

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and happy break and had quality time with your families. While it's not officially the ½ way point of the school year, we as educators always look at this as the turning point. We are off and sprinting to the end of the year. The time goes by so quickly!

This week we have a special opportunity just for 4th and 5th grade parents. We know many of you have had questions or requested support for understanding 4th and 5th grade math. We have the opportunity to meet with Ms. Susan Resnick, our math coach for teachers in our district. You are invited to attend Wednesday, January 9th at the District office from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and learn more about multiplication, division, fractions and decimals. An evite went out before break, but if you are interested please don't hesitate to reach out to Alex Friel afriel@scsdk8.org and we will connect you.

Warm Regards,

Alex Friel & Jean Dehner, Interim Principals

PTA News

COME TO MAVERICK JACK'S ON 1/16!

Dine in or take out anytime between 11am - 9pm on January 16, and Arroyo receives 20% of sales! (3rd party delivery services, like DoorDash, do not apply.) Maverick Jack's is located at 622 Laurel Street, San Carlos. Take time off from cooking and support our school!

LET'S GLOW ARROYO!

Mark your calendars for a new spin on the sweetheart dance - it's a glow-in-the dark games and dance party! Join us on Saturday, February 2 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Mustang Hall. Arroyo students and an adult chaperone will enjoy dancing, snacks, a selfie station, graffiti wall, glow games, a student glow bag with glow swag, and more! Purchase tickets [here!](#)

A FEW PARENT SPONSORS NEEDED FOR STUDENT-LED CLUBS

The student-led clubs are being launched this month after having been reviewed with Mrs. Friel. Various clubs will meet during lunch. There are a few clubs that need parent

sponsors to provide supervision such as the Pokemon club and the Illustrate & Write Your Own Stories club. There may be some opportunities to support a club after school as well. If you are interested and available to help with clubs starting in January, please email Wendy Dougherty for more information at dougherty.wendy@gmail.com.

District News

SCIENCE FAIR REGISTRATION AND WORKSHOP

Interested in participating in this year's Science Fair? It's not too late. Registration is still open, click [here](#).

The 23rd Annual Science fair will be held January 26th. More information can be found [here](#). The final workshop to receive feedback and suggestions on projects will be held at the CMS/Arroyo Library at 7:00pm on January 16th. If you have any questions, please contact bdubrow@scsdk8.org.

ROPES PRESENTATIONS ARE COMING AND JUDGES ARE NEEDED!

We are looking for parents and community member that would like to serve as a judge for ROPES (Rite of Passage Experiences). ROPES are challenging projects that 4th, 6th and 8th grade students have completed, which allow them to learn about their world and themselves in deeper but fun way.

There are 3 opportunities to judge:

- Monday, February 4th, 6:00PM – 8:30PM (arrive at 5:30PM)
- Tuesday, February 5th, 6:00PM – 8:30PM (arrive at 5:30PM)
- Wednesday, February 6th, 6:00PM – 8:30PM (arrive at 5:30PM)

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 judges panels. Typically we have two to three judges per room and they judge four to six student presentations in an evening.

I hope that you will be able to join us in this worthwhile event. If you are able to judge on any of those times, please contact Christina Carrier either via email at ROPES@scsdk8.org or by phone at 650-590-5935.

MATH NIGHT FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 AND 5

WHEN: January 9th, 6:30-8:00

WHERE: District Office, 1200 Industrial Road, Unit 9

Parents, please join Susan Resnick to learn about Math Strategies that our students in 4th and 5th grades are using in our Math In Focus program.

Is your student learning different strategies that you were taught in school? Not sure how to best help your child? Susan Resnick will share common math concepts taught in 4th and 5th grade, including fractions, decimals, multiplication, division, and the bar model.

Meet Susan Resnick, author of Singapore Math: Fact Fluency and US Consultant for Math in Focus 2020 edition. Susan has been working with San Carlos School District to implement Math in Focus. Teachers have been learning to bring the principles of Singapore Math to life in their classrooms to create engaged, creative problem solvers. To register online using this link: <http://evite.me/tADSpJGtcX>.

SCEF News

GALA TICKETS AVAILABLE JANUARY 8TH AT 10AM!

Don't miss out! Join us for dinner, dancing and a fabulous night out in support of our kids on March 9, 2019 at the Sharon Heights Country Club.

Go to www.scefkids.org/events on January 8th at 10am to buy your tickets!

DOUBLE THE DONATION!

Thank you to donors who submit donations to SCEF for employer matching. The Foundation had a family make a Leadership Circle donation that was double matched by both of their employers. \$5,000 turned into a \$25,000 gift to our schools. Use our double the donation tool to see how you can maximize the impact of your gift at:

www.scefkids.org/donate

Community Partner News

STEAM FEST ON THE SQUARE 2019

Save the Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019, from 11-3 at Redwood City Downtown Courthouse Square

All Bay Area students, families, and friends are invited to the Redwood City Library Foundation's 4th annual free STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) Festival. Attendees will experience a day of hands-on STEAM activities, including projects in construction, robotics, art, coding, forensics, and much more, with a closeup look at the latest energy-efficient automobiles.