



THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL

Tuesday Note Home Our Weekly Community Newsletter

Week of May 7, 2018



Retired 1st Grade Teacher Pamela Myers returned to SFS for the day to study dinosaurs with the 1st Graders!

Upcoming Dates

Monday, May 7-Tuesday, May 8

3rd Grade Outdoor Ed Trip

Tuesday, May 8

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
7:45-9:15 am

5th Grade Parent Ed: MAP Testing
5:30-6:15 pm

Thursday, May 10

Welcome to Middle School Potluck
6:00-8:00 pm

Friday, May 11

Public Purpose Committee Meeting
9:00-10:00 am

Preschool/New Families Welcome

3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday, May 15

Elementary Spring Concert

6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday, May 17

Middle School Spring Concert

6:30-8:30 pm

Friday, May 18

Community Coffee

8:00-9:15 am

Full Calendar

In the Spotlight...



On April 28th, The San Francisco School Board of Trustees, along with members of the Administration, participated in their annual spring retreat. The theme of the day was "From Strategic Planning to Advocacy and Implementation," and (among many other things) Board members were asked to reflect on the roles of the STEAM disciplines in their everyday lives. Read more [here](#) about the exercises and conversations they engaged in throughout the day!

School News

Faculty & Staff Anniversaries & Transitions

We are fortunate to have an incredible team of experienced professionals at SFS - several of whom have spent their entire careers working at our school.

There is a great wealth of experience, history, and wisdom in our ranks and I am grateful to be part of such a committed team. Please join me in honoring the faculty and staff who are celebrating milestone anniversaries this year in their careers at The San Francisco School.

30 YEARS

Solveig Dimon, Librarian & Naturalist

25 YEARS

James Harding, Music Teacher

15 YEARS

Harald Frohlich, South Class Preschool & Kindergarten Head Teacher

Ruth Cardillo, 5th - 8th Grade Art Teacher

10 YEARS

Tiffany Fong, Athletic Director and Physical Education Teacher

Retirements and Moving On

Every so often a staff member or members decide to “hang up” their magic markers, erasers, or, in this case, apron! This year, three folks have made the decision to retire. South Class Teacher, Helen Lee (21 years), Kitchen Co-Manager, Jane Loeser (20+ years), and Rosemary Malone, Substitute Coordinator (22 years) have given so much to SFS over the years, and we are forever grateful. Please join me in thanking and celebrating them!

In addition to the above retirements, we wish Luke Bailey (3rd Grade TA, 6th Grade Science Teacher), Harald Frohlich (South Class PS/K Head Teacher, Jadine Louie (7th/8th Math), Christine Peterson (Extended Day), and Isaac Mraz (Facilities Manager), and Matt Wyatt (4th/5th TA) a fond farewell and the best of luck in their next adventures. Please join me in thanking them throughout the next several weeks.

2018-19 Faculty & Staff Transitions

While we have let you know previously about some of the upcoming changes for the new school year, I want to share a comprehensive list of faculty and staff transitions for 2018-19. I am pleased to report that the majority of our faculty and staff are returning for 2018-19. Below are descriptions of the changes. We will provide further biographical details about our new faculty members in our back-to-school communications.

South Class: With Harald and Helen’s departures, Christina Baum will move from her current position as Teaching Assistant and become our new PS/K Head Teacher. We are in the process of hiring (2) PS/K Teaching Assistants.

4th/5th Grade Math and Science: Emma Martin will be the first person to fill this new position at SFS.

6th Grade Math and Science: After a one year stint as our 5th/6th Math Teacher, Melissa Doezema, is returning to SFS to assume the role of 6th Grade Math and Science Teacher - a role that she previously held for nearly a decade.

7th/8th Grade Math Teacher: Anne Federwisch will be joining the Middle School team in August.

Full-Time Communications & Marketing Manager: We are in the process of hiring for this new position.

Part Time Kitchen Co-Manager: We are in the process of hiring for this position.

Full Time Facilities Manager: This is an outsourced position through Hines Maintenance.

– Steve Morris, Head of School

Community Math Puzzle

Thank you and congratulations to Lucy S., Rowan C., Eva L-K, and Serina J. for submitting solutions to the Community Math Puzzle! Many adults also mentioned their ideas to Jiazhen - don't forget, anyone can write up a solution (or guess!) and email it to her or put it in her mailbox!



