



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of March 19, 2018



5th Graders used sticky ragweed leaves to create an artistic statement on the Adventure Playground!

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, March 22

Donna Orem (President of NAIS) Visits SFS
8:30 am-12:30 pm

Friday, March 23

The Pact Meeting (at Live Oak)
4:30-6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 28

Family Association Members' Meeting
5:30-7:00 pm

Friday, March 30

Middle School Conferences
(No School for 6th-8th Grades Only)

Elementary Band/Chorus/Orchestra Sharing
2:00-3:00 pm

In the Spotlight...



We are thrilled to announce that Donna Orem, the President of the [National Association of Independent Schools](#) (NAIS), is coming to visit SFS **this Thursday, March 22nd, from 8:30 am-12:30 pm!** In addition to touring our beautiful campus, she will meet with families/trustees, staff, and students, and will sit in on a special 7th grade science class about ethics in science as it relates to race, education, and socioeconomic status. Donna is in the Bay Area to visit some of the Sonoma schools that were impacted by the wildfires, as well as to be a guest speaker at Steve Morris's California Teacher Development Collaborative (CATDC) [Leaders of Color workshop](#).

[Orem](#) became the NAIS President in 2016, after serving 11 years as NAIS's Chief Operating Officer. She also served in several vice presidential roles at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), and as the associate director of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). Please welcome her warmly if you see her on campus this Thursday!

School News

Thank You!

Thanks to all of you for making

Saturday's Auction for Tuition Assistance such a success!

We appreciate your support of the Indexed Tuition Program at The San Francisco School! Whether through donating, volunteering, spearheading your class project, attending or bidding, we appreciate your participation and generosity. We had a great time and hope that you did too.



Many of the changes to this year's event were in response to the auction survey that was conducted last spring. We want to thank you again for that feedback and for helping us to envision this year's event.

Special thanks to parent Rachel Benson for the wonderful [Fund-A-Need video](#) which you can find on our website, parent Cate Kellison for the beautiful table arrangements, the super helpful 3rd Grade and 6th Grade parents for helping with set-up and clean-up, and to all the volunteers the day and night of. We couldn't have done it without you!

Items Still Available for Bidding

If you were unable to attend or simply missed some items the night of, there is **a binder at the Front Desk** with bid sheets for all remaining auction items. In addition, you may also find any non-competitive items with spaces available for purchase online. Please visit the [online catalog](#) to bid.

Check Out

We have just finished entering all of the auction night bids into our system and will begin charging credit cards this afternoon or sending you a request for self-check tomorrow. Once your payment is processed, you will receive a receipt from schoolauciton.net that will include a comprehensive list of your auction winnings, as well as tax-deductible portions where appropriate. Hosts, we will send you a list of your winning bidders starting next week.

Photos

Did you take great photos of the evening that you'd be willing to share with us? Please email them to Jenn Keese-Powell (jkeesepowell@sfschool.org) if so!

Again, thank you for your support of Tuition Assistance at the San Francisco School!

SFS Community Math Puzzle

Welcome back to the SFS Community Math Puzzle, thanks to Middle School Math Coordinator Jiazhen Zhang! Here's how this works: all you math lovers and math lovers-to-be have until **March 30th** to submit your response to Jiazhen. Kids and parents/guardians can work together or separately, and are strongly encouraged to turn in answers whether or not you're sure they're correct! If you're intimidated by the puzzles sometimes - that's terrific! Share that

feeling with your child and model the patience, persistence, and flexibility it takes to work on something challenging.

Please submit your answers to Jiazhen by emailing jzhang@sfschool.org or putting a hard copy in her mailbox behind the front desk!

Here we go...

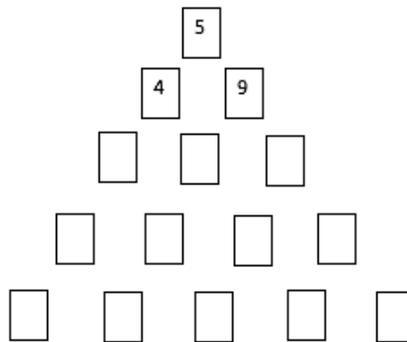
Triangle of Cards

I have 15 cards, numbered consecutively from 1 to 15. I want to lay them out in a triangle. I want each card to be the difference between the two cards immediately below it, to left and right. For example, 5 is the difference between 4 and 9. (The differences are always calculated so that they are positive.) This condition does not apply to the cards in the bottom row.

