



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of April 30, 2018



North Class Foxes try parkour activities in Music, following directions and balancing while moving to the rhythm!

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, May 2

All School Meeting
5:00-6:15 pm

Friday, May 4

Middle School Dance
6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 5

Adventure Playground Work Day
9:00 am-12:00 pm

Monday, May 7-Tuesday, May 8

3rd Grade Outdoor Ed Trip

Tuesday, May 8

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
7:45-9:15 am

Thursday, May 10

Welcome to Middle School Potluck
6:00-8:00 pm

Friday, May 11

Public Purpose Committee Meeting
9:00-10:00 am

Full Calendar

In the Spotlight...



Last week, SFS was honored to host two luminaries whose lives have centered around social justice: Minnijean Brown-Trickey of the "Little Rock Nine," and Caroline Blackwell, NAIS Vice President for Equity and Justice. Read all about their visits [here!](#)

School News

This Wednesday: All School Meeting!

Please join us for the All School Meeting tomorrow, **Wednesday, May 2nd from 5:00-6:15 pm!** The All School Meeting brings school community members together to be informed about and discuss current events at The San Francisco School. The agenda includes the following:

School Business

- Introduction of New Trustees
- Head of School Report

Knowing Technologies Presentation

- Integration and use of technology into the classrooms this year and beyond, presented by students, faculty, and a **Knowing Technologies** instructor, using a "fishbowl" facilitation format to hear feedback/ask questions directly
- Understanding the initial process in implementing the Strategic Plan, through incorporation of technology and enhanced professional development for staff

2018-19 Enrollment

All families should have received notification from FACTS with the tuition payment schedule for the 2018-19 school year. As a reminder, the first tuition payment is due on **Monday, May 7**. In advance of the May 7 payment, families are responsible for full tuition as of **today, May 1, 2018**. If you have any questions regarding tuition payments or enrollment plans for next year, please contact Jeanette Moore (jmoore@sfschool.org).

Last Week to Submit - Community Math Puzzle

Ready to try out the new Community Math Puzzle? Solutions are due to Jiazhen Zhang (jzhang@sfschool.org) by **this Friday, May 4!**



Family Party

“It was a wonderful party,” said Lucy to her friend Harriet.

“Who was there?” asked Harriet.

“Well – there was one grandfather, one grandmother, two fathers, two mothers, four children, three grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, one father-in-law, one mother-in-law and one daughter-in-law.”

“Wow! Twenty-three people!” exclaimed Harriet

“No, it was less than that. A lot less,” answered Lucy.

What is the smallest size of the party that matches Lucy’s description?

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast - Volunteers Wanted!



With only a month left until the end of the school year, this is a perfect time to say a huge thank you to our amazing SFS Faculty & Staff! Next **Tuesday, May 8th** from **7:45-9:15 am**, we will be celebrating with a breakfast in the library at school for the faculty & staff.

This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute a breakfast item or volunteer to help out!

We are seeking volunteers to:

- Drop off breakfast items (savory & sweet) - Feel free to drop off items at the Front Desk, or we will have runners at carpool to pick up the donated item at your car so you don't have to park and walk in.
- Help with set up and/or clean up
- Ferry items from carpool to the library

We would love your help with any of these. Please sign up here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jVW0Jih_ejJjN-nbxbDa3EgZkL42em0belbiuzB3yY/edit#gid=0

or email Rachel Benson (rachelbenson@yahoo.com) if you can contribute something or help out. Thank you so much in advance!

In Search Of...

Summer Housing: An alumna of Steve Morris's school in Pittsburgh, Sewickley Academy, is seeking summer housing in SF while she completes an internship at UCSF. She is currently a student at Penn State, Spanish-English bilingual, and hoping for housing from **June 15-August 14**. She is open to a private bedroom (and ideally bathroom) with access to a kitchen and other living spaces, or a studio/1 bedroom (price permitting), or out-of-the-box possibilities, like house- or dog-sitting for that period of time. She will have long lab hours daily (Mon-Sat 8-6) and would love to be close to either UCSF campus, but also is flexible and understanding of the many joys and wonders of the SF housing market/willing to travel. Please email Steve (smorris@sfschool.org) with any leads!



Support The Children's Book Project



Now through **May 15**, the Public Purpose Committee will be collecting new or gently used, recent books for children of all ages (from infants through teens) for the **Children's Book Project**. Teachers and other staff who serve economically disadvantaged children come in to their book site and choose free books. Please place your books on the bookshelf under the stairs (past the front desk).