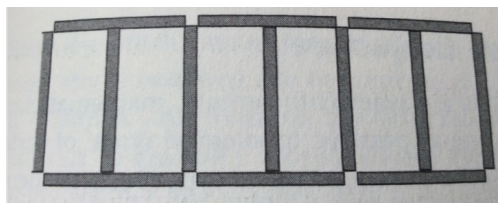
"Family Party" Solution: There must be 7 people minimum. Grandfather is also a father and a father-in-law; grandmother is also a mother and a mother-in-law; Father is also a child and a son; Mother is also a daughter-in-law; Brother is also a grandchild, a child, and a son; and two Sisters are also grandchildren, daughters, and children.

The next puzzle (below) is due to Jiazhen (jzhang@sfschool.org) by **Friday, May 25!**

Solveig's Dilemma

Solveig has run into a mathematical-agricultural problem. She had carefully put together 13 identical fence panels to create 6 identical pens for our animals. But during the night someone stole one of her panels, so now she needs to use 12 panels to create 6 identical pens. How can she do this? All 12 panels must be used.

In the diagram below, 13 panels were used to make 6 pens. Help Solveig make 6 pens with only 12 panels!



In Search Of...

Who Wants Our SFJazz Tickets? Jean Kuwamoto writes that her family is unable to use their tickets for Doug Goodkin's *sold out* show at the SFJazz Center this Saturday at 11:00 am. They have 2 adult tickets and 2 child tickets available. Please contact her at



(jean.kuwamoto@gmail.com) if you're interested!

Time is Running Out to Support The 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: Shepherd's Pie w/ Cucumber Salad & Fruit

Thursday: Enchilada Casserole w/ Green Salad & Fruit

Friday: Picnic Lunch (for Preschool/Kindergarten)

Monday: Ravioli 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

Community Coffee: Please stop by the Family Association's Community Coffee, **Friday, May 19** from **8:00-9:30 am** in the Gazebo for some coffee, tea, baked goods and socializing!

A big thank you to all those who have supported the FA this year with their time and energy. If you've got ideas, talent, or excitement you want to share please join us as we gear up for another great year! Email fa@sfschool.org to get involved!

Beyond the Gates

Volunteers Needed - Excelsior Community Food Pantry



If you're free **this Saturday, May 12th**, please join 2nd Grader Lucelia at the **Excelsior Community Food Pantry** to distribute free groceries to our neighbors!

We will meet at the San Francisco Campus for Jewish Living (formerly known as Jewish Home – 302 Silver Avenue) at **10:15 am** and will finish up by **12:30 pm**. Tasks include greeting the participants; guiding them through the line; handing out produce, dairy products, grains, and meats; and breaking down boxes.

Children of all ages are welcome! Please contact Amelia Zimmermann Wolff (ameliazw@hotmail.com) for more information and to sign up. We hope you can join us!

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 **this 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

Common Sense Media Tip of the Week

Ever have a kid pretend they didn't hear you when you asked them to shut down an iPad? How about outright refuse? How about showing secretive behavior, like minimizing windows when you walk by? These are the moments that make parents want to find a parental control they can install so they can know what their kids are doing online – and shut it down when they won't do it themselves.

It's definitely tempting, and there's certainly **no shortage of devices, programs, and apps**. And they may indeed work well for some families. But imagine following your kids around to always put broccoli on their plates or listening to every conversation. Ultimately, we want our kids to learn to make healthy choices on their own, and we don't want to damage our relationship with them by invading their privacy.

What's missing from many of these products is the **ongoing conversation** that serves as the training wheels to help kids learn how to regulate themselves, practice being safe and responsible online, and deal with the fallout from the mistakes they make. **Only we can do that**. Sure, we can track and turn off devices with a tap, but we also need to become that guiding voice in their heads that they can carry with them – like they carry their phones – so they can learn the skills they need to use devices responsibly in the future.

And in the spirit of **Teacher Appreciation Week**, we'd like to share our thanks for all you do with a **short video** and **#TeachersWhoRock** quotes from our parent community. Have a great week!



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