

Monday, February 4, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe we are over half way through the school year. This week, Wednesday, marks our 100th day. As we are moving into the last part of the year, we would like to remind you about the importance of attendance. Students' presence at school is vital for their learning and academic development. Even being late to school consistently, can have students slip behind in learning. While we know that sometimes students are ill, or other events take place, we encourage you to have your students here at school.

This week Ropes Judging will take place at Central Middle School. We wish those 4th graders, who have taken on the challenge, luck in their project presentations. What a great accomplishment!

Have a wonderful week,

Alex Friel & Jean Dehner, Interim Principals

Counselor's Corner

Our Great Kindness Challenge week is complete, and what a success!

Arroyo students and staff did an amazing job showing their school spirit by dressing up each day according to the different themes and participating in the various school-wide activities to help them reflect on and practice acts of kindness. It was such a pleasure to see how enthusiastic, persistent, and helpful they were to each other during the biggest challenge of the week - the "Push Each Other's Buttons (in a positive way)" activity.

The most inspiring, heartwarming, and impressive part of the button challenge was that each student stepped out of his/her comfort zone and interacted with new peers both within and across grade levels, genders, backgrounds, and interests, in order to work toward a common goal. We almost matched every student back to his/her original button, just 30 out of 288 buttons shy. Impressive!

Congratulations to Mrs. Carroll's class (room 18) for being the first to have all their students find their original, uniquely designed buttons (by the end of morning recess). Mrs. Crettol's class (room 15) was a close second.

We are so excited to see this culture of kindness, harmony, and collaboration continue at Arroyo!

PTA News

ARROYO FEBRUARY STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH - FEBRUARY 13

Help us celebrate the Year of the Pig and show our Arroyo staff how much we appreciate them. There will be Chinese Food and Lucky Lottery scratchers. Please sign up to help make this lunch a success!

<http://signup.com/go/uJQturW>

A GLOWING THANK YOU!

The Arroyo Glow party was a huge success thanks to Christen Hanson, Shilo Trionfi, Sondra Harding and their team of volunteers. Mustang hall was transformed with blacklights, glow paint, a graffiti wall, and more. Parents and students alike danced to the beats of the DJ, and you could feel the positive energy in the room. It was definitely a night to remember for our Arroyo students! Thank you to all who contributed their time and energy!

District News

COMMUNITY MEETING REGARDING BUDGET STABILIZATION PLAN

Superintendent Harmeier will be hosting community meetings for parents, staff and community to attend so you can learn more about our budget and the proposed Budget Stabilization Plan, weigh in, and get answers to your questions. The two community meetings are:

February 11th, 7-8PM at Central Middle School

February 12th, 7-8PM at Heather Elementary School (note location change)

Please plan to attend one of these meetings to find out more information about the Budget for 2019-2020 school year.

SCEF News

ONLINE TEACHER OUTING AND SUMMER CAMP AUCTION

Online auctions starts February 4th at 9am! Laser tag, bowling, Principal for the Day, Summer Camps and more! Get excited to see all the fun and creative ways our teachers have cooked up to support SCEF with your kids.

Register at: www.scefkids.org/teacherauction Start bidding on February 4th at 9am. Bidding ends February 12th and 10pm. Bid high and bid often!

LUCKY ON LIVE TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

This is your chance to win a fabulous live auction item! Purchase a Lucky on Live raffle ticket. The lucky winner will choose from a selection of Starlight Gala live auction items. This year's offerings include: Your own parking space downtown, Trip to NYC and the Tony Awards, Mexico Vacation, Dinner for 20 in the TOWN boardroom and more. See: <http://www.scefkids.org/LOL2019> for the complete list.

Only 275 tickets will be sold. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets, send an email to luckyonlive@scefkids.org. Tickets are \$100 each or 6 for \$500

SCEF STARLIGHT GALA

Enjoy an adult night out with dinner, dancing, an exciting Live Auction and Silent Auction. Make a plan with a few of your favorite couples and buy a table. Create some memories and support our schools. Join parents and friends across the district at the annual SCEF Starlight Gala.

On March 9, 2019 at Sharon Heights Country Club.

Get your tickets before they're gone at: www.scefkids.org/events

Community Partner News

HEALTHY CITIES MATH TIPS WORKSHOP

Is your student struggling with math? Want to learn how to help them with tips and insights from two seasoned San Carlos math teachers? Join Healthy Cities Tutoring for our Math Tips workshop on February 12, 2019. Want to tutor? Arrive early to hear about volunteer tutoring opportunities.

6:15-6:50 pm Orientation "How to become a tutor?"

7:00-8:30 pm Workshop "How to Support Your Student in Math"

Location: Arroyo/Central Middle School Library

Presented by: Shelia Sevilla, 4th grade teacher & Hillary Wiessinger, middle school math teacher

Open to: Healthy Cities Tutors, Parents and Para-Educators

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Additional workshop on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. [Visit our website for more information.](#)