

**Monday, November 5, 2018**

## **Principal's Message**

As we settle into our school routine, I want to thank you for the many ways you make a difference at Arroyo Upper Elementary School, volunteering in classrooms, supporting students at home and attending special events here at school.

The funds that parents give to the PTA support our many enrichment and community-building events that make the school year memorable and fun. In addition, the PTA supports additional classroom funds, Art in Action, Maker's Space, school beautification and special school projects.

The San Carlos Education Foundation (SCEF) provides funding to support Smaller Class Sizes, Field Trips, Science Curriculum, Technology Support and Devices, Music for Minors, School Counselors and a School Site Principal Flex Fund.

These programs are vital to providing a well-rounded, quality education to our students. They enrich our students' everyday learning experience.

In addition, SCEF supports our teachers with the Educator Innovation Fund that promotes creativity and aids project-based learning.

**Wednesday, November 7th** is the first SCEF day of this year. Please have your student wear green or school colors on Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, consider making a donation to SCEF. Support from parents like you is critical to help sustain and enhance the education we provide to our students.

[Download the SCEF Day Fall Flyer here!](#)

Thank you!  
Alex Friel  
Principal

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## **PTA News**

### **PTA TEACHER GRANTS: SPOTLIGHT ON MEAGAN VIZIER, EDUCATION SPECIALIST**

Did you know that the PTA allocates 30% of its budget for teacher grants? Meagan Vizier spends the bulk of her PTA funds on high-interest books and audiobooks for the students in her English Language Arts classes. At this year's Book Fair, Ms. Vizier

worked with students to identify books they'd like to add to the classroom library. Students have enjoyed reading the new novels and sports books this year. Last year, a student was able to read all eleven Diary of a Wimpy Kid books by listening on Audible and following along with the book. Another student discovered a love of mysteries and is currently reading his second novel by April Henry. Ms. Vizier also uses PTA funds to subscribe to Scholastic Action Magazine. Both Arroyo and Central students enjoy the readers' theater plays and high-interest articles.

Thank you Ms. Vizier for encouraging your students' love of learning and literature in this way! We encourage families to make a PTA [DONATION](#) to support our teachers in initiatives like these.

## **PTA MEMBERSHIP**

There is still time to [sign up for your Central/Arroyo PTA Membership](#). Membership is just \$20 per family or \$10 per individual. Becoming a member allows you to:

- Contribute to important discussions that impact your children's experience at school
- Meet other parents and build community
- Help foster a safe, welcoming, and fun learning environment by partnering with the school
- Attend monthly meetings (optional)

Sign up for your PTA membership [here](#)

Already signed up? Pick up your 2018-2019 Membership Cards in the office.

## **YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST - ENTRIES DUE FRIDAY!**

Are you an Arroyo fifth grader? Do you like to draw or paint? Enter the contest to design this year's Arroyo yearbook cover!

Fifth grade students should have received special paper and further information in their classrooms this week. If you need more information, please email [Kate Blanchard](#).

Entries due Friday, November 9. One entry per student, please. Students will vote on entries after Thanksgiving, and the winner will be announced in June.

## **HALLOWEEN PARTY - A HAUNTING GOOD TIME!**

Thank you to Michelle Williams and Lori Low for a fantastic all-school Halloween celebration! These ladies and their volunteer crew of 50 parents pulled off spooktacular

event complete with a haunted house, themed carnival games, and a monster mob of costumed dancers! Thank you all for going above and beyond in your efforts. Kids and parents alike had a haunting good time!

The PTA also treated Arroyo teachers and staff to a delicious lunch on Halloween. Thank you to staff appreciation leads Angie Jones and Lisa Miller for showing our staff the love!

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## District News

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

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 kindergarten or transitional kindergarten, please plan to attend the [Kindergarten 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 Kindergarten Information Night is designed to provide parents/guardians with information about the San Carlos School District, preschool, transitional kindergarten and will go in depth about the kindergarten program. Parents new to the district in other grade levels are welcome to attend. Should you have any questions about this event or the registration process please contact the District Office at 650-508-7333.

### **ROPES REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSING ON FRIDAY!**

Registration for ROPES (Rite Of Passage ExperienceS) will be closing on [Friday, November 9, 2018](#). To register for an [individual project click here](#) or for a [group project click here](#). If you are not familiar with the ROPES program or just want more information, please [visit the website](#). For additional questions, please speak with your school principal, teacher or email the District Office at [ropes@scsdk8.org](mailto:ropes@scsdk8.org).

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## SCEF News

### **SCEF DAY IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Wear green and show your support for SCEF!

Donate at: [www.scefkids.org/donate](http://www.scefkids.org/donate)

Every donation supports vital programs like libraries, PE, Music, Band and Orchestra, Middle School Electives and more. Make a positive impact on the everyday learning experience of every child in our San Carlos public schools.

### **8th ANNUAL HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY-BACK**

Enjoy some of your Halloween treats and then donate the rest! Drop-off your Halloween Candy at your school's office until November 7th. Local dentists Drs. Amin, Chang and Kaher will donate \$1 per pound of wrapped candy to SCEF, and Operation Gratitude with Estes Express Shipping will ship the candy to our troops overseas.

Support our troops and support your school!

### **GET YOUR FACULTY AND FRIENDS CONCERT TICKETS NOW!**

<https://www.scefkids.org/events>

On November 9th, join our SCSD music teachers, local musicians and community members for an evening of live music. This popular event, held at St. Charles Church in San Carlos, is great for the whole family. Refreshments will be available for sale at intermission. Support SCEF, music in our schools and enjoy our local musicians.

### **SPORTS BASEMENT**

On Thursday, November 15th, 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), 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. There is a reception at 6pm.

### **THANK YOU SPONSORS!**

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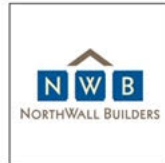
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