



# THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

## Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of November 20, 2017



## Upcoming Dates

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### **Wednesday, November 22 - Friday, November 24**

No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

### **Monday, November 27**

Diversity Committee Meeting  
6:00-7:30 pm

### **Wednesday, November 29**

Public Purpose Committee Meeting  
8:45-9:45 am

### **Friday, December 1**

Sibling & Faculty Child Applications Due

### **Tuesday, December 5**

Preschool-8th Grade Class Photos & Individual Make-Up Photos

NERT Personal Readiness Training Workshop  
6:00-9:30 pm

### **Wednesday, December 6**

Creating a More inclusive Community: A Discussion of the School's Family Event Guidelines and More  
4:30-6:00 pm

**Thursday, December 14**

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Holiday Plays  
6:30 pm

**Friday, December 15**

1st-8th Grades Ice Skating

Full Calendar

## In the Spotlight...



This is a wonderful time of year to practice the art of gratitude with children. Here on campus, all we have to do is take a look around to count a thousand things to be grateful for - our safe and loving community, our beautiful and bucolic campus, our delicious and abundant food, and most importantly, our kind, engaged, and totally awesome kids!

Studies have connected children's gratitude with increased social support and even protection from stress and depression - [here](#) are seven ways to encourage gratitude in kids of all ages, from UC Berkeley's *Greater Good Magazine*.

And just for good measure, [here](#) are 25 (slightly irreverent) things to be grateful for right now, courtesy of Kid President.

**Thank you for being a part of The San Francisco School!**  
**We are grateful for YOU!**

We appreciate your involvement and

investment in The San Francisco School. In ways big and small, your commitment to our community is noticed. An extra note of gratitude to our Trustees, Tour Guides, new Family Association leadership team, Room Parents, Class Captains, bakers, event volunteers, and chaperones. We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!



## School News

### Register Now for Winter Enrichment Courses!

Just like that, the fall term is over and winter is here! Click to view the [Winter Extended Day Catalog](#) or continue to our [online registration site for a complete list of enrichment classes](#).



For those students interested in starting instrumental music lessons, we do still have a few spaces remaining. Please email Sarah Wood ([swood@sfschool.org](mailto:swood@sfschool.org)) to schedule an instrumental music lesson. To minimize confusion, payment for these courses (violin, flute, drumming, trumpet, saxophone) will start after the schedule has been set.

Winter Term starts after Thanksgiving. Register today!

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### Diversity Committee Meeting

Please join us at the next Diversity Committee on **Monday, November 27 from 6:00-7:30 pm** in the school library. Come get some updates on the work we've already started, hear about some upcoming parent education opportunities, learn about Inclusion Dashboards and how they might benefit the school, and get a glimpse into our new Strategic Plan to start thinking about how the DC can contribute. And, as always, feel free to bring your own ideas for how we can further cultivate a diverse and inclusive school environment.

All members of the community are welcome to come! For more information, feel free to contact Fro Rosqueta ([frosqueta@yahoo.com](mailto:frosqueta@yahoo.com)).

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### The Fund for SFS



Thank you to all who have already pledged or donated to The Fund for SFS, the school's 2017-18 Annual Fund! The Annual Fund provides a richer, deeper education for all SFS students. Our goal is 100% family participation and \$450,000 in contributions through gifts and pledges by

**December 31, 2017.** We ask that every school family support this important and critical community effort in as much as you are able.

Check out our website for a [pledge form](#), to [donate now](#), or to see if your company has a [matching gift program](#).

Thank you in advance for your support of the school and for all you do throughout the year on behalf of our students and the school community!

We'd like to acknowledge and appreciate the parents who have volunteered to serve as **Class Captains** this year:

Mark Clendenin  
Andy Gass  
Grace Sullivan Goya  
Tracy Kaplan  
Chris Katzin  
Jean Kuwamoto  
Cathy Manshel  
Snuller Price  
Andy Slakoff  
Sarah Whitelaw  
Jenny Wilson  
Chris Yin

If you would like to be a Class Captain for South Class 4s, 5th Grade or 7th Grade, please get in touch with Jenn Keese-Powell ([jkeesepowell@sfschool.org](mailto:jkeesepowell@sfschool.org)).

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## **SFS Apparel Sale - Show Your SFS Pride!**

We're holding our annual apparel sale! We have both SFS Athletics-wear as well as new branded apparel with the new school logo. The online store is open now through **Sunday, December 3**, so that the items can be delivered before Winter Break. All items will be delivered to SFS and distributed at the Front Desk, or to carpool upon request. Please visit our spirit wear store [here](#) - thanks for your support! Go Bears!



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## **Do Your Shopping AND Support SFS!**

As the basketball, ski, and holiday seasons approach, we wanted to remind you about some of the reward programs that donate to The San Francisco School.



These are easy ways to donate to SFS via purchases that you may already be making. Click [here](#) for more information about the Sports Basement and Amazon rewards programs. Thanks!

