The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter

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Tuesday Note Home

OUR WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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 Thanksgiving Lunch - Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Turkey
Thursday 5/18 Cheesy Rice and Salad
Friday 5/19 Picnic Lunch
Monday 5/22 No School - Memorial Day
Tuesday 5/23 Soup Day

FEATURE ARTICLE

SFS Artwork Featured in Local Art Exhibit



Last Friday, the Portola Branch of the San Francisco Public Library welcomed artists, families and staff from three local schools to celebrate its inaugural art exhibit themed "the Neighborhood." Many of the enthusiastic artists were present to proudly discuss their work with parents, teachers and staff. Go to our website for more photos and a full recap.

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ALL SCHOOL

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.

Family Association Info Sessions This Week

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.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Housing for Music Interns

Want to be an ally for immigrant visitors? Here's your chance! We have five new Interns coming to join us in the music program next Fall from Turkey, Italy, Colombia, Czech Republic and North Carolina, all in need of housing from end of August to Winter Break in December. Have an extra room? (okay to charge money). In the Real Estate biz and can help them find a place? Have a lead for the perfect place not too far from school?

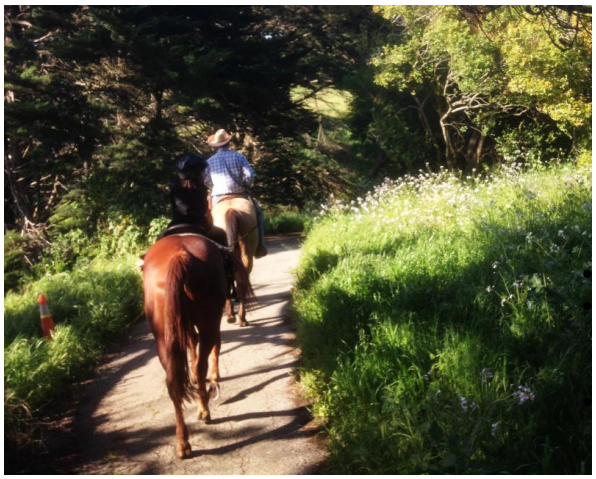
On the same note, we're looking for short-term housing for folks coming to our Summer Orff Courses at SFS. Sofia will be teaching from July 17-28, Doug from July 24-28 and once again, people are coming from all corners of the world and can use a place to stay for one or two weeks.

In either case, let the music department know at (**music@sfschool.org**). Thanks!

Help Keep Horseback Riding in our Neighborhood

Many within
our school community have had the opportunity to experience the natural beauty and stunning views of McLaren Park on horseback. Sadly, the two month trial period has come to a close, and it is now time to provide feedback to the city.

Making the horseback rides a permanent feature of the park would not only provide a fun activity in our backyard, but it would increase



visibility, appreciation and safety of our neighborhood.

Could you please support the Portola by doing one or more of the following (even if you did not get to ride, you can still sign the petition)?

Sign the petition
Provide **feedback online** on the SF Rec & Park website (scroll to the Trail Maps "Feedback" tab)
Send an email to Sarah (**sarah.he@sfgov.org**), Property Management of the SF Rec & Park Department

Please spread the word! Contact Jeanie (**jeanettekeichang@gmail.com**) with questions.

Family Jazz Show with Doug Goodking This Weekend

Staying home for Memorial Day Weekend? Why not give your kids a dose of great culture and take them to the Family Jazz show at the SF Jazz Center on Saturday, May 27 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM? Afterwords is a hands-on workshop with our own Doug Goodkin and his group, The Pentatonics. (And mark you calendar for next May when Doug and the Pentatonics will perform on the main stage).

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.

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Common Sense Tip of the Week

YouTube challenges and social media trends are nothing new, and many are silly and harmless, like the Try Not to Laugh Challenge. But occasionally, a trend that's downright dangerous surfaces. One that's floating around is the Blue Whale Challenge, which has parents and schools very concerned. Essentially, it's a string of 50 challenges that involve self-harm. The last one is committing suicide.

Obviously, this is extremely disturbing. Here are some important things to keep in mind: Most reports say the challenge originated in Russia, where it may or may not be tied to the suicides of two girls. A man in Russia was arrested in conjunction with starting it. **However, reports of lots of deaths being tied to it are false, and there's a lot of uncertainty about other details.** There's no

place online that the challenge exists in the open. Though we want to be proactive and address it, a sensationalized and alarmist approach likely will perpetuate it even further so that something that may have been a more isolated incident becomes a very real viral trend.

As always, we want to **support kids who are struggling** with mental health issues and give them the **resources they need** for themselves and friends who might need help. Talking to them about social media trends and the dangers some of them pose is important, as is using media as an opportunity to address important -- and challenging -- topics with our kids.

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