

The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, May 17 - Friday, May 19**4th Grade Outdoor Education****Friday, May 19****Portola Schools Art Show Reception @ SF Public Library (Portola Branch)**

4:00 PM

8th Grade Parent Appreciation Dinner

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Tuesday, May 23**North Class Kindergarten Field Trip (Fire Station)**

9:00 - 10:45 PM

Wednesday, May 24**Family Association Info Session**

9:00 AM

Middle School Spring Concert (*New Time)

6:30 - 9:30 PM*

Thursday, May 25**Late Start for Middle School**

9:00 AM

Family Association Info Session

5:00 PM

Elementary School Spring Concert

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Friday, May 26**Late Start for Elementary School**

9:00 AM

Monday, May 29**No School - Memorial Day**

Wednesday, May 31 - Friday, June 2
5th Grade Outdoor Education

Wednesday, May 31
1st, 2nd and 3rd Grade Science Fairs
2:00 - 3:00 PM

Thursday, June 1
North and South Class Kindergarten Field Trip (Elkus Ranch)
9:00 - 2:00 PM

Friday, June 2
3rd Grade Literary Tea
1:30 - 3:00 PM

Middle School Dance
6:30 - 9:30 PM

Thursday, June 8
Last Day of School

South Class Potluck
5:30 - 7:00 PM

Friday, June 9
8th Grade Graduation Ceremony & Reception
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sunday, June 25
SF Pride Parade

WHAT'S COOKIN' IN PATTY & JANE'S KITCHEN?

Wednesday 5/17 Chow Mein
Thursday 5/18 Sausage and Bulgar
Friday 5/19 Picnic Lunch
Monday 5/22 Spaghetti and Salad
Tuesday 5/23 Soup Day

ALL SCHOOL

Thank You!

Thank you to all who provided a truly wonderful Teacher Appreciation Breakfast last Wednesday. We enjoyed the tasty treats and felt the love!



Patty's Retirement Party

This past weekend, the SFS community gathered in Golden Gate Park's Lindley Meadow to celebrate Patty Corwin's retirement. Thank you to everyone who attended. Go to our website for a full recap!

[Read More](#)

Spring Concert Updates and Late Starts

The Middle School Spring Concert start time has been adjusted. The performance on Wednesday, May 24 will be from 6:30-9:30 PM. Middle School students will have a late start on Thursday, May 25 at 9:00 AM.

Elementary students will have a late start on Friday, May 26 at 9:00 AM.

We're Launching a Family Association Next Year!

We heard your requests for opportunities to get involved at the school. In response, we are initiating a Family Association next year. Are you interested in potentially taking on a leadership role? Please join us for an informative session where we will discuss the process that has lead us here and talk about the opportunities for next year!

There will be two sessions to accommodate different schedules -- Wednesday, May 24 at 9:00 AM and Thursday, May 25 at 5:00 PM, both in the 311 Conference Room. If neither of these sessions work for you, but you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jenn Keese-Powell (jkeesepowell@sfschool.org).

Middle School Yearbook Needs Photos

The student yearbook staff is hard at work putting together this year's publication, and we are in need of photos from more middle school events (sports, performances, field trips, etc.). Please contact Logan Campbell (lcampbell@sfschool.org) if you have some you might offer.

May Math Problems of the Month Due this Friday

This month's puzzles are all about "strategies". Whether it is with colorful hula hoops, or digits and operations, or an egg-drop, we encourage you to think about the strategies behind your solutions as you play around with them. And write up these strategies to share with others. We have printed out extra copies of the Hula Hoop Maze and the Kenken Number Puzzles and posted them on the bulletin board. Feel free to grab a copy and have a lot of fun connecting colorful dots and figuring out numbers. You can [access is the problems here](#). The problems are due this Friday, May 19.

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Portola Schools Art Exhibit at the SFPL This Friday

This week the Portola Branch of the SP Public library has its inaugural art exhibit featuring the work of local school children! Students from SFS, Alta Vista and ER Taylor have been invited to submit work with the theme "the Neighborhood."

Several grade levels from SFS will participate. North Class Dolphins and 2nd Grade have created artwork featuring houses, birds and flora representing our Portola community. And several of the 6th Grade ceramic pots and succulents will be exhibited, celebrating the Portola's history as the Garden District.

Please come by the Opening Reception this Friday, May 19 at 4:00 PM to celebrate the neighborhood, admire the artwork, and meet our neighbors in the Portola.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Noe Valley Girl Film Festival Seeks Submissions

The 2nd annual Noe Valley Girls Film Festival (NVGFF) is scheduled for Saturday, September 9.

NVGFF is seeking short film submissions made by girls anywhere in the world in two age groups: 6th-8th grades and 5th grade and under.

There are cash prizes in each age group. Submissions are due by August 1, and the finalists are expected to be announced in late-August. The festival will be held at 4:00 PM on September 9, at the Noe Valley Ministry.

[Read More](#)

Silver Avenue Family Health Center Needs Your Help

Silver Avenue Family Health Center is a neighborhood Portola primary care clinic that serves low-income families. The clinic is raising money to protect and expand their free community yoga classes!

Every Wednesday, patients and community members gather for 45 minutes of free yoga with provided equipment. The grant that has made this class possible expired in April 2017. Through the Generosity site, donations are being collected that will go directly to sustaining these classes. Any funds above the goal will go towards increasing class time from 45 minutes to one hour.

Check out their [fundraising site and campaign video](#) to see why students love this class and say it helps both their physical and mental health. If you are unable to make a monetary donation, they would still appreciate your help spreading the word.

Seeking Donations for Rural School in Senegal

This summer, Luke, 2nd Grade Assistant Teacher, is traveling to Senegal to volunteer at a rural school for three weeks. Four Bay Area Teacher Training Institute (BATTI) teachers are joining up with an annual service learning project of Lick-Wilmerding High's Building Trades program that has worked with villages in the Thiès region of Senegal for the past two years. Please consider if you have any supplies that you'd be able to part with. Of special interest are maps, scissors, sports equipment, measuring tape, rulers, stencils and colored card stock, but anything aside from books or other heavy items would be considered. Kindly e-mail (lbailey@sfschool.org) with a list of items offered, and thank you very much.

Donate Dancewear and Shoes for a Service Trip

We are volunteering at a dance school in a Nairobi slum and are collecting a few gently used leotards, tights, ballet shoes. Please contact Karen Seidman (kseidman@earthlink.net).

Support Art and Activism

I've been working with a group of women to design bandanas that we are selling to raise money for various causes that are near and dear to our hearts and threatened by the current administration. We brainstorm together as a group, draw on post-its, scan the images and arrange them, print a silkscreen, rent a studio space to make a couple hundred, and then sell them. We have entirely sold out and are in the process of printing more. I will bring a stack to school. Please email me (tgoodkin@sfschool.org) directly if you are interesting in purchasing one! Visit westcoastwomenunite.com to view the designs.

-Talia, 5th Grade Teacher

Common Sense Tip of the Week



When summer's in the air, some kids are already dreaming of days perusing the shelves of the library or stocking their Kindles with new titles. Others have no interest in picking up a book. Wherever your kid falls on the spectrum, it's best if he or she keeps reading over summer break. If your kid's an avid reader, it might get tricky to [find enough age-appropriate books](#) to feed their need. If your kid avoids books at any cost, you might need some high-interest titles to entice them.

From graphic novels to thousand-page installments in a series, [there are tons of great choices to fit every type of reader](#). There are even some [great books in app form](#) that might convert the most reluctant of readers. So, this summer, leave some reading material lying around the house and pick up a book yourself to show kids how much fun it can be!

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