



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home

Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of May 14, 2018



K-4 Art Teacher Tiphani Russell Johnson and 4th Graders work on clay loom weaving.

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, May 15

Elementary Spring Concert
6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday, May 17

Middle School Spring Concert
6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, May 18

Community Coffee (with special guest Jessica Battilana!)
8:15-9:30 am

Monday, May 21

Diversity Committee Meeting
6:00-7:30 pm

Friday, May 25

Asian-Pacific Islander-Desi-American Heritage Celebration

Lunch provided for all students!

Assembly: 2:00-3:00 pm

Monday, May 28

No School - Memorial Day

Full Calendar

In the Spotlight...



This spring, the Middle School classes took two extended field trips - one within California and one to Alabama - to experience firsthand the power of experiential, immersive learning. Click [here](#) to read all about their travels!

School News

Refugee Supply Drive and Bake Sale



Dear SFS families,

We are writing to invite you to participate in the 5th Grade Refugee Supply Drive. After two months of learning about many different refugee experiences, we decided we wanted to take some direct action. We are partnering with the **Jewish Family and Community Services East Bay** to collect school supplies for refugee families. Here's what you need to know if you

are interested in participating!

WHAT? Click/enlarge the photo to see the exact items that we are looking

for. Please note that the supplies should be *new and unused*.

WHEN? We will be collecting supplies over the next two weeks, **ending on May 25.**

WHERE? Each Elementary classroom has their own large red bin located in their classroom. They can drop their items there. Middle and Preschool families can drop items in the red bin near the front desk.

WHAT ELSE? We will be having a bake sale **this Thursday, May 17 in the courtyard**, during lunch recess for the Elementary students and during lunch for Middle. Items will generally cost between \$1-3.

Thank you so much in advance for your contribution. Everything counts!

Best,
Talia (tgoodkin@sfschool.org) and the Fifth Grade

P.S. Below are common FAQ's for those wanting some more info...

Q. How many families are in need?

A. JFCS East Bay generally serves 150+ refugee clients per year, and the amount of children varies.

Q. What are the common supplies a refugee family might need?

A. Many refugee families arrive in the United States with almost nothing. This means families often need basic household items like bed sheets, towels, dishware, etc. Additionally, children and adults use backpacks for school and work, so those make a great donation. Hopefully you have received our collection drive flier, which lists items in more detail.

Q. Can I collect used backpacks for donation?

A. We prefer that all backpacks donated are new.

Q. What age should the backpack be geared toward?

A. Kid themed backpacks for elementary aged children.

Q. What specifically do you need in the backpacks?

A. School supplies: Notebook, folder, pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, crayons, glue sticks, calculator, etc.

Q. Do you have expectations for cost or brand?

A. We never go for name brand! As long as the product is safe and effective, we have no expectations for cost or brand.

Q. We can only provide a subset of the items listed on the collection drive information sheet. Is this a problem?

A. No problem! These items are extremely appreciated by the refugees, and we appreciate all donations.

Q. Is it possible to get a donation receipt for tax purposes?

A. Yes! In order to give you a receipt, we need your email, name, address, phone number, and description of items donated.

Community Math Puzzle

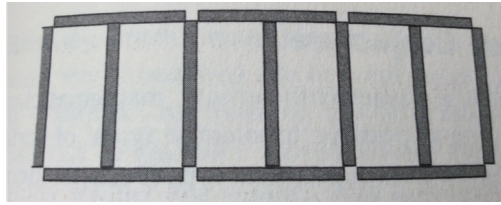
Don't forget to try the new Community Math Puzzle! The next puzzle (below) is due to Jiazhen (jzhang@sfschool.org) by **Friday, May 25!**

Solveig's Dilemma

Solveig has run into a mathematical-agricultural problem. She had carefully

put together 13 identical fence panels to create 6 identical pens for our animals. But during the night someone stole one of her panels, so now she needs to use 12 panels to create 6 identical pens. How can she do this? All 12 panels must be used.

In the diagram below, 13 panels were used to make 6 pens. Help Solveig make 6 pens with only 12 panels!



In Search Of...

Cake Box Needed: The 1st Grade is in need of a large cake box for a dinosaur habitat art project. Please email Tiphani at tmrussell@sfschool.org if you have one, or just drop it off in the Elementary art room!



