

The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter

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OUR WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, January 25**Learning Services Parent Chat**

8:15 - 9:15 AM

Friday, January 27**Community Coffee**

8:15 - 9:30 AM

Monday, February 6**SFS Community Finance Meeting**

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Wednesday, February 8**Rosalind Wiseman Presents "Queen Bees and Masterminds"**

9:00 - 10:30 AM

Thursday, February 9**SFS Community Finance Meeting**

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Monday, February 13**Diversity Committee Meeting**

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 15**Wiseman Presentation Community Debrief**

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday, February 17**Black History Month Celebration**

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Middle School Dance

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Monday February 20 - Friday, February 24

No School - President's Week**WHAT'S COOKIN' IN PATTY & JANE'S KITCHEN?****Wednesday 1/25** Chow Mein and Cucumber Salad**Thursday 1/26** Sloppy Joes and Coleslaw**Friday 1/27** Picnic Lunch**Monday 1/30** Mac Fish Rice Pilaf and Broccoli**Tuesday 1/31** Soup Day**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!****The Auction for Tuition Assistance****Online Auction:****Monday, March 13 - Friday, March 24****Silent & Live Auction Event:****Saturday, March 18****The San Francisco School Community Center**www.sfschool.org/auction**Calling All Volunteers - We Need YOUR Help!**

Each year the school relies on parents and guardians to help with various auction-related volunteer tasks in the months leading up to the event. Whether you can work from home, during the day, or just spare a few hours here and there, your time and energy will greatly help the auction planning process.

The following are current volunteer tasks needing to be filled. The Advancement Office will gladly partner with each volunteer to ensure success. If you are interested in helping with any of these tasks, please contact Jenn (jkeesepowell@sfschool.org). Thank you in advance for your help!

Online Auction Support Team

Time Frame: In the coming weeks until the launch of the Online Auction.

When & Where: Can be done from home computer and on your own schedule, anytime! Volunteer as much or as little time as you are comfortable with.

Volunteers are part of a team of parents who work with Jenn and Jackie in the Advancement Office to get the Online Auction up and running, and ready to launch in mid-March. This includes online data entry, editing and proofreading, as well as adding visuals and website links to individual submissions.

Donation Pick-Up

Time Frame: Now and as donations come in...

When & Where: On your own schedule, during business hours (may vary).

Help by picking up donations from local businesses around San Francisco as needed, and delivering them to SFS.

Raffle Sales

Time Frame: Auction Night

When & Where: At the Event, until we've sold all 100 tickets!

We need these volunteers to lead the charge in selling 100 "Golden Paddle" Raffle tickets at \$50 each.

Registration Support

Time Frame: Auction Night

When & Where: Early portion of the Event

This volunteer will work with staff at the event to make sure the registration process runs smoothly.

Mobile Bidding Support

Time Frame: Auction Night

When & Where: Early portion of the Event

This volunteer may help attendees download mobile bidding app to their phones and give brief tutorial on how mobile bidding works.

ALL SCHOOL

Learning Services Parent Chat Tomorrow

Does your child need extra support in or out of the classroom? Has your child been diagnosed with learning difference or attention difficulties? How do you process your feelings and reactions to your child's differences?

Start the new year with attending a Learning Services parent chat on Wednesday, January 25 from 8:15-9:15 AM. This is an opportunity to come talk with other parents in the school community and share your experiences, questions, concerns, fears and hopes. This conversation will be facilitated by Learning Services. Please RSVP to Elyse (ewolland@sfschool.org), so we know how much coffee to get.

Spring Sports Gear Swap

Please consider donating your gently used clothing and gear (soccer, baseball, or other spring sports) in good condition, and take what you need! We invite you to bring gear to this **Friday morning's Community Coffee** (January 27, 8:15-9:30 AM) or anytime thereafter to the hallway in the main building (between the library and PS/K).

Board of Trustee Nominations

As the Committee on Trustees prepares to fill four open Class A Trustee seats for the 2017-18 school year, we would like to solicit the community for Trustee nominations. If you are interested, have questions about the role, or think another parent in the community may be a good candidate, please let Jim Macksood, Chairman of the Committee on Trustees know by January 31. You can reach Jim at (macksoodjm@yahoo.com). All SFS families will have an opportunity to vote on new trustees in the spring.

SFS Community Finance Meetings

Parents are invited to attend a meeting on either Monday, February 6 from 8:30-9:30 AM or Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 PM. Jeanette Moore, Director of Finance, Anton Honikman, Treasurer, Steve Morris and Ellen Fey, Board Chair, will discuss the finances of SFS and independent schools more broadly, and will be available to

answer any questions that you might have. No childcare is available for this event. The meetings will be in the Conference Room of Building A (311 Gaven Street).

Re-Enrollment Contacts

Re-enrollment Contract(s) will be mailed out next week. Please return the Re-enrollment Contract(s) and Reservation Deposit(s) by Friday, February 17 (before the mid-winter break). You should have received the 2017-2018 Tuition Announcement via email on January 23. In case you missed it, a hard copy will be included in the Re-enrollment packet.

