



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of April 23, 2018



Solveig and the 2nd Graders picked up the baby goats from Toluma Farms! (Photo Credit: Bethany Paves)

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, April 25

SPEAK Presents Dr. Laura Kastner (@ Burke's)
9:00 am

Thursday, April 26

7th Grade First High School Info Night (for Parents/Guardians)
6:30-7:30 pm

Friday, April 27

Day of Silence

Community Coffee
8:00-9:15 am

Wednesday, May 2

All School Meeting
5:00-6:15 pm

Friday, May 4

Middle School Dance
6:30-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 5

Adventure Playground Work Day

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Full Calendar

In the Spotlight...



On Thursday, April 19, the 2nd Annual Portola Library School Art Exhibit officially commenced. A joint exhibit by the San Francisco Public Library, The San Francisco School, Alta Vista School, and E.R. Taylor, the artwork represents the myriad of plants and animals found in San Francisco's Garden District. [Click here](#) to read more about the beautiful artwork on display from the three schools, as well as SFS parent and local muralist Nico Berry!

School News

Next Week: All School Meeting!

It is the time of year we gather as members of our school community to hear program highlights and review school business, at our All School Meeting next **Wednesday, May 2nd from 5:00-6:15 pm.**

This spring we are excited to have a presentation by **Knowing Technologies** (KT). In line with SFS's new Strategic Plan, throughout the course of the year, five teachers from across the school were chosen from an applicant pool and received one-on-one weekly coaching from a Knowing Technologies instructor around more meaningfully integrating technology into their classrooms. These tools have not only allowed teachers to be more dynamic with their instruction, but they have also been able to further differentiate learning for their students and engage their classes on different levels.

At our All School Meeting, we will have the opportunity to hear from both faculty and students about the impact this work is having on their day-to-day experiences. We will use the fishbowl format to hear directly from the teachers who participated in this professional development experience, as well as a separate fishbowl comprised of a small group of 4th-8th Grade students, a.k.a. the "users" of these new tools! All members will have an opportunity to listen and ask questions of both groups. We will also have the opportunity to participate in a fun activity using iPads to help demonstrate a new form of "real time" assessment being used in classrooms across the school. This is not to be missed! Following the presentation, Steve will give his update on broader school business.

The All School Meeting is a long-standing tradition at SFS, based on the recognized value of all school community members coming together to be informed and to discuss current events of the school. Board members and staff will be in attendance, and we hope that a member of each family will attend. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!

Light snacks, drinks and childcare will be provided - no need to register.

Sincerely,
Anne Hipskind Roberts, Board Chair

Wednesday! SPEAK Presents Dr. Laura Kastner



Tomorrow, **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>

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), Michelle Manzo (michelle.manzo@gmail.com), and Nadya Ramsaroop (nadyakr@yahoo.com)

Help Middle Schoolers Knit For A Cause

This spring, middle school students in an elective class will be knitting up a storm for the Immigrant Yarn Project, and we can use your yarn!

Please donate your left over yarn from past beloved projects. Natural fibers are preferable: cotton, wool and wool blends, but others welcome. Please place in the basket near the Front Desk.

Local organization [Enactivist](http://enactivist.org) is collecting squares and panels of knitted stories and statements to honor immigrants and diversity in this nation. With all of these squares and panels, huge columns will be created and hung at Fort Point by May of 2019. Later, the installation will travel the U.S.

All members of the SFS community are welcome to knit, crochet, finger knit or make pompoms. We will send what we have at the end of the school year (entries are due August, 2018). Get more information and directions at the link below:

<http://enactivist.org/knitting-instructions>

-Erika (eliedtke@sfschool.org) and Solveig (sdimon@sfschool.org)

Community Math Puzzle

Ready to try out the new Community Math Puzzle? Solutions are due to Jiazhen Zhang (jzhang@sfschool.org) by **Friday, May 4!**

Family Party

"It was a wonderful party," said Lucy to her friend Harriet.

"Who was there?" asked Harriet.

"Well – there was one grandfather, one grandmother, two fathers, two mothers, four children, three grandchildren, one brother, two sisters, two sons, two daughters, one father-in-law, one mother-in-law and one daughter-in-law."

"Wow! Twenty-three people!" exclaimed Harriet

"No, it was less than that. A lot less," answered Lucy.

What is the smallest size of the party that matches Lucy's description?

In Search Of...

Summer Housing: An alumna of Steve Morris's school in Pittsburgh, Sewickley Academy, is seeking summer housing in SF while she completes an internship at UCSF. She is

currently a student at Penn State, Spanish-English bilingual, and hoping for housing from **June 15-August 14**. She is open to a private bedroom (and ideally bathroom) with access to a kitchen and other living spaces, or a studio/1 bedroom (price permitting), or out-of-the-box possibilities, like house- or dog-sitting for that period of time. She will have long lab hours daily (Mon-Sat 8-6) and would love to be close to either UCSF campus, but also is flexible and understanding of the many joys and wonders of the SF housing market/willing to travel. Please email Steve (smorris@sfschool.org) with any leads!



Support The Children's Book Project



CHILDREN'S BOOK PROJECT

Now through **May 15**, the Public Purpose Committee will be collecting new or gently used, recent books for children of all ages (from infants through teens) for the **Children's Book Project**. Teachers and other staff who serve economically disadvantaged children come in to their book site and choose free books. Please place your books on the bookshelf under the stairs (past the front desk).