Last Week to Support The Children's Book Project!



CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

Through **the end of this week (Friday, May 18)**, 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: Pizza w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Sloppy Joes w/ Coleslaw & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Lasagne w/ Caesar Salad & Fruit

Tuesday: Turkey Meatloaf w/ Corn, Peas, & Fruit

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

News from the Family Association

Community Coffee: Please stop by **this Friday, May 18**, anytime from **8:15-9:30 am** in the South Class Yard. You are invited to enjoy yummy treats, hot drinks, and meet our school's own chef and cookbook author Jessica Battilana. Jessica will chat about our school's lunch program, answer questions, and maybe even have some cookbooks for sale!



A big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time or their delicious baked goods to making last week's Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast a great success! It was an absolute feast, and the teachers and staff enjoyed all of the tasty treats throughout the day at various meetings and even into the next day!

If you've got ideas, talent, or excitement you want to share with the FA, please join us as we gear up for another great year!
Email fa@sfschool.org to get involved!

Beyond the Gates

Doug Goodkin & The Pentatonics CDs Available!



Missed Doug Goodkin & the Pentatonics' sold-out Family Jazz Show at SF Jazz last weekend? There's still time to share this kid-friendly music with your children and get their CD! Copies will be available at both the Elementary and Middle School Spring Concerts this Tuesday and Thursday (checks or cash preferred). Don't miss it! (Also features SFS 8th Graders Paris and Emma, and 4th Grader

Ella!)

Want to see the concert magic for yourself? Head to <http://youtube/EzRpt0UTkr4> and stream the whole show!

Pancakes in the Park - Fundraiser for McLaren Park

Join "Help McLaren Park" at their annual Pancakes in the Park fundraiser on **Saturday, May 19** from **8:30 am-12:00 pm** at the Louis Sutter Clubhouse (Wayland and University Sts.)! Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids - all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, milk, coffee, tea, and juice!



Can't make it/want to donate online? Head [right here!](#)

Audition for the Young Women's Choral Projects

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

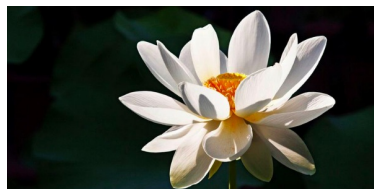


YWCP, which has featured many young women from SFS throughout the years, is holding auditions for all four choirs: their premier choir, Young Women's Chorus (grades 7-12) as well as their three training choirs, Vivo Chorus (grades 6-12), Allegro Chorus (grades 4-8), and Prelude Chorus (grades 2-6).

Auditions will be held **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

Radical Acceptance Retreat at Green Gulch



Did you know 3rd Grade Teacher Laura Burges is also a Buddhist teacher at the San Francisco Zen Center? Her all day retreat at Green Gulch Farm on **Saturday, June 2**, from **10:00 am-5:00 pm**, will feature meditation instruction and opportunities for sitting and walking meditation, as well as dharma talks, discussion, and a Green Gulch Farm lunch. We will also have walking meditation through the Green Gulch Gardens.

In this one day retreat, we will explore Tara Brach's book *Radical Acceptance*. We will look into ways in which we may unwittingly constrict our lives with self-judgment, addiction, perfectionism, overwork, and unrealistic expectations of self and others. How do we loosen these ties and find joy in accepting life on life's terms?

Fees: \$85; \$76 current SFZC members; \$68 limited income. Lunch in the Green Gulch dining room is included.

To Register: Please call the Green Gulch Farm main office at 415.383.3134 or the SFZC Reservations Office at 888.743.9362 or 415.475.9362. You can also register online on the Green Gulch Farm [website](#).

Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

It's easy to find math and reading apps: There are thousands in every app store. Sometimes, though, kids don't want to use one more app that's obviously educational. No problem -- if you've ever snuck some spinach into a smoothie, you're ready for this challenge!

You can definitely work learning into your kid's digital diet even if they can sniff out and refuse an educational tool from 30 paces. If the app is **a little unconventional and less on the nose**, its weirdness often gets kids interested without broadcasting that it's educational. Also, lots of casual games -- **especially puzzlers and problem-solving-centered apps** -- are great for critical thinking and executive function skills. And if you're **watching or playing with your kid**, you can capitalize on all the potential teachable moments that may be very specific to your kid.



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