The top three cards are already in place. Can you find how to place the remaining twelve cards?

Note: This is also called a "difference triangle."

Mathematicians have found "difference triangles" like this with two, three or four rows of cards, with consecutive whole numbers starting from one (1). It has been proved that no difference triangle can have six or more rows.



Carpool Etiquette Reminder

Please respect our staff members running carpool, our neighbors, and our environment by remembering a couple of carpool basics:

- In line, pull up as far as you can and turn off your engine while waiting.
- If you're early for your child's division, please try to avoid blocking traffic on Gaven St. and the flow of the carpool line. If necessary, please be prepared to circle around or park and wait.
- Please do not block driveways or double park!

Thank you for your help!

In Search Of...

Summer Housing Needed! Doug Goodkin writes: "My son-in-law is doing a residency as an occupational therapist in San Francisco and needs to piece together housing for May, June and maybe July. Does anyone need

a house-sit during that time or have a spare in-law apartment or empty room? If so, please contact me at dgoodkin@sfschool.org. Thanks!"



What's Cookin' This Week?*



Wednesday: Pizza w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Sloppy Joes w/ Coleslaw & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Spaghetti Carbonara w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Tuesday: Soup Day w/ Caesar Salad, Cornbread, & Cheese

*Menus subject to change due to delivery changes and general human fallibility

News from the Family Association

Next FA Members Meeting - Wednesday, March 28, 5:30-7:00pm

Please join us at this next Members Meeting where we'll be presenting the results of the SFS Community Survey, discussing plans and initiatives for next school year and seeking community input. Childcare will be provided.

Click here to RSVP and sign up for childcare:

<https://goo.gl/forms/vePTxUvjpUkz3Hcs2>

FA Community Coffee - Friday, April 20, 8:15-9:30 am

Please save the date for the next Community Coffee. There will be warm beverages & tasty breakfast goodies. Thank you to those who attended the last coffee and to our new Board Chair, Anne Hipskind Roberts!

Beyond the Gates

March For Our Lives - This Saturday!



The March for Our Lives is **this Saturday**. Join a contingent of SFS families and lend your voice to the call for gun control and safety for all.

Time change: we will arrive in time for the march, which begins after

the rally.

Meet at **2:00 pm** at the 24th Street BART station.
Walk down to the platform at 2:15 for a ride to Civic Center.

Please email SFS parent Hannah Denmark (hannahatl@gmail.com) if you have questions or want to exchange contact information before then. (Hannah will carry a red balloon so we can keep track of each other once we exit the station.)

Free Piano!

An SFS alum family is offering a lovely upright piano for free! It just needs a tuning, and is available immediately in the Haight. Would you and/or your musically inclined child be interested? Please contact Betsy Wolkin, betswol@aol.com or 415-710-7732!



Save the Date!

2nd Annual SF Public Library/Portola School Art Exhibit

Artists from SFS will be contributing their work for the second annual exhibit at the SFPL Portola branch in April. Celebrating the flora, fauna, and the many schools of the Garden District, families and staff of the Alta Vista School, ER Taylor Elementary School, and SFS are invited to the Opening Reception on **Thursday, April 19 at 4:00 pm**. SFS's own Nico Berry (parent of Saskia, 2nd Grade, and Simone, 7th Grade) will speak at the reception about his murals, many of which are known and loved throughout the Portola.

Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

We often hear people talk about **raising a lifelong learner**, but what does that really mean? Sure, we want them to do well in school and be successful, but enjoying learning over a lifetime isn't always tied to school and achievement. Instead, it's about curiosity, character, and wonder.

There's plenty of media to use to reinforce subjects and skills, and encouraging kids to pursue their passions and follow their interests is possible, too. **Reading to kids** from when they're little for as long as they'll listen is one great way to instill a love of books – a great source of lifelong learning. Believe it or not, **television can also be a great curiosity cultivator** if you help kids bridge the gap from on- to offscreen. And finding media that **builds character traits like perseverance, compassion, and teamwork** can develop growth as a human being and build strengths that help kids dive into learning, ready to overcome whatever obstacles appear.

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