



Argonne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization

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Argonne At-a-Glance: Principal Robin Sharp

Robin Sharp was born a long time ago—no one knows the *exact* date—in Montana, back when it was known as the Treasure State (not Big Sky country). At the age of five, she decided she wanted to be a teacher because kindergarten was so fun. Her career goals were steadfast and lifelong, with the exception of 2 years in high school when she briefly considered becoming a psychiatrist. (We're all very glad she got over that quickly!) After graduating from the University of Montana with a degree in Elementary Education, Robin taught in Crow Agency and Fort Smith, Montana. Later, she was attracted to California and came West to take a job as a flight attendant for an international charter airline, a post which allowed her to travel the world for 13 years. When the airline closed its Oakland base, Robin returned to teaching and got her California credentials at SF State. Since then, Robin has been at only 3 schools in SF: New Traditions, SF Community and Argonne, all of which are alternative schools. She got her Administrator Credential while serving as head teacher at SF Community. Robin was very gratified when Rose Barrigan, Argonne's last principal, recommended Robin for the position. Robin loves Argonne's year round schedule (she still likes to travel), the children, teachers, and families. This year Robin will be taking December off to go to the Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne, Australia and spend 10 days in the outback camping, hiking, and spending time with the Aborigines.

Argonne PTO Annual Elections – Step #1: Seeking Nominations!

Argonne has a unique governing structure. According to our Bylaws, all parents of children enrolled at Argonne and all of the school staff are members of the Argonne Council of Empowerment (ACE), the official name of our parent-teacher organization (PTO). Under the ACE bylaws and School District guidelines, all leadership positions must be elected annually. An official ballot will be distributed next month along with a slate of candidates for each office. Please VOTE!!! In the interim, we are seeking nominations for all leadership/committee chair positions. Please complete the nomination form in today's Tuesday folder and return it to Grace in the office by Friday, September 25th. Questions? Contact Adina Safer at asafer@iname.com.

Last Call for Parent Volunteers (October 3 & 4) – We Need You!

As you know, we are recruiting parents to volunteer for 3 hour shifts on Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4 as we undertake another PTO-sponsored fundraiser – turning Argonne's play yard into a parking lot for the Hardly, Strictly Bluegrass Festival in Golden Gate Park. We have a variety of volunteer positions -- including collecting payment and guiding cars to the appropriate parking spot. Please help Argonne raise money for our school PTO. The last parking fundraiser brought in \$3700, and there's no reason we can't set our sights just as high this time. If you have questions or can take a shift, please e-mail Eric Lichtenwalter at ericlich@yahoo.com.

'09 – '10 Giving Letter Campaign Update

The Argonne PTO encourages each family to donate as much as you can afford. So far we have received responses from 40% of our families. We still need to hear from the remaining 60%. Remember there is a contest to see which two classes can be the first to get a 100% response. Our goal is a 100% response rate community wide, and we know we can get there! If you do not have a giving letter and response form, please stop by the main office or contact Annie Au today at 269-8633 (email annie_chow@msn.com).

Sally Foster Deadline Extended

Order now at Argonne through this Thursday, September 24, 2009 (and receive free shipping on your order!). If you did not receive a catalog during the summer through your child's Tuesday folder and would like one, please email Lillian Chou and she will deliver one via your child's backpack. Alternatively, please visit www.sallyfoster.com, click on the upper right hand link for "support a fundraiser" and enter Argonne 's account number, 226581. Free shipping is available for orders >\$70 OR if you submit any size order at Argonne through our chairperson until 9/24 only. Checks should be made payable to Argonne PTO. Internet orders are paid online with a credit card. Delivery of Sally Foster items will be on Thursday, October 15 and can be picked up from your child's classroom. Any questions, contact Lillian Chou, parent volunteer and Sally Foster Fundraising Chairperson at lillianbfan1990@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events / Important Dates

Field Day:	September 25 th (this Friday!)
Spirit Day (this Friday, September 15): dress alike)	Twin Day (you and another student)
Caring School Community:	Helpful
SCHOOL is CLOSED:	Oct. 12 - Columbus/Indigenous People's Day