

**Monday, December 3, 2018**

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Families,

As we come into the season of holiday celebrations, we want to extend a warm holiday greeting, a special Happy Hanukkah to those who celebrate this week's celebration of lights. With the fires prior to Thanksgiving, and the 5th graders' trip to Jones' Gulch, we were waylaid on our starting up some of our exciting Arroyo activities! But not to fear, we are still hard at work on getting Student-Led clubs up, Leadership Team, and Ambassadors up and running. This week students will work with Mrs. Friel to review their clubs and come up with plans to start within the next week.

Ambassadors will start the first week back in January, preparing for the parent and student tours coming up in late Winter/early Spring, and the leadership team will begin shortly with Mrs. Dehner.

These opportunities are an excellent time for students to take on responsibilities in a safe, caring environment. We want to provide students an opportunity to succeed, but also to struggle as they learn the difficult skills of leadership, cooperation, and goal setting. We are always looking for parents to support student-led clubs, so if you are interested please reach out to Mrs. Friel ([afriel@scsdk8.org](mailto:afriel@scsdk8.org)).

The job of supporting a club can be challenging, as we want to help guide, but allow students to make mistakes and struggle along the way. We have had some wonderful club ideas from chess club, rubix cube clubs, to the art and newspaper club. If you are interested in supporting any of these clubs, please email Mrs. Friel!

Jean Dehner and Alex Friel, Interim Principals

### Counselor's Update

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in our early Great Kindness Challenge by donating gift cards to our friends at Paradise School!

Our Wee Care collection drive for Samaritan House has been extended to Tuesday, December 11. Please drop off any new (unwrapped) toy in one of our three collection boxes in the Arroyo School Office, Arroyo/CMS Library, and Central Middle School Office.

## **PTA News**

**2018-2019 YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW!**

Don't miss out on the Arroyo yearbook—on sale now for \$25. Place your order online at [Jostens](#). Don't wait! The sales deadline is **December 21**. Yearbooks will be delivered in June, but you must purchase now to guarantee your child gets one! Contact Kate Blanchard at [katewalshblanchard@yahoo.com](mailto:katewalshblanchard@yahoo.com) with questions.

## District News

Parent Education Event: My Digital Tat2

My Digital Tat2

Wednesday, 12/4 @ 6:30-8:00 PM

San Carlos School District Office, 1200 Industrial, Unit 9B

Sign up here: <http://evite.me/xwCj94nKpM>

Event Details:

SCSD PTA Coordinating Council is funding a special presentation of My Digital Tat2 with Gloria Moskowitz-Sweet PPSC, LCSW. Gloria was a university lecturer for 20 years and has over 30 years of experience as a school social worker, specializing in the social-emotional well being of children and teens.

Topics include:

- Evolving digital landscape and current trends
- Emotional and psychological responses
- Technology and social media
- Responding to challenging issues, such as techno-perfection, digital distraction, sleep, and sexting
- Strategies to engage your child with constructive conversation and promote media balance for the entire family

My Digital TAT2 has worked with over 20,000 Bay Area students, parents, and educators, facilitating discussions about the role of social media in their lives.

My Digital TAT2 is a non-profit organization. Learn about our mission and how to support our work: [www.mydigitaltat2.org](http://www.mydigitaltat2.org)

### **SMART-E SURVEY AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT NIGHT**

Please take a few moments to complete a short survey (emailed to you on 11/27) about the SMART-E extended day (before and after school care) and enrichment

programs. SCSD is interested in the perspectives of all families, regardless of whether or not the family has participated in either of the programs.

Please complete the survey by Monday, December 3rd at midnight. Results from the survey will be shared at the SMART-E Parent Engagement Night, which will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the Heather School MUR.

## **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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/1819_English)

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

## **SCEF News**

### **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](http://www.scefkids.org/hbt)

### **END OF YEAR GIVING**

#### Donate Early

As we enter the last weeks of 2018, we invite you to consider making your SCEF Annual Fund donation earlier than usual. 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 Harmeier and her team by March 30, 2019. Donate now at: [www.scefkids.org/donate](http://www.scefkids.org/donate)

#### Double your Donation

Many employers will match your gift to SCEF. Our handy Double the Donation tool will help you determine if your company has a matching program. Go to [www.scefkids.org/donate](http://www.scefkids.org/donate) to learn more.

#### Appreciated Stock

A gift of appreciated stock you've held for more than a year is better than giving cash. If

you donate stock that has increased in value since you've owned it - and if you itemize deductions - you can take a charitable deduction for the stock's fair market value on the day you give it away. You'll also avoid capital gains taxes on the increase in value over time. Go to [www.scefkids.org/stock](http://www.scefkids.org/stock) to learn how.

## Community Partner News

### COME SEE ARROYO STUDENTS IN BALLET AMERICA'S "THE NUTCRACKER"

See Arroyo Students Perform in The Nutcracker! Enjoy the Bay Area's most family-friendly Nutcracker performance at the historic Fox Theatre in Redwood City on Friday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Ballet America's show has it all: professional dancers alongside 100 local performers including Arroyo's very own Genna Pravdin. Tickets are available at [www.foxrwc.com](http://www.foxrwc.com). See you at the Nutcracker!

### EARLY BIRD DEADLINE EXTENDED 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. We have extended the early bird discount for the 2019 spring rec program registration. [Click here to register](#).

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! Early bird prices end December 15, 2018.

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