



The Eagle Eye

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Sunday, December 8, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Arroyo Families,

Our Eagle Council has been hard at work this year with three main initiatives: service, spirit and school improvement. They have come up with some great ideas and are working as a team to implement them. Fourth grade student, Lucas, came to the council a few weeks ago with a proposal to focus a holiday service project around a collection for [Project Night Night](#) and the council unanimously approved. Here is a message from Lucas and Savannah on behalf of the Eagle Council...

Dear Arroyo Families,

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.

Donate Today
Click here.

A large purple button with a light blue border and rounded corners. The text 'Donate Today' is in a large, white, bold, sans-serif font, and 'Click here.' is in a smaller, white, bold, sans-serif font below it.

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Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for up-to-date info on events and issues!

Our student council has decided to support an organization called Project Night Night.

Project Night Night collects stuffed animals, books, and blankets for kids that are less fortunate than us. We would appreciate it if you would donate a few new stuffed animals, blankets and books during the week of December 9-13. You can donate the items in the Arroyo office. These items will mainly be going to homeless children to make their nights better and more joyful. We are hoping that you will donate to Project Night Night to make the children's nights better. Next time you see a homeless person or child, make sure to think, "What good deed could I be doing for them to donate to Project Night Night?" So if you want to help, donate to Project Night Night and make someone smile!

Sincerely, The Eagle Council

Please consider supporting Project Night Night and The Eagle Council by sending in new blankets, books and stuffed animals during the week of **December 9th-13th**. More information about accepted items can be found [on their website](#).



Our 5th graders have been participating in choir as part of their enrichment program this year. On Wednesday, **December 18 at 9:45 am**, our 5th grade choir will be performing for 4th grade classes. Parents are welcome to attend. If you're unable to make it this time, the choir will also be performing at our band and orchestra concert in April. It's wonderful to be able to offer choir to our 5th graders this year. Research shows [tremendous benefits to choral singing](#).

With the start of the rainy season, please take extra precautions when driving on and around campus. We expect extra traffic and appreciate your patience and caution.

Warmly,

Mindy Shelton, Principal

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PTA News

Additional PTA Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, December 18th!

Please join us for an additional PTA meeting on **Wednesday, 12/18 at 9am** in the CMS/Arroyo Library. Topics of discussion include a discussion and review of Parcel Tax resource allocation and discussion of a new middle school play. We'd love to see you there!

Calling all White Oaks Alum who would like to volunteer as Big Kid Buddies for the Holiday Store!

The store will be on **Saturday, December 14th** this year. Helpers are needed from **8:45-11:45 am**. Please sign up here to participate. <https://signup.com/go/PsULEft>

Contact Kirsten Kell, Holiday Store Co-Chair with questions school@kkmft.com.

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SCEF News

Help us meet December 2019 fundraising goals!

Take advantage of the TAX BENEFITS of charitable giving before the end of the year! Explore [corporate matching](#) and [stock donations](#) on our website or contact info@scefkids.org with questions.

Not sure WHY you should give to SCEF?
<http://www.scefkids.org/2019video>

When you are out and about in San Carlos shopping this holiday season, please take a moment to thank our amazing LOCAL BUSINESSES - <https://www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/> for supporting SCEF and our schools.

Honey Bear Trees supports San Carlos public schools by donating 15% of tree, wreath and garland sales to SCEF. Find detailed info online - <https://www.scefkids.org/honey-bear-trees-supports-scef/> and don't forget to download the flyer to take with you! <https://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-SCEF->

[HONEY-BEAR-TREES.pdf](#) or just mention you are with SCEF.

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District News

Parcel Tax Information

The San Carlos School District provides the highest quality education for our children, keeps our community strong and strengthens our property values. In order to continue to provide an excellent, well rounded education, we have been seeking community input on the need to renew and increase Measure P. This local parcel tax supports students' in grades K-8 and maintains high-quality educational programs, including math, reading, and writing, and hands-on science instruction; attracts and retains qualified and experienced teachers; and supports art, music, libraries, and a well-rounded education.

Without Measure P, some existing local school funding will expire and disappear from SCSD school budgets. This will require SCSD to make drastic cuts to academic programs, increase class sizes, and maintain only basics.

Your time and participation were critical as the San Carlos School District Board set fiscal priorities. Accordingly, at its November 21st meeting, the San Carlos School District Board unanimously voted to place a parcel tax measure (renewal of Measure P with an

\$88 per/parcel increase for 8 years) on the March 3, 2020 ballot.

To learn more about the Parcel Tax, visit our website scsdk8.org - 2019-2020 Parcel Tax Information

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

ROPES Presentations are Coming and Judges are Needed!

We are looking for parents and community members that would like to serve as a judge for the ROPES (Rite of Passage Experiences) presentations in February. 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.

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!

Math Night for Parents of Students in Grades 3-5 - Dec 9

Parents, please join Susan Resnick on **December 9 from 6:30-8:00 pm** to learn about Math Strategies that our students in 3rd-5th grade 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 3rd-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.

RSVP here for the Dec 9 Math Parent Info Night

<http://evite.me/8XPyeXqfbx>

Winter Enrichment Class Registration - Dec 11

KidzToPros is excited to begin registration for their afterschool, Winter Vendor Enrichment Classes which will begin the week of January 13. Registration will open on Wednesday, December 11 at 10:00 am. Most classes will be returning, watch for an email on Monday with more class offering details.

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Community Partners

Parent Education - Using a Positive, Strength-Based Approach for Effective Parenting - Dec 11

Using a Positive, Strength-Based Approach for Effective Parenting with Charlie Appelstein

**WHEN: Wednesday, December 11, 2019
6:30pm-8:00pm**

RSVP: <http://evite.me/5HBJJnbwsd>

Back by popular demand, Charlie Appelstein, M.S.W. will be sharing his humor and practical strategies to create family environments that are focused on strength-building rather than flaw-fixing. These exceptionally positive and inspiring strategies focus on guiding all children (and especially those with emotional or behavioral challenges) with an approach that focuses on how to help your kids develop positive mindsets; how to create self-management tools in your home; relationship-based limit setting; and the effect of positive emotions on the brain. You're guaranteed to come away with a smile on your face, fresh ideas in your

pocket, and a new hope in your heart for dealing with your most challenging parenting situations.

This event is made possible thanks to funding from our SCSD PTA Coordinating Council.

Sequoia Healthcare District Newsletter

Check out the latest newsletter from Sequoia Healthcare District to learn more about how you can prevent youth vaping. Included are links to resources and parents education events -

https://issuu.com/seqhd/docs/2019_hsi_fall_scsd

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