They especially need:

- board books
- early readers
- elementary chapter books
- books in Spanish or Chinese
- graphic novels
- popular series for 8-12 year olds

They can't use and don't accept:

- textbooks and curriculum materials
- encyclopedias
- audio cassettes and VHS tapes
- library discards
- obsolete books
- dirty, dusty, wet, or mildewed books
- nonfiction over ten years old

Questions? Please contact Cathy Manshel (cmanshel@gmail.com)!

What's Cookin' This Week?*



Wednesday: Lasagne w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Pork Chorizo Chili w/ Coleslaw & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Mac & Cheese w/ Roasted Carrots & Fruit

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

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

News from the Family Association

Saturday, May 5th! Adventure Playground Work Day

Join us from **9:00 am-12:00 pm on May 5th** to work in the Adventure Playground! Our children are lucky to have such an amazing outdoor space available to them, but it does need our community to come together and help maintain it now and then. Projects may include cleaning the barn and gazebo, adding new plywood to one side of the barn, weeding, and adding sand to the sand pits.

Lunch will be provided. Childcare will **not** be provided; however, students from 3rd Grade and older are welcome to participate!

Questions? Want to join all the FA fun? Email FA@sfschool.org!

Beyond the Gates

ODC's *Uncertain Weather*



On **May 5-6 at 1:00 and 4:00 pm**, join the ODC School (featuring SFS 8th Grader Alex!) for *Uncertain Weather*!

Uncertain Weather is a 70-minute ODC School production directed by ODC Associate Choreographer and School Director Kimi

Okada. A cast of 57 young people (ages 8-19) will perform in the ODC Theater after spending the full school year rehearsing with commissioned professional choreographers. The piece follows 3 young people (and a live dog) on a seamless journey through unpredictable weather – rainstorms and squalls, earthquakes, tsunamis, white-hot deserts, heat waves, fog, and sunny beach days – and the consequences of climate change.

Tickets: <http://www.odc.dance/UncertainWeather>

Volunteers Needed - Excelsior Community Food Pantry



If you're free on Saturday, May 12th, please join 2nd Grader Lucelia at the **Excelsior Community Food Pantry** to distribute free groceries to our neighbors!

We will meet at the San Francisco Campus for Jewish Living (formerly known as Jewish Home – 302 Silver Avenue) at **10:15 am** and will finish up by **12:30 pm**. Tasks include greeting the participants; guiding them through the line; handing out produce, dairy products, grains, and meats; and breaking down boxes.

Children of all ages are welcome! Please contact Amelia Zimmermann Wolff (ameliazw@hotmail.com) for more information and to sign up. We hope you can join us!

Audition for the Young Women's Choral Projects

The Young Women's Choral Projects of San Francisco is having auditions!



YWCP, which has featured many young women from SFS throughout the years, is holding auditions for all four choirs: their premier choir, Young Women's Chorus (grades 7-12) as well as their three training choirs, Vivo Chorus (grades 6-12), Allegro Chorus (grades 4-8), and Prelude Chorus (grades 2-6).

Auditions will be held on **Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, June 9** for the 2018-2019 Season. Scholarships available!

For more information or to sign up for an audition:
www.ywcp.org or **415.312.7787** or info@ywcp.org

Writing Class at San Francisco Zen Center



Laura Burges, 3rd Grade Teacher, together with writer Patsy Creedy, will be offering a writing course at the **San Francisco Zen Center** called "The Great Matter: Writing the Way."

In this five week class, we will write personal narratives to explore "The Great Matter," as we say in Zen, of our own lives. Monday nights, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, **May 7 - June 4**, in the Zen Center dining

room, 300 Page Street, corner of Laguna. There will be no class on May 28, Memorial Day.

For more information and to register:

<http://sfzc.org/city-center/zen-meditation-practice/classes-extended-courses/the-great-matter>

Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

When a kid's **pet dies**, that's often the first exposure to real loss. It's a hard concept for kids to understand, and it's much more complicated when a loved one dies.

Not only is death a hard idea to grasp, but also grief is an ongoing process they have to navigate. Aside from your love and support, there's media that can help your kid walk that long and winding path of emotions. For younger kids, you can **pick a book to read together** and talk about. For older kids, there are books they can read independently that can serve as a mirror for their own experiences. Sitting down to **watch a movie together** is another way to let kids access their feelings, especially if they're having trouble verbalizing them. After watching or reading, you can gently guide a conversation and let them know they're not alone and you're there for them as they grieve.



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