



# THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

## Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of March 26, 2018



7th Graders and 5th Grade teacher Talia Goodkin meet up at the March for Our Lives.

## Upcoming Dates

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### Wednesday, March 28

Family Association Members' Meeting

5:30-7:00 pm

### Friday, March 30

Middle School Conferences

(No School for 6th-8th Grades Only)

### Monday, April 2-Wednesday, April 4

4th Grade Trip

### Monday, April 2-Saturday, April 7

8th Grade Trip

### Tuesday, April 3-Friday, April 6

6th & 7th Grades Outdoor Education

### Wednesday, April 4

Public Purpose Committee

8:45-9:45 am

**Monday, April 9-Friday, April 13**

Spring Break

Full Calendar

## In the Spotlight...

### Board of Trustees Nominations for 2018-2019

In accordance with the bylaws of The San Francisco School, the Board has approved the slate of new trustee candidates and presents it to the community for consideration. Ballots will be sent by mail this week to each family for the election or re-election of Class A trustees (parents or guardians of current students). Please review the nominees' biographical information [here](#), then complete and return your ballot forms to school by **Friday, April 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm**.

The candidates are:

**Adam Oberweiser**, SFS Alumnus and 6th Grade Parent  
**Snuller Price**, 2nd Grade and South Class Preschool Parent  
**Libby Reder**, North Class Preschool Parent  
**David Whitelaw**, 1st Grade and North Class Preschool Parent  
**Keith Wolff**, 2nd Grade Parent  
**Ana Zacapa Camberos**, 1st Grade Parent

**Jeanie Chang**, 2nd Grade Parent; Current Trustee (running for re-election)

**Cathy Manshel**, 6th Grade and Alumnus (Class of 2016) Parent, Current Trustee (running for re-election)

Please contact Jeanie Chang, Chair of the Nominating Committee, with questions ([jeanettekeichang@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettekeichang@gmail.com)).

## School News

### **Auction Thanks & Reminders**

Thanks again to all of our donors, attendees, and bidders for making the auction such a success on so many levels. The event was sold out! We

had more faculty and staff in attendance than we have in many years. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Lastly, we raised more funds for Tuition Assistance than ever!



We have sent requests to self-checkout to many bidders through [schoolauction.net](http://schoolauction.net). Please check out at your earliest convenience. If you have not received a receipt or a request to check out, please check your spam/junk folder.

We will be connecting hosts with their winning bidders this week. In the meantime, if you don't remember the date of an event you won, please check here: [Community Events Schedule](#).

With much appreciation, the Advancement Office

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## SFS Community Math Puzzle

Welcome back to the SFS Community Math Puzzle, thanks to Middle School Math Coordinator Jiazhen Zhang! Here's how this works: all you math lovers and math lovers-to-be have until **this Friday, March 30th** to submit your response to Jiazhen. Kids and parents/guardians can work together or separately, and are strongly encouraged to turn in answers whether or not you're sure they're correct! If you're intimidated by the puzzles sometimes - that's terrific! Share that feeling with your child and model the patience, persistence, and flexibility it takes to work on something challenging.

Please submit your answers to Jiazhen by emailing [jzhang@sfschool.org](mailto:jzhang@sfschool.org) or putting a hard copy in her mailbox behind the front desk!

Here we go...

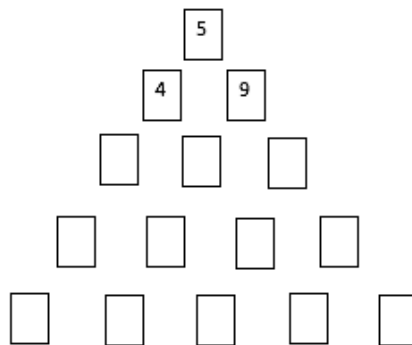
### Triangle of Cards

I have 15 cards, numbered consecutively from 1 to 15. I want to lay them out in a triangle. I want each card to be the difference between the two cards immediately below it, to left and right. For example, 5 is the difference between 4 and 9. (The differences are always calculated so that they are positive.) This condition does not apply to the cards in the bottom row.

The top three cards are already in place. Can you find how to place the remaining twelve cards?

*Note: This is also called a "difference triangle." Mathematicians have found "difference triangles" like this with*

two, three or four rows of cards, with consecutive whole numbers starting from one (1). It has been proved that no difference triangle can have six or more rows.



