

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Families,

As we near the Thanksgiving Holiday Break, we want to reflect on all of those things we are thankful for here at Arroyo. First and foremost we would like to give a huge thanks to our PTA and parent volunteers. The hours you work and dedicate to our students is unmatched. We are so thankful for your tireless dedication to the students and community!

We also want to let you know of a few exciting things happening here at Arroyo. This week, our 5th graders are attending [Outdoor Ed](#) at Jones Gulch. Our students are so fortunate to experience this week-long overnight field trip where they learn about the natural world, explore the forest and beach ecosystems, and work together as a community.

We are also excited to introduce Student-Led Clubs for the 2018-19 school year. This is a tradition that was developed as Arroyo opened, and we are happy to continue this innovative and exciting idea. The idea of this program is for students to pick ideas they are passionate about and develop this into a group. The parameters are only that it is school-appropriate, there is a specific purpose with planned outcomes to support the school community or student interests, and it is something that is manageable. Your children have come up with wonderful ideas from board game clubs to football! Students are already hard at work completing their applications. We look forward to seeing these clubs start soon.

We also would like to make you aware of our new expectations at recess and lunch. Over the last month we have noticed a significant issue with trash and left items after our break times. As a school we discussed that this really has an impact on our safety and health. With lots of trash comes lots of critters! So we have developed some expectations for lunch:

- All students will sit in one place of their choice to eat snack or lunch and stay in that spot until dismissed at lunch, or when they have finished their snack at recess
- Adults will dismiss students once they have seen that the trash is picked up and they are ready to go

In return, we will be looking for students who are ready to go and start dismissing earlier than our usual time. So students will be rewarded with extra play time if they are cleaned up and ready to go. This will also help students remember their lunchboxes and

we hope to see fewer left behind. We appreciate your support as we work on our procedures around safety and responsibility.

Alex Friel & Jean Dehner

### **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found is overflowing with lunchboxes, jackets and coats. On Friday November 16th we will be donating anything left to a local charity. Please come and see if you have any items that have been misplaced!

### **Counselor's Update/Holiday Drive**

Arroyo School will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children of all ages from now until November 30th 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.

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

## **PTA News**

### **PTA MEETING WEDNESDAY**

Reminder! Our next PTA meeting is **tomorrow**, Wednesday, November 14 at 8:45am in the Library. The agenda can be found [here](#). We hope to see you there!

### **ARROYO GLOW PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Join the Arroyo Glow Party Planning Committee! Learn more at the first meeting on Thursday, November 15th at 7:30PM in the Arroyo Learning Commons. Email [christenhanson@gmail.com](mailto:christenhanson@gmail.com), [sondra.harding@gmail.com](mailto:sondra.harding@gmail.com), or [shilotrionfi@gmail.com](mailto:shilotrionfi@gmail.com) to join the team!

### **HALLOWEEN PARTY FEEDBACK**

The Halloween Committee would like to gather feedback to make the party even better next year! Student and teacher surveys have been distributed, and if you have any direct feedback please email [lowlori@gmail.com](mailto:lowlori@gmail.com). A very special thanks to the Halloween Committee -- Diana Gokhale, Kristi Martinez and Christen Hanson -- for all your hard work and many dedicated hours!

## District News

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ALL NEW INCOMING STUDENTS FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR! - INFO NIGHT TONIGHT!**

Registration has opened for all new incoming students for the 2019-2020 school year! To register, visit the District Office. If you have questions regarding registration, please plan to attend the New Student Registration Parent Information Night for 2019-2020 on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 6:30-8:00PM in Central Middle School's Gym (757 Cedar Street). The Parent Information Night is designed to provide parents/guardians with information about the San Carlos School District programs, and to address any questions that they might have regarding the registration process. Should you have any questions about this event or the registration process, please contact the District Office at 650-508-7333.

## SCEF News

### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you for your support on SCEF day. Your donations will make a difference in the lives of every student, every day in every school.

### **SPORTS BASEMENT SHOPPING DAY TO BENEFIT SCEF - 11/29**

On Thursday, November 29th (**note the date change**), 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 (in the old Toys R Us location), 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 their Basementeer program & will receive 10% of all sales.

Join us as the 6pm reception, get all of your winter gear, and raise money for all of our schools!

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

Win a Vacation Rental for Spring 2019 in Orlando, and make your family's Florida vacation dream come true!

Win a 7-day, 6-night stay in a two-bedroom villa at Sheraton Vistana Resort Villas at Lake Buena Vista in Orlando. Sleeps 8.

Drawing on November 30, 2018 at 7pm during Night of Holiday Lights on Laurel Street in San Carlos. To purchase raffle tickets, send an email to [raffle@scefkids.org](mailto: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/](http://www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/)

## Community Partner News

### SAN CARLOS LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION - NOW OPEN!

Planning on playing baseball this spring? San Carlos Little League registration is now open for all divisions at [www.sancarlosll.org](http://www.sancarlosll.org). T-Ball through AAA players are eligible for a **\$20 early-bird discount** if registered by November 20! Registration for Majors will close on November 20, but will remain open for all other divisions until December 21.

We are looking for coaches! Please indicate coaching interest through the online registration process. If you are interested in managing or coaching one of the 8-10 Majors teams, please email our Majors coordinator Ted Mathias ([tmathias@axway.com](mailto:tmathias@axway.com)).

The little league season is still months away, but with over 750 players last year across six divisions, much planning goes into the season. If you have any questions, please contact Ted Mathias ([tmathias@axway.com](mailto:tmathias@axway.com)) or Jon Ackerhalt ([jmackerhalt@yahoo.com](mailto:jmackerhalt@yahoo.com)). We are excited that baseball is back, and we look forward to a great season ahead!