

Monday, November 26, 2018

Counselor's Update

We hope you had a special Thanksgiving holiday with your families. We are coordinating two wonderful opportunities to give this holiday season! This is the **LAST WEEK** for both, as the deadline to contribute is the morning of Friday, November 30th.

Arroyo School is collecting **new, unwrapped toys** for children of all ages to support **Samaritan House's Annual Holiday Program**. This program will provide new toys, new coats, adult gifts and much more to over 2,500 families in San Mateo County. Samaritan House serves about 14,000 people in San Mateo county each year that are in need and this holiday program is a tremendous highlight for many of them. There are collection boxes in three locations - Arroyo School Office, Arroyo/CMS Library, and Central Middle School Office.

Arroyo School is also collecting **gift cards** (Visa, Mastercard, Target, Walmart, and Home Depot preferred) for the students and their families at **Paradise School**, whose homes and belongings were destroyed in the recent Camp Fire. A collection envelope and kindness card to sign are located in the Arroyo Office.

Thank you so much, in advance, for your kind donations!

PTA News

BIG KID HELPERS NEEDED FOR BA's HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Brittan Acres Elementary is looking for alumni volunteers to help at it's annual Holiday Boutique. On Saturday, December 1, we are looking for big kid helpers to guide the younger kids through the Boutique, help them with budgeting, and ensure that they purchase something for each loved one on their shopping lists. Each volunteer will receive a festive hat to wear and keep, hot cocoa and cookie, the opportunity to shop themselves and of course the joy of giving back to their old school at this long standing BA event. We so appreciate the help!! Signup sheet here: <http://signup.com/go/KVBPPsB> Questions? BAHolidayBoutique@gmail.com

District News

SMART-E COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING

SCSD will be hosting a SMART-E Community Engagement Meeting on Wednesday, December 5th at Heather School from 7-8:30 PM. Input gathered from this meeting will help the District with planning for the next year of SMART-E extended day

and enrichment program. In addition to the Community Engagement Meeting, parents will be receiving a survey designed to help the District evaluate our SMART-E extended day and enrichment programs and learn more about the needs of our parents. Please plan to attend the event and consider providing input on the survey.

SAN CARLOS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH FAIR WORKSHOP #3

When: Wednesday, November 28th from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Where: Central Middle School Library

Students in 5-8th grades interested in entering this year's fair should try and attend. Parents are welcome as well.

We will have a discussion on how to analyze and present data for a successful STEM Fair project, as well as review how to register and complete the forms required for projects involving humans or other living organisms. Students will then have the opportunity to discuss and get valuable input on their projects with our community scientists and engineers during the second half of the meeting.

Attendance at the workshops is not required to enter the STEM Fair. The fair will take place on January 26th, 2019. [Registration](#) for the STEM fair can be done at [this link](#) Contact Bob Dubrow, bdubrow@scsdk8.org if you have questions or comments.

SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

Please take 5 minutes to complete the linked survey. Your feedback allows us to adjust Safe Routes to School (SRTS) education and encouragement program features to best meet the needs of each individual school. Results will also be shared with decision makers throughout the county who can address infrastructure issues regarding safe walking and biking.

English Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1819_English

Spanish Link: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/1819Spanish>

SCEF News

DONATE EARLY

As we enter the last weeks of 2018, we request that you consider making your SCEF Annual Fund donation earlier than usual. NOW is the time to do it! Take advantage of possible 2018 tax deductions by making a gift of cash or stock to SCEF before December 31st. As our district faces challenging budget issues, SCEF would like to be able to provide a good estimate of our grant to Superintendent Harmier and her team by

March 30, 2019. Making your donation earlier in the school year will provide the district a better understanding of our community's commitment to quality education in our San Carlos public schools. Thank you for your consideration. Donate now at: www.scefkids.org/donate

SPORTS BASEMENT SHOPPING DAY TO BENEFIT SCEF

On Thursday, November 29th, Sports Basement is inviting everyone in the San Carlos School District to a very special shopping day. Come see the new store in Redwood City, at 202 Walnut St, mention SCEF as your beneficiary when you sign up for Basementeers and receive 20% off your entire purchase all day long! SCEF is a beneficiary of the Basementeers program and will get 10% of all sales. Join us at the 6pm reception, get all of your winter gear, and raise money for all of our schools!

SCEF CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH FUNDRAISER WITH HONEY BEAR TREES

Buy your Christmas tree and wreath at Honey Bear Trees and SCEF will receive 15% of your purchase price! Bring a copy of the flyer to take advantage of this offer.

Tree lot locations and flyer can be found at: www.scefkids.org/hbt

SCEF RAFFLE FOR SPRING VACATION, MARCH 30-APRIL 6, 2019

Win a 7 day/6 night Vacation Rental for Spring 2019 at the Sheraton Vistana Resort Villas at Lake Buena Vista in Orlando. Make your family's Florida vacation dream come true! Drawing on November 30, 2018 at 7pm during Night of Holiday Lights on Laurel Street in San Carlos. To purchase raffle tickets, email: raffle@scefkids.org indicating how many tickets you would like to purchase. 1 ticket for \$25, 3 for \$60, 5 for \$100.

SEASON OF THANKS

The SCEF board of directors is grateful for our local business community and its support. Visit the SCEF shopping page to see a list of our local business donors. Please be sure to thank them for their support of our schools when you shop. www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/

TAKE A BREAK!

After the hectic holiday season, take a break and enjoy:

- Teppanyaki dinner at Sakura, San Carlos on Jan 23 2019 or
- Tea Party at Lovejoy's, Redwood City on Feb 9 2019

Buy your tickets and check out other fun parties at: www.scefkids.org/events

Community Partner News

SIGN UP FOR SAN CARLOS YOUTH SOFTBALL

Interested in playing softball this spring? San Carlos Youth Softball is a great way for girls to have some fun, develop skills and build friendships. The 2019 spring rec program is now open for registration. [Click here to register online](#)

Our program is for girls ages 4-14 (as of January 2019) at all skill levels. Teams are formed in January so please [sign up soon!](#) Take advantage of early bird registration rates until Dec 1, 2018.

Questions? More information online at www.sancarlosyouthsoftball.com or email [Terry Woodsome](#).