If you have any questions regarding Indexed Tuition, please contact Jeanette Moore, Director of Finance and Operations (jmoore@sfschool.org). If you have any other questions about the budget, please consider joining us for the SFS Community Finance Meeting, described below, or contact Steve Morris (smorris@sfschool.org) or Finance Committee Chair, Anton Honikman (anton.honikman@gmail.com).

February Break Mini-Camp at SFS

Students in Preschool through 5th Grade are invited to Edmo City Builders during Presidents' Week. Explore the exciting world of engineering in this mini camp program as we build bridges, design catapults, create balloon cars, and more! The camp will run from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM with optional morning care 8:00-8:30 AM and optional afternoon care from 5:00-6:00 PM. The price is \$100 per day with full week or daily options for February 20-24. The deadline to register is February 10.

[Register Here](#)

Winter is Here But Summer is Coming

Mark your calendars for February 1 at 8:00 AM to register for SFS summer camps through our online summer portal.

Think getting Hamilton tickets was challenging? Summer camps at SFS sell out just as fast! Don't get left out of the fun by waiting to register. Visit the [SFS Summer Webpage](#) for the most current information on camps and how to register.

Register for "Queen Bees and Masterminds: Navigating Cliques, Bullying, and Social Hierarchies"

The San Francisco School is hosting an upcoming SPEAK event on Wednesday, February 8 from 9:00-10:30 AM, a presentation by Rosalind Wiseman, celebrated author of *Queen Bees and Wannabees* and *Masterminds and Wingmen*. Wiseman is a widely respected parenting educator and media spokesperson on bullying, ethical leadership, and the use of social media. SPEAK is a coalition of San Francisco K-8 schools that have joined together to enhance parent education. It aims to enrich the education and learning experience of our families, our children and our communities.



To register for this event, please visit speakrosalindwiseman.eventbrite.com. There is no fee for SFS attendees. \$15 for non-members.

Donate Supplies for the Art Room

Thank you for your glass jar donations, the Art Room is nicely stocked!

Current Art Room needs:

- Caps/lids (milk, juice, or pasta sauce)
- Cardboard (boxes or flattened)
- Tubes (paper towel or toilet paper rolls)



Items can be dropped off in the lower art room or placed in Tiphani's mailbox.

Lost & Found: New Items Added. Please Claim This Week



Due to last week's rains we are waiting one more week to donate these items to charity. Thankfully, many of you retrieved items last week, opening up space for us to display event more! So, even if you or your child checked last week, please check again. We have more than 100 unlabeled lost and found items ranging from sweaters, sweatshirts, and jackets to lunch containers and sneakers. Please come in and scan the racks or tell your child to check the lost & found. They will be hung on garment racks inside the front gate this week.

We strongly encourage you to label your child's items with a Sharpie or with laundry and dishwasher-safe labels from a supplier such as [Mabel's Labels](#). We make every effort to get labeled items back to their owners.

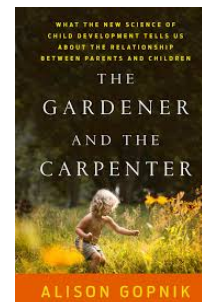
IN THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Alison Gopnik Presentation at The Berkeley School

The Berkeley School
1310 University Avenue, Berkeley
Wednesday, February 1 at 7:00 PM

The Berkeley School has extended an invitation to join them for a free presentation by psychologist and best-selling author Dr. Alison Gopnik, who will discuss her recent child psychology research and her new book, "The Gardener and the Carpenter."

[Register](#)



Snowboard for Sale

Child's Burton snowboard for sale, \$65. Used once, best for 3rd-5th grader, and it comes without bindings. Email Michelle (millepet2000@yahoo.com) for pictures and more information.

Home, Car, Nanny/Housekeeper Available March-June

The Meuniot family (Dante, 2nd and Stella, North Fox) will be moving to Wellington, New Zealand at the end of February for about five months. We would like to rent our Noe Valley home furnished to a trustworthy family during most, if not all, of that time. We can also rent our car (with or without the house). We have an amazing nanny/housekeeper that we want to help find work while we are away. A perfect fit would be mornings to early afternoon as a mother's helper or nanny. She could also help clean the home. We trust her completely.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in any of the above, please contact Theresa at (tagurney@gmail.com) or 415.533.4662. Thank you.

Common Sense Tip of the Week



Kids are bombarded with images of men and women -- famous or not -- who look perfect. Too perfect, in fact. And that's thanks to photo editing, which, as many of us parents know, can eliminate a model's pimples, make a celeb's cellulite disappear, and lengthen legs, slim waists, and erase wrinkles.

But kids aren't always so savvy. Kids who see unrealistic bodies or faces or clothing -- especially on folks they admire -- can feel inadequate as a result. Even photos of friends on Instagram or Snapchat are too perfect, thanks to flattering filters and selfie-editing tools ([learn how girls are seeking, and subverting, approval online](#)).

That's why it's important to teach kids about the reality behind the images that surround them. Empowering kids to see behind the photo spreads and the advertisements can help combat the negative effects of these images. Here are [six ways to help your kids resist the Photoshop effect](#), and [14 books to help kids feel good about themselves and their bodies](#).

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