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## January Teacher Workshop Day Childcare



Limited childcare will be provided for SFS-enrolled preschool, elementary, and middle school students for the **January 16, 2018** Teacher Workshop Day.

### Camp Hours: 8:30-5:00pm

- Weather permitting, students will be traveling to a local attraction.
- Lunch is NOT provided, please pack a nut free lunch

and additional snack

- Please wear comfortable shoes and clothing in preparation for a day of walking
- Note that there is no time allotted for naptime, so please consider how this may impact your preschool child

- **Deadline to register is January 5, 2018.** There will be NO drop-ins to ensure proper staffing ratios.

[Register Here!](#)

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## 2018-2019 School Calendar

Can you believe we're already thinking ahead to next year? Don't worry; there's lots of fun left in the 2017-18 school year, but for those who enjoy planning as much as we do...the 2018-19 calendar (with general dates and holidays) is ready for your perusal! Find it and download it [here](#).



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## SFS Hosts Upcoming SFFD NERT Trainings



Do you feel prepared should disaster strike? NERT is a free program of the San Francisco Fire Department, teaching emergency preparedness and prevention, and hands-on disaster response skills. NERT connects community volunteers in an emergency response network in our neighborhood. NERT members are trained citizen first-responders who can help save lives.

SFS is hosting two upcoming NERT events, both of which are free (!), open to all members of the SFS community *and* any other San Francisco residents, *and all right here on campus!*

### **Personal Readiness Program**

**Wednesday December 6, 6:00-8:00 pm**

A two-hour workshop focusing on preparing our homes and neighborhood for emergencies big or small, risk awareness, disaster supplies, and personal/family disaster planning.

Register [here](#) for the one-night Personal Readiness Program!

### **Full NERT Training**

**Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13, 6:00 – 9:30 pm**

A comprehensive program taught in six three-hour class sessions. Hands-on disaster skills training, earthquake and fire response, disaster medicine, light search and rescue, team organization, etc. NERT trainees learn to help as members of an emergency response team, acting independently or as an adjunct to City emergency services.

Register [here](#) for the six-week Full Nert Training!

Questions? Email Bill Metke at [portolasafety@gmail.com](mailto:portolasafety@gmail.com) or head to their website [here!](#)

## **What's Cookin' This Week?\***



**Wednesday:** No School - Thanksgiving Holidays

**Thursday:** No School - Thanksgiving Holidays

**Friday:** No School - Thanksgiving Holidays

**Monday:** Pasta & Turkey Meatballs w/ Caesar Salad & 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

### Membership Meeting

The Family Association held its first members meeting last Wednesday, November 15 and a productive meeting it was! Thank you to everyone who attended. For those who were unable to attend, you may view the meeting minutes [here](#):

There will be many more opportunities ahead to attend meetings and we would love your thoughts, suggestions and input at any time via: [fa@sfschool.org](mailto:fa@sfschool.org). Lots more to come!

### Coat Drive coming up!!

Led by South class preschool parent, Jessa Post, the Family Association is organizing a Coat Drive for those affected by the fires in the North Bay as well as for the OneWarmCoat project. Between Monday, November 26th and Friday, December 15th there will be a bin in the front hall at SFS for the collection of both used warm coats and new children's jackets and rain boots. Thank you all in advance!!

## Beyond the Gates

### ODC's The Velveteen Rabbit at YBCA Theater



Featuring SFS students Nola Burd (2nd Grade) and Ella Ford (4th Grade) in the kids' cast!

In its 31st season, the Velveteen Rabbit is a beloved Bay Area holiday tradition. ODC/Dance enlivens Margery Williams' classic tale of a well-worn nursery rabbit that becomes real. Told through music, dance and a powerful narrative, The Velveteen Rabbit celebrates the unique relationship between a little boy and his stuffed rabbit, and the enduring power of love. It's brimming with wit, festive costumes, madcap characters and the perfect amount of holiday cheer!

ODC/Dance, one of America's most exciting and acclaimed contemporary

dance companies, returns to Yerba Buena Center for the Arts from **November 25 to December 10**. The 2nd and 3rd Grades will have field trips to attend on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, respectively.

For tickets, visit the [ODC website!](#)

## Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

If you walk into almost any classroom, you'll see lots of different kinds of kids. Not only do they have varying backgrounds and interests, but also they learn in many ways at many levels. Teachers do their best to differentiate – or individualize – but it's not always possible to give every student totally personalized approaches and assignments.

That's where digital media can step in to fill holes, close gaps, and engage kids in new ways. For kids with **learning and attention issues**, there's a wide variety of tools available for all kinds of needs. If a kid **needs more challenges**, they can use apps to dive deeper into topics they love and test their skills. When kids feel **unmotivated and frustrated** by more traditional approaches, technology can offer intriguing in-roads that capture their interest. Whatever the need, educational apps and sites are worth exploring as a solution!



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