

The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter

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OUR WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thursday, May 5**North Class Dolphins Trip to Fire Station #42**

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Rising 6th Grade Potluck

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday, May 6**Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day****Middle School Dance**

7:00 - 9:30 PM

8th Grade Parent Appreciation Dinner

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Monday, May 9**Board Meeting & Dinner**

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, May 11**Middle School Spring Concert**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, May 12**North Class Dolphins Trip to Portola Library**

12:50 - 2:30 PM

Elementary Spring Concert

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Monday, May 16**Measures of Academic Progress Parent Meeting**

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday - Friday, May 18 - 20
4th & 5th Grade Outdoor Education

Friday, May 20
3rd Grade Literary Tea
1:15 - 3:00 PM

Wednesday, May 25
1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade Science Fairs
1:45 - 2:45 PM

Thursday, May 26
North Class Dolphins Trip to Elkus Ranch
9:00 - 2:00 PM

8th Grade Shakespeare Play Performance
7:00 - 9:00 PM

Monday, May 30
No School - Memorial Day

Friday, June 3
Last Regular Day of School

Saturday, June 4
8th Grade Graduation Ceremony
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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

Wednesday 5/4 Pizza and Salad
Thursday 5/5 Burritos and Coleslaw
Friday 5/5 Picnic Lunch
Monday 5/9 Pasta and Salad
Tuesday 5/10 Soup Day

FEATURE ARTICLE

Thank You for Joining the Celebration!

We're thrilled that so many of you were able to join us in commemorating our past and welcoming our future at the 50th Anniversary Celebration this past Saturday. Special thanks to the 50th Anniversary Committee members and many volunteers who made this such a fun event. Links to pictures from the photo booths, our roving photographers



and the video shown at the ceremony will be available shortly.

ALL SCHOOL

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day

We are celebrating Faculty and Staff Appreciation Day this Friday, May 6 with a Pop-Up Breakfast from 7:30 - 9:00 AM. Coordinator and 8th Grade Parent Sandra Hesla will get there early to set up and could use a few helping hands. Whether you can bake, boil or buy something, deliver to the kitchen or the curb, volunteer to set up or clean up, ferry items from the curb to the kitchen, your help and contribution will be much appreciated. Please email Sandra (sh@FreshHomeStaging.com) if you have questions or would like to help.

Grandparent Receptions Before Spring Concerts

Since Grandparents and Special Friends Day now occurs in the fall, we are inviting any grandparents who plan to attend the spring concerts next month to come to a casual reception in the Library before the performances. Please look for more information about this in the coming weeks.

Donate Your Old Legos to Preschool

Do you have Legos nobody plays with anymore? Donate them to our preschool! Please talk to Harald (hfrhlich@sfschool.org).

Diversity Committee Survey

If you attended any of Miguel Lopez's presentations or the fishbowls he facilitated at the recent All School Meeting, the Diversity Committee (DC) is asking for your participation in a brief survey. Your feedback will help the DC in assessing the impact of Miguel's work, as well as to help determine the on-going needs and desires of our community. Thank you for your help!

[Complete the Survey](#)

Summer Camp at SFS

Summer is right around the corner! Don't get left out of the messy fun of Makers Art Studio summer camp. This open studio format camp, taught by Tiphani Russell Johnson and Malcolm Norman, will encourage campers to experiment with new materials and explore their creativity. Visit our registration site to learn more and register today!

[Register Here](#)

IN THE COMMUNITY

Sojourn to the Past: Reflections from an 8th Grader

As part of their study of U.S. History and as a culminating trip for the year, our 8th graders embarked on a trip to the historic south. Students visited some of the most historically significant civil rights sites, monuments and museums. Please see the reflection on the trip from Eva Whitney, 8th Grade.

[Read More](#)

Students Perform at AgeSong University

Last week the Elementary students performed for our elder neighbors at AgeSong University. Thanks to the Public Purpose Committee, students and teachers for their continued partnership with AU. Check out some pictures on our website!