They especially need:

- board books
- early readers
- elementary chapter books
- books in Spanish or Chinese
- graphic novels
- popular series for 8-12 year olds

They can't use and don't accept:

- textbooks and curriculum materials
- encyclopedias
- audio cassettes and VHS tapes
- library discards
- obsolete books
- dirty, dusty, wet, or mildewed books
- nonfiction over ten years old

Questions? Please contact Cathy Manshel (cmanshel@gmail.com)!

What's Cookin' This Week?*



Wednesday: Burritos w/ Coleslaw & Fruit

Thursday: Sausage & Bulgur w/ Caesar Salad & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Spaghetti Carbonara w/ Green 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

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

Please save the date for this Friday's Community Coffee to discuss the SPEAK event and Dr. Kastner's book. There will be warm beverages & tasty breakfast goodies.

Saturday, May 5th! Adventure Playground Work Day

Join us from **9:00 am-12:00 pm on May 5th** to work in the Adventure Playground! Our children are lucky to have such an amazing outdoor space available to them, but it does need our community to come together and help maintain it now and then. Projects may include cleaning the barn and gazebo, adding new plywood to one side of the barn, weeding, and adding sand to the sand pits. Lunch will be provided.

Beyond the Gates

Dance Mission's Grrrl Brigade 15th Anniversary Show



Dance Mission presents the Grrrl Brigade in *Dancing on the Edge of the World!*

Based on Howard Zinn's [A People's History of the United States](#)

A 15th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 28 at 7:00 pm (with Gala reception at 5:00 pm) & **Sunday, April 29 at 2:00 pm**

Cowell Theater, 2 Marina Blvd, San Francisco, CA

94123

(featuring SFS 6th Graders Zara and Violet!)

This April, Dance Mission Theater will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of Grrrl Brigade, Dance Mission Youth Dance Company. Based on Dance Brigade's approach to dance theater with a political message, *Dancing on the Edge of the World* takes the audience on a journey through the people's history. Through fierce dancing and ground shaking taiko drumming the Grrrl Brigade remembers and honors those that have truly built our America.

The GRRRL Brigade is an intensive dance/leadership development program designed to provide high quality dance training, performance opportunities, and a sense of self-empowerment for San Francisco's girls ages 9 to 18. The goal is to give the girls, their parents, and our audience the inspiration, magic, and hope only evocative dance theater can spark in creating a just and peaceful world.

Saturday night includes a Silent Auction and Gala and is a benefit for Grrrl Brigade.

Tickets and more info: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3342131>

ODC's *Uncertain Weather*



On **May 5-6 at 1:00 and 4:00 pm**, join the ODC School (featuring SFS 8th Grader Alex!) for *Uncertain Weather*!

Uncertain Weather is a 70-minute ODC School production directed by ODC Associate Choreographer and School Director Kimi

Okada. A cast of 57 young people (ages 8-19) will perform in the ODC Theater after spending the full school year rehearsing with commissioned professional choreographers. The piece follows 3 young people (and a live dog) on a seamless journey through unpredictable weather – rainstorms and squalls, earthquakes, tsunamis, white-hot deserts, heat waves, fog, and sunny beach days – and the consequences of climate change.

Tickets: <http://www.odc.dance/UncertainWeather>

Audition for the Young Women's Choral Projects

The Young Women's Choral Projects of San Francisco is having auditions!



YWCP, which has featured many young women from SFS throughout the years, is holding auditions for all four choirs: their premier choir, Young Women's Chorus (grades 7-12) as well as their three training choirs, Vivo Chorus (grades 6-12), Allegro Chorus (grades 4-8), and Prelude Chorus (grades 2-6).

Auditions will be held on **Saturday, May 12 and Saturday, June 9** for the 2018-2019 Season. Scholarships available!

For more information or to sign up for an audition:
www.ywcp.org or 415.312.7787 or info@ywcp.org

Writing Class at San Francisco Zen Center

Laura Burges, 3rd Grade Teacher, together with writer Patsy Creedy, will be offering a writing course at the [San Francisco Zen Center](#) called "The Great Matter: Writing the Way."

In this five week class, we will write personal



narratives to explore "The Great Matter," as we say in Zen, of our own lives. Monday nights, 7:30 - 9:00 pm, **May 7 - June 4**, in the Zen Center dining room, 300 Page Street, corner of Laguna. There will be no class on May 28, Memorial Day.

For more information and to register:

[http://sfzc.org/city-center/zen-meditation-practice/classes-extended-courses/the-great-](http://sfzc.org/city-center/zen-meditation-practice/classes-extended-courses/the-great-matter)

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Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

Technology moves at the speed of light, and it feels like it develops even faster than our kids. One day we're worried about multiplayer games, and the next we're wondering if virtual reality will suck our kids into a screen more than ever.

As digital media keeps marching on, it's helpful to know a bit about the products your kids know and will ask about – and the risks and benefits. If you already know about Pokémon Go (and who doesn't?), then you know how augmented reality – or AR – works: It basically creates a virtual layer over the real world using your device's camera. There are some **really cool ways apps use AR** to help kids visualize all kinds of things, and it's getting used more thoughtfully now that the novelty is wearing off. **Virtual reality (VR)** requires a headset of some kind (it may also use your phone) and is a more immersive experience.

Research shows that 60% of parents are worried about how VR impacts health. But the bottom line is essentially the same as with other media: Used in balance with other activities, there's no inherent harm, and there are some potentially cool learning opportunities with both trends.



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