The San Francisco School's Weekly Community Newsletter



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, March 21
8th Grade Parent Info Night
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 30
8th Grade Shakespeare Performance
7:00 - 8:30 PM

Sunday, April 2 - Friday, April 7
8th Grade Trip

Monday, April 3
4th Grade Engineering Fair
8:45 - 9:30 AM

Wednesday, April 5
1st & 2nd Grade Play Performances
8:45 - 9:45 AM

Monday, April 10 - Friday, April 14
No School - Spring Break

Monday, April 24
Diversity Committee Meeting
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, April 26
All School Meeting
5:00 - 6:15 PM

7th Grade Parent High School Info Night
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Friday, April 28
Community Coffee in the Gazebo
8:15 - 9:30 AM

Olympics Day (Elementary & Middle School)
1:00 - 3:00 PM

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

Wednesday 3/22 Curried Chicken and Cucumber Salad
Thursday 3/23 Burritos and Coleslaw
Friday 3/24 Picnic Lunch
Monday 3/27 Spaghetti and Salad
Tuesday 3/28 Soup Day

2017 AUCTION FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

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. The event was a great success and a fun time was had by all! BIG thanks to parent Rachel Benson for the wonderful Fund-A-Need video, 5th Grade parent Cate Kellison for the beautiful auction décor, Steve Rubin for the Live Auction slide show, the super helpful 3rd Grade and 6th Grade parents for helping with set-up and clean-up, all the volunteers the night of, and to our awesome Facilities Team. We couldn't have done it without you!

Photos from the evening are available **here**! (thanks to Chris Mader and Steve Rubin!)

If you were unable to attend or simply missed some items the night of, there will be a binder at the Front Desk this afternoon that includes bid sheets for any Kid-Sponsored Community Outings, Dinners, Faculty & Staff Fun, Travel or Class Projects that still have available spots.
Claim your spot to these fun outings now!

Check Out
We apologize for any emails that you may have already received from schoolauction.net asking that you pay for your purchases. Those were sent prematurely by their automated system. We are still entering all of the items in our system and will instead send you a request for self-check out toward the end of the week that will include a comprehensive receipt for all of your silent auction winnings. Hosts, we will send you a list of your winners once bidders have had a chance to review.

Pick Up
Pick up for both Auction Night and Online Auction items will be Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31. Weather permitting we'll be at the picnic bench next week, just inside the front gate, for physical items, such as art, class projects or wine. If rain, then please come to the Advancement Office in Building A across the street.

The Online Auction Continues through Friday, March 24! Please share this opportunity to support SFS and bid on some great items with your family and friends and post on your social media accounts. **www.sfschool.org/bidonline**. There you will find gift cards to great local restaurants, merchants and professional services and tickets to local shows and sporting events, including theater, concerts and many of your favorite sports teams.

The following categories are available online:

- Classes & Lessons
- For the Family

- Good Eats
- Health & Beauty
- Services
- Sports & Entertainment
- Summer Camp

All funds raised support Tuition Assistance at the San Francisco School, so bid high and bid often! Thank you.

ALL SCHOOL

Classroom Highlights from the Last Several Weeks

Happy spring! Our students have been enjoying time in the classroom and outside. From field trips to Chinatown and Toluma to pulleys and forts to leading school assemblies, our students have been working hard! Go to our website for a collection of classroom happenings across the grades.

Read More



Spring Break Wildlife Wonders Camp

It's tough growing up in the wild. Imagine what it's like as you discover the strangest things some North American creatures must do to eat, communicate, avoid predators, and survive natural disasters! Campers will learn about amazing animal and environmental adaptations as they explore the natural world with wacky, hand-on projects.

- Camp will go from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
- Optional Extended Day from 8:00 - 8:30 AM and 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Full week and daily options available.
- Two groups: PS/K-1st Grade and 2nd-5th Grade
- Lunch is not provided, please pack a nut-free lunch and remember that we strive for zero waste
- Minimum enrollment is 10 students. If Mini-Camp does not meet minimum enrollment by March 31 Mini-Camp will be cancelled.

Register Today

Register for Coding Classes

Register for the second session of Extended Day coding classes. **Register here** for students in 2nd-5th Grades, beginners and experienced welcomed.

Experienced Scratchers and Middle School students can **register here**.

The classes meet on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 PM on 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Skate Lessons with SF Rec & Parks

FREE Skate lessons through San Francisco Recreation and Parks from 3:00-5:30 PM this spring! Contact Daynin Gordon for more information (**daynin.gordon@sfgov.org**) or 415.666.7020.

Need a House Sitter This Summer?

Long time family friends from Spain will be visiting San Francisco this summer and are able to house sit and pet sit. They are both health professionals and reliable. They will be visiting from July 23 - August 12 and August 18-21.

If interested for all or part of that time, contact Karen Seidman (**kseidman@earthlink.net**) or 415.824.1116. Thanks!

Common Sense Tip of the Week

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In today's digital world, many parents worry about the loss of character as more kids spend time alone on a computer or communicating through a screen. But research shows that kids can and do learn from media -- what matters is **which messages they're absorbing and how those messages get reinforced**. Though media can address lots of the so-called "soft" skills, empathy is a big concern as kids spend more time with screens.

The good news is that there's lots of content out there that models showing concern for others and identifying with others' feelings. Depending on your kid's favorite media type, there are **books**, **TV shows**, **movies**, and **apps and games** that offer positive messages about perspective-taking and compassion. Once you've found a winner, talking to your kids about the messages helps transfer those messages to real life.

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