



The Eagle Eye

Arroyo School | Weekly Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar

- **1/7** - Return to School from Break
- **1/15** - PTA Meeting (8:45am CMS/Arroyo Library)
- **1/20** - MLK Holiday - No School

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Arroyo Families,

Happy New Year! We're excited to welcome everyone back to Arroyo on Tuesday, January 7. Teachers will spend Monday the 6th doing professional development. We'll be working with our math coach and getting more comfortable with Illuminate, our gradebook and student assessment portal.

I want to again thank you for contributing to our December collection for [Project Night Night](#) and share the message we received from the organization's Founder.

- Happy holidays! I wanted to thank you and the generous students at Arroyo Upper Elementary for the fantastic

Fundraising Rewards

Participate in our rewards programs and a percentage of your purchases will automatically be donated to the Central Arroyo PTA - at no cost to you!



PTA Corner

Visit [PTAEZ](#) to become a parent partner and make a donation of any amount to support PTA programs and events.

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collection of new blankets, books, and stuffed animals for Project Night Night. We are honored to receive such high-quality items which will be a blessing for the homeless children whom we serve. We know that there are many worthwhile organizations, and we are thrilled that you selected Project Night Night for your support.

I hope you all had a wonderful break and enjoyed the holidays. Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year! I can't wait to see what 2020 will bring!

Warmly,

Mindy Shelton

Principal

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District News

Measure N Parcel Tax Information

The San Carlos School Board has placed Measure N on the March 3, 2020 ballot to renew and increase our existing local school parcel tax.

Currently, each San Carlos homeowner pays \$246.60 towards the Parcel Tax, which funds teacher salaries and keeping classroom sizes smaller. This tax is set to expire in 2021. The ballot measure is to renew and increase this tax by an additional \$88, raising \$3,000,000 annually, for 8 years. Taxes raised can ONLY

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be used locally in our schools and are restricted to:

- Attracting and retaining qualified and experienced teachers
- Maintaining small class sizes
- Maintaining programs that support bringing all students up to the highest level possible in core subjects like math, reading, and writing
- Maintaining math, hands-on science, technology, and engineering programs
- Providing art, music, libraries, and a well-rounded education

This tax is not EXTRA funding but instead is CRUCIAL to operating our district. The funding gap is currently being bridged through local parcel taxes, SCEF, and community partnerships such as the one we have with Sequoia Healthcare District. Additionally, senior citizen homeowners 65 years or older are eligible for an exemption through an application process should they feel it is a financial hardship.

To learn more about the Parcel Tax, visit our website -

<https://www.scsdk8.org/apps/pages/2020-Parcel-Tax-Information>

Please feel free to contact Dr. Harmeier if you have any additional comments or questions - Michelle Harmeier, Superintendent - mharmeier@scsdk8.org - (650) 590-5935

ROPES Presentations are Soon and Judges are Needed!

We are still looking for parents and community members that would like to serve as a judge for the ROPES (Rite of Passage Experiences) presentations next month. ROPES are challenging projects that 4th, 6th and 8th grade students have completed which allow them to learn about their world and themselves in a deeper but fun way. Thank you to the many volunteers who have signed up already. **There are 3 opportunities to judge: Monday, Feb 3, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Tuesday, Feb 4, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Wednesday, Feb 5, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm.** We would not be able to maintain this valuable program without the support of our community. We are asking for you to join district staff and other community members by volunteering to serve as a judge on one of our judging panels. Typically, we have two to three judges per room and they judge four to six student presentations in an evening. We hope that you will be able to join us in this worthwhile event. If you are able to judge on any/all of those days, please contact Veronica Rickson either via email at ROPES@scsdk8.org or by phone at 650-590-5926. Thank You!

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PTA News

PTA Meeting - Next Wednesday, January 15th at 8:45am

Join us for our first PTA meeting of 2020 to hear updates and participate in discussions. This is an opportunity to stay informed, get involved and have your voice heard on important topics. We'll meet on **Wednesday,**

Jan. 15th at 8:45am in the CMS/Arroyo library. We'd love to see you there!

Support Public School Advocacy & Make Your Voice Heard

Become a PTA Member Today!

We're grateful to all the families who have already joined the CMS/Arroyo PTA. Currently, 40% of our CMS/Arroyo community have become PTA members for this school year. **If you haven't yet joined, you can still sign up for membership.**

As a PTA Member, you not only support our CMS/Arroyo teachers, staff and programs but are also part of decision-making discussions and support the voice of the PTA and public schools in advocacy programs at the state level. Your support goes a long way. Join us this year and sign up as a member today:
<https://centralarroyopta.myschoolcentral.com/ptaez/>

Upper Elementary School Play

The PTA is very excited to be offering for the first time an upper elementary school play this year in coordination with San Carlos Children's Theater. Thank you to those of you who completed the interest survey. If you think your child might be interested in participating please remember to plan for a **rehearsal schedule beginning Friday, February 7th. Rehearsals will be from 3:45 pm until 6:15 pm on Fridays and on Wednesdays from 2 PM to 5 PM.** Tech week will begin on Sunday, April 5 with rehearsals every afternoon/evening.

Performances will be Friday evening April 10 and Saturday afternoon April 11.

Registration will begin in mid-January. Students from Arroyo, Charter, and Mariposa are invited to participate. We hope many upper elementary students will take advantage of this opportunity to develop their performing skills.

If you have any questions please contact Kirsten Kell, school@kkmft.com

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SCEF News

Starlight Gala - March 14

It's the party of the year--Cocktails, Dinner, Dancing, Live and Silent Auction at the beautiful Sharon Heights Country Club. It's for the kids! Tickets go on sale this week! Log-in on Thursday (Jan 9) starting at 10:00 am to purchase tickets.

<https://www.scefkids.org/starlightgalatickets/>

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Community Partners

Join us for the Annual SCSD Musical! Jan 23-26

Cutloose January 23-26 at the exciting SCSD musical, Getting to Know FOOTLOOSE, featuring district students in grades 4-8! Tickets are now on sale at www.SanCarlosChildrensTheater.com.

True to the original Footloose story about a Chicago teen who discovers that dancing is outlawed in the small town he's just moved to, Getting to Know FOOTLOOSE is a shorter, family-friendly version of the original hit movie. You'll enjoy all the popular dance tunes, including "Let's Hear It for the Boy," the hit Footloose theme, "Holding Out for a Hero," and "Almost Paradise." The annual school district musical is always a sell-out, and everyone loves the exhilarating music and dancing in Footloose, so reserve your seats early.

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