[Read More](#)

Sky Kids Camp Students Need Hosts

This summer Sky Kids Camp will be expecting a group of 15-20 international students and are in need of host families. The students will be in San Francisco from July 11-August 5. For every week families host Sky Kids Camp will provide free camp for the family's child(ren). The deadline to register to host is May 12.

[Read More](#)

[Sign Up as a Host Family](#)

United State of Girls Rally & Summit

Calling all Middle & High School Girls! Julia Morgan School for Girls (JMSG), is hosting a United State of Girls Rally & Summit on Saturday, May 14, from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. We hope to have 100 middle and high school girls from public and private schools attend this special event. Our goal is to mobilize a national movement of teens 18 years and younger to finally pass the Equal Rights Amendment and the girls attending will be those girls who are willing to take on a leadership position in getting the ERA passed.

We plan to create a short video by the end of the event that we can send to the White House! Gail Sheehy, feminist, best-selling author, and journalist will be giving the Keynote that morning.

[Read More](#)

Bioblitz on Saturday, May 21

The Candlestick Point Eco-stewards (CPEs), in partnership with California State Parks, are hosting the first annual bioblitz at Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (CPSRA) on May 21! All community members are invited to join the CPEs, a project of Literacy for Environmental Justice, in participating in this event.

A bioblitz is a three to four hour event in which teams of volunteer scientists, families, students, teachers, and other community members work together to find and identify as many species of plants, animals, and other organisms as possible. This event is incredibly important to understanding all of the amazing biodiversity that CPSRA has. Participants will be teamed with experts and by using the iNaturalist app on phones/tablets can photograph and input species. All are welcome to participate in this fun and family-friendly activity.

Where: Candlestick Point State Recreation Area

When: May 21, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Contact Laura Wilson (candlestick.Bioblitz@parks.ca.gov) to sign up.

The Minimalist Documentary

There will be a screening of the **Minimalist documentary** on Thursday, June 2, 7:30 PM at the AMC Van Ness 14 movie theater. The Minimalists write about "living a meaningful life with less stuff." This should be a great event!

Reserve Tickets

Host a French Teen

We have some French teens who would like to experience life in the San Francisco Bay Area with you and your family and improve their English skills. Most stays are for 1-3 weeks in July or August. You would host the student in your home and provide 10-20 hours of English tutoring per week (primarily through conversation and ESL materials). The hosts are also expected to provide one accompanied outing per week (sightseeing, museums, etc).

Qualifications: Tutor must have a college degree (in any subject) from an accredited university or college OR have a teaching certificate, competence in the English language, and must be able to provide guest with clean, private room and 3 meals per day. The primary host/tutor should have time during the morning or afternoon to tutor and spend time with the student.

Compensation is \$575-\$670 per week depending on the number of lessons per week plus extra payment to pick him/her up and take him/her back to SFO airport.

This is a great way for you and your family to meet people from other countries while earning extra money. Families that participated in the past have found it to be a good experience. To learn more, contact Beth (homestay.sf@gmail.com).

Orff Music Classes for Teacher and Musicians

Music teacher, Doug Goodkin, will be offering a Jazz and Orff Teacher Training Course at school from July 25-29. There will also be an Introduction to Orff class and a Master Class titled "The Body and Voice" featuring local treasures Keith Terry and Linda Tillery. Parents who are teachers or musicians or both are welcome to consider attending!

[Read More](#)

ISO: Summer Housing, July 25-29

We are always looking for housing for teachers who come from afar for the Orff music classes. If you're away that week and need a house sitter or a one-week sublet or have an extra room for no, little, moderate money (teachers are poor), please let Doug know (music@sfschool.org). One participant has specifically requested help, as follows:

Sasha Sonnbichler, Music Teacher, Male, Age 43

Looking for accommodation during my stay in San Francisco while I attend the Orff Jazz Workshop for teachers at the San Francisco School. I am looking for a comfortable and clean place to stay close to the school. Please contact me (Sashasonnbichler@gmail.com) if you can help. Any leads appreciated!

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