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## SPEAK Presents Dr. Laura Kastner



On **April 25**, **SPEAK** will be hosting its final speaker for the year, Dr. Laura Kastner, who will be speaking on the topic, "Getting to Calm: Raising Healthy, Caring, and Successful Children in Our Angst-Ridden World Today." This event is free for SFS families because SFS is a member of SPEAK, a coalition of SF K-8 schools that have joined together to enhance parent education. Please see details below on the event and how to RSVP.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 25th, 2018

**Time:** 9:00 AM

**Location:** Katherine Delmar Burke School, **7070 California Street**

**To RSVP for this event, please visit:** <https://laurakastner.eventbrite.com>

Dr. Laura Kastner's talk will focus on how parents can be effective and skillful in handling typical parenting challenges, with the understanding that we all share the all important goal of maintaining a loving, reliable and affectionate bond with our children even when it feels like kids are pushing limits almost all the time.

The last five decades have produced solid research about what kinds of parenting predict high achievement, social and emotional competence and a strong character. Pulling it off is quite another matter. Amidst good intentions, parents end up fighting with their kids about school achievement, disrespect, noncompliance, lazy work habits and all manner of household hassles. With touch screens as a constant source of entertainment and distraction, families have a tougher time than ever figuring out how to raise healthy children.

### **About Laura Kastner, Ph.D**

Laura Kastner, Ph.D. is a clinical professor in both the Department of Psychology and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at University of Washington. Dr. Kastner is a nationally recognized author and speaker and has appeared on *The Today Show* and many TV news programs, has written for parenting magazines, and has authored five parenting books.

We are also excited to continue our SPEAK Community Coffee

discussions. We realize the SPEAK event is at an inconvenient time for some. Whether you can or cannot attend the event, please join us for a rich discussion and a chance to build community.

**Community Coffee:**

**Date:** Friday, April 27th, 2018

**Time:** 8:00-9:30 am

**Location:** South Class Yard

Thanks to the Family Association for providing us with coffee and yummy treats to fuel our discussion!

**Want to read Dr. Kastner's book *Getting to Calm*?** We have copies to borrow at the front desk!

Please feel free to contact the SFS SPEAK Team with any questions or concerns: Divya Silbermann ([dindib@gmail.com](mailto:dindib@gmail.com)), Michelle Manzo ([michelle.manzo@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.manzo@gmail.com)), and Nadya Ramsaroop ([nadyakr@yahoo.com](mailto:nadyakr@yahoo.com))

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## Carpool Etiquette Reminder

Please respect our staff members running carpool, our neighbors, and our environment by remembering a couple of carpool basics:

- In line, pull up as far as you can and turn off your engine while waiting.
- If you're early for your child's division, please try to avoid blocking traffic on Gaven St. and the flow of the carpool line. If necessary, please be prepared to circle around or park and wait.
- Please do not block driveways or double park!

Thank you for your help!

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



**Wednesday:** Enchilada Casserole w/ Coleslaw & Fruit

**Thursday:** Chicken Tikka Masala w/ Caesar Salad & Fruit

**Friday:** Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

**Monday:** Mac & Cheese w/ Broccoli & Fruit

**Tuesday:** Soup Day w/ Caesar Salad, Cornbread, & Cheese

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

### Next FA Members Meeting - Wednesday, March 28, 5:30-7:00pm

Please join us at the next Members Meeting this Wednesday, where we'll be presenting the results of the SFS Community Survey, discussing plans and initiatives for next school year and seeking community input. Childcare will be provided.

**Click here to RSVP and sign up for childcare:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/vePTxUvjUkz3Hcs2>

### FA Community Coffee - Friday, April 27, 8:15-9:30 am

Please save the date for the next Community Coffee. There will be warm beverages & tasty breakfast goodies. Thank you to those who attended the last coffee and to our new Board Chair, Anne Hipskind Roberts!

## Beyond the Gates

### Save the Date!

### 2nd Annual SF Public Library/Portola School Art Exhibit

Artists from SFS will be contributing their work for the second annual exhibit at the SFPL Portola branch in April. Celebrating the flora, fauna, and the many schools of the Garden District, families and staff of the Alta Vista School, ER Taylor Elementary School, and SFS are invited to the Opening Reception on **Thursday, April 19 at 4:00 pm**. SFS's own Nico Berry (parent of Saskia, 2nd Grade, and Simone, 7th Grade) will speak at the reception about his murals, many of which are known and loved throughout the Portola.

## Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

Sometimes, what kids see, hear, and read can be confusing, especially if it's about topics that aren't kid-friendly or upsetting current events. Not only do we want to **know what to say when there's a natural disaster or event where people intentionally hurt others**, but we also want them to be able to sort through multiple sources, be aware of marketing and manipulation, and make informed decisions.

In this 24/7 digital world, even little kids have a lot of exposure to information. We can help them begin to **recognize how media works in terms of marketing and messages** in simple ways early on to lay the foundation for more complex conversations later. And when they start to show an interest in the news and have access to sources of information, we can model **news literacy** ourselves by withholding judgement until we consult multiple sources (or at least say when we've only looked at one source) and show them how to approach news with a critical eye.



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at 12:00 pm!)

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