



The Eagle Eye

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Sunday, March 8, 2020

Principal's Message

Dear Arroyo Families,

On Saturday, March 7, you received a message from Superintendent Harmeier on some revised policies due to guidance provided by the San Mateo County Health Officer. The district has a web page devoted to answering your [FAQ's](#), with lots of helpful information. At Arroyo, we are taking every precaution to keep our students and staff safe, like we do every day, while at the same time keeping a calm, educationally focused environment in which students can continue to focus on learning and growing. We will continue with daily classroom activities, recess, lunch, PE and electives but there will be some changes to programs in order to limit exposure. At this time, we do not expect a school closure but we will be prepared for it in case it does need to occur.

As of now, we have cancelled all field trips that were planned for the next three weeks. This includes the 4th grade trip to San Juan Bautista and Room 15's trip to the Walt Disney Museum. For those 4th graders who were scheduled to attend the Sutter's Fort Trip,

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.



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

Marilynn Vandor will be communicating about that shortly if she hasn't already. Our 4th Grade overnight trip to Sierra Outdoor School is scheduled for just after spring break. We have not yet made a final decision about that trip and will be doing so in the coming week. We have been in touch with Sierra Outdoor School and at this point they are continuing to run their programs and have very strict cleaning and sanitizing protocols in place with the support of [Ecolab](#). At this time our chaperone meetings will continue as planned.

We will also be scaling back some of our school activities, especially those that require bringing large groups of students together. We will still be celebrating Ability Awareness Week during the week of March 16 as I mentioned in last week's newsletter, but have cancelled the assembly planned in conjunction with that. We're also working on either postponing or modifying our 4th grade author visit planned for March 20. Our 4th grade Instrument Selection Night has been rescheduled for May 27. Other school and classroom activities like our PE, elective and enrichment classes will continue as planned. Our 5th grade Puberty Talk lessons will also continue as planned. I will be meeting with teachers this week to discuss additional changes that might need to occur. We will keep you updated on these changes.

In addition we have ramped up cleaning and disinfecting of all classroom and campus surfaces that are touched frequently. We had a cleaning crew on campus over the weekend wiping down door handles, sinks, desks, light switches, water fountains, and other commonly touched surfaces. They will continue to disinfect classrooms every other day on an A/B schedule. We will also continue to reinforce handwashing practices throughout the day.

I know that this is a stressful time for some of you, but please know that the risk is still very low. We are taking every precaution and our teachers are focused on teaching and keeping a calm environment to reduce any anxiety that students might be feeling. [The district website](#) includes a list of resources for talking to children about Coronavirus. [This article](#) also has some helpful information. If your child is sick with a cough, sneezing, fever, vomiting, etc. then please keep them home, but otherwise, school is the best place for them to be right now. If you have any additional concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



Additional Arroyo Information:

We are ending our second Trimester this Friday March 6th. Your children have been working hard learning about decimals, fractions, opinion writing, states and capitals, and so much more! Report cards will be brought home by your child on Friday March 20th. I will be sending out a reminder of our student-focused report card language and ways to engage your child in a productive discussion about their progress. Our philosophy at Arroyo is to have students fully engaged in their learning. Research proves that students who understand their strengths and areas of focus end up doing better overall. Look for a letter coming soon to highlight topics to discuss in a way that will support student learning.

Our Eagle Council has been doing some great work around School Spirit, School Improvement, and Community