in their children's S.F. public schools. They arrived at Argonne within a year of each other (Ms. B in 2002; Ms. T in 2003). They also share interests in reading and medicine.

There are of course some superficial, yet crucial, differences between these two good friends. Ms. Bondy's two girls outnumber Ms. Thayer's one son, and Ms. Bondy is not at all an admirer of Ms. Thayer's class pet, the adorable Wind (a snake). Most importantly, however, Ms. Bondy and Ms. Thayer both love working with the students and families at Argonne.

## Seeking Tour Guides

Kindergarten tour season is upon us! Beginning in October, we will have lots of interested families visiting Argonne to decide (as we all did) that our school is the best fit for their child. This is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm for Argonne and really sell the school. No previous marketing experience is required :) We will provide a tour outline (and a rough script) to all tour guides. We need volunteers to lead tours on the following dates, from 8:45 to 10 am:

October 6, 13, 30  
November 3, 10, 17, 19  
December 1, 8, 10  
January 5

We also need volunteers for Saturday November 7th, which is the SFUSD Enrollment Fair. If you are available on any of those dates and are willing to give a little time for this very important function, please email Emily Ginsburg at [ehginsburg@yahoo.com](mailto:ehginsburg@yahoo.com).

## Argonne Gear (get your t-shirts/sweatshirts here!)

Make sure your child(ren) are ready for the next Spirit Day with a complete wardrobe of Argonne attire – namely t-shirts and sweatshirts in a full range of sizes for children and adults. Prices: children's t-shirts (\$10), sweatshirts (\$24); adult's t-shirts (\$13), sweatshirts (\$28).

## Giving Letter Campaign '09-'10

The time is now to donate to our school. All donations are tax-deductible. Every year we seem to rely upon more and more the contributions made by parents to provide the programs that we know our students deserve. We hope that you all will give what you can. We understand that times are difficult so any contribution is appreciated. Everybody should have received a Giving Letter Campaign notice last week. (If not, you can pick one up in the office.) The first two classrooms with 100% response will win a Pizza or Ice Cream party from the PTO, so respond early! All responses count, even if you can't donate at this time. Questions? Please contact Annie Au at 269-8633 or email her at [annie\\_chow@msn.com](mailto:annie_chow@msn.com). Installment and credit card payments happily accepted.

### Upcoming Events / Important Dates

PTO Meeting:	Wednesday, September 9, 6:00pm in the Library (childcare provided)
Spirit Day (this Friday, September 11):	Stuffed Animal
Caring School Community:	Politeness
Back-to-School Night:	Tuesday, September 15 <sup>th</sup> , 6-8:00pm (childcare provided)
Field Day:	September 25 <sup>th</sup> (volunteers needed)