

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

Principal's Message

Hello Arroyo Families,

Thank you for attending Back to School Night last week! Back to School Night was an excellent start for families and teachers to get to know one another and to begin to build those essential relationships that allow us to support student success. We hope you enjoyed the evening and were able to gain a greater understanding of how you can engage in the Arroyo community. We also hope you were able to learn more about the major themes, topics and learning goals for the year.

As I mentioned in my opening remarks, this year, as a school, we are focused on:

- Strengthening our communication strategies to help inform and support the Arroyo community by providing more consistent and ongoing ways to share student progress.
- Increasing our school connectedness from our feeder elementary schools to Arroyo and from Arroyo to Central.
- Establishing, emphasizing, and reinforcing clear routines and procedures for school-wide behavior expectations as we continue to work on our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports.

While the above items are our primary focus areas for this year, we simultaneously continue to work on our goals related to our [Strategic Plan](#).

This year, my theme for the Arroyo Community is: We are ALL on the same team! We really are all on the same team, and that team is Team Kids! Although we play different roles in the lives of your children, we all want each of them to THRIVE in the deepest of ways possible. You will hear me refer to partnership quite often and I take that word very seriously. I value my partnership with parents, students, teachers, staff and all others that make Arroyo the exceptional school that it is. It is important to me that we engage in authentic dialogue and it is critical for every member of this community to have a voice and to feel that voice is heard. While we have the highest of hopes for the year ahead, we also know, that like any other year, we will have our challenges. My hope is that we can choose to look at these challenges as opportunities. Opportunities to see things from different perspectives, opportunities to help and support one another, opportunities to build trust, and most importantly, opportunities to work together in genuine partnership for the benefit of your children. I look forward to getting to know each of you this year.

Best wishes,

Jessica Blumen, Principal

PTA NEWS

BOOK FAIR

The Central Arroyo Book Fair is coming soon! Mark your calendars for the week of October 1st-5th.

More information and a volunteer sign-up link will be coming soon. Please keep an eye out. We need your help to make the Book Fair a success! Please consider signing up for a slot (or more!) once the sign up is posted. Volunteering at the book fair is a wonderful opportunity to visit with the students and encourage them to find great books to enjoy. Thank you in advance for your support!

Funds raised from the Book Fair help support the Central Arroyo PTA. If you have any questions please contact Kristy Ettinger (kristy.ettinger@gmail.com), Julie Ledford (juliej74@gmail.com) or Stephanie Brill (slbrill@gmail.com).

PARENT PARTNER DONATIONS

Thank you for supporting CMS/Arroyo PTA! Without our parent partners, many of our wonderful programs would not be possible. All funds benefit CMS and Arroyo teacher grants, library, Art-in-Action, Garden, 8th grade graduation, and more. Your one-time PTA donation of \$200 will help us reach our \$75,000 goal. Donate today to support programs and events that enrich our students' education. <https://centralarroyopta.myschoolcentral.com/>

ARROYO SPIRIT GEAR SALE - FINAL CALL!

Go Arroyo Eagles! The last day to order Arroyo spirit gear is September 5th, so place your orders NOW. Updated styles and colors can all be viewed online at our [spirit gear web store](#). All orders placed by 9/5/18 will be delivered to your child's classroom by 10/10/18. Confused about sizing? Be sure to stop by the spirit gear tables during Welcome Week where samples of all sizes and styles will be available to try on. Need to pay by cash or check? Fill out a paper order form located in the PTA Treasurer's box in the front office. Send additional questions to JennyAGoines@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOT LUNCH

Want a chance to see the kids during the lunch hour? Be a Hot Lunch Volunteer! Shifts are one hour, starting at 12:00 pm, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Work monthly or more often. If interested, contact Jen Pedrotti at jenniferpedrotti74@gmail.com.

YEARBOOKS

It's never too soon to place your yearbook order! Yearbooks are available at Jostens.com all year long and our photographers are busy capturing memories! We are also looking for someone to help with yearbook design. Please contact Debbie Blucher at dblucher@gmail.com or Kate Blanchard at katewalsblanchard@yahoo.com to get involved.

SAN CARLOS DAY OF SERVICE

September 23rd is the San Carlos Day of Service. Arroyo School has several projects in their garden that need both adult and kid volunteer help on this day. Activities include composting, breaking up hay bales, moving soil and replanting. Please sign up at <https://www.sancarlosdayofservice.org/2018-projects/> Thank you!

WILD ZONE IMPROVEMENTS

Help us put the "Wild" back in the wild zone. The wild zone is an area of the school along Woodland Ave that is designed for unstructured play in nature. The children love to build forts and fairy houses in this area and engage in imaginative play. We are looking for interesting nature items to add to our wild zone. Do you have driftwood, shells, rocks or pinecones that you collected over the summer that you could donate to the wild zone? Have you recently pruned your garden and have branches and twigs that would make great forts? If so, please bring them to the school and add them to the wild zone area. Thank you!

NEW BIKE/SCOOTER/SKATEBOARD WORKBENCH!

Many thanks to Sam Maxwell for constructing and donating a bike/scooter/skateboard workbench to Arroyo! Come tune up your wheels at this new repair station, which is complete with Allen wrenches, a bike clamp, monkey wrench, tire lever and bike pump. The workbench is located in the patio area of the Makerspace. Sam is a former Central student and a Life Scout in troop 321 in San Carlos. The workbench project is one of the main steps Sam has completed to earn his Eagle Scout.

Get your wheels ready to roll on the first San Car-less day, this Wednesday, September 5!

District News

ANNUAL SCHOOL MUSICAL

All SCSD students in grades 4-8 are invited to join this year's exciting district-wide musical MARY POPPINS JR! Everyone who registers will be cast. Students in grades

6-8 will be members of the main cast and must audition to assign character parts. Students in grades 4 & 5 will be members of the ensemble and do NOT need to audition. But, everyone must register. Go to www.SanCarlosChildrensTheater.com for rehearsal details and to register. It's going to be magical! Early Bird discount rate is available until September 5 so don't delay! Questions: Contact eve@sancarloschildrenstheater.com.

SCEF News

INDUSTRIAL ARTS HORSEPOWER CAR SHOW

What can be more fun than an old fashion Car Show? On Saturday, September 8, 8 am to 3 pm, the San Carlos Chamber will host the inaugural Industrial Arts Horsepower Car Show and Street Fair. The event will be held on Washington Street between Old County and Industrial Road, and include a wide variety of activities on Bayport and Varian.

There will be street vendors spread throughout the awesome cars on display. This is family friendly event complete with Kid Zone Fun! With a blend of cars, street fair and featuring local craft breweries and wineries in the Industrial Arts neighborhood of San Carlos, there is something for everyone!

SCEF is very fortunate to be the beneficiary of the proceeds from this year's show. Come on down for the show. If you are interested in volunteering at the show itself, they would welcome the help. Send an email to kathy@scefkids.org to learn more.

AN EVENING DANCING UNDER THE STARS

On Saturday, September 15, Rock out to dance band, "Gotcha Covered", nosh on savory appetizers and enjoy an evening to remember in the company of your fabulous San Carlos friends as we transform Burton Park into a late summer wonderland!

6:00PM - 9:30 PM at the Burton Park Bandstand. Adults only.

AN EVENING AT TOWN

An Evening at TOWN is SOLD OUT! But you can still participate in this year's Evening at TOWN Raffle. The grand prize is a pair of diamond hoop earrings. Only 150 tickets will be sold. To see the earrings and learn how to purchase raffle tickets, please go to: <https://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/TOWN2018-Raffle.pdf>

YOUR SCEF DOLLARS AT WORK

This year, SCEF is granting over \$2.4 million to benefit school programs and fund educator positions. Thank you to all our donors and business sponsors. Your generosity supports quality education in our San Carlos public schools.

Find out more about what we do at: www.scefkids.org

Community Partner News

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE SAN CARLOS EATON HILLS 4H CLUB

Please come and join us for the first meeting of the San Carlos/Eaton Hills 4H Club at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at the Clifford School located at 225 Clifford Avenue in Redwood City.

4H is open to all children between 5 years and 12th grade. There are over 30 types of classes available to youths. Find out what exciting animal, art and crafts, archery, cooking, woodworking and science and engineering projects etc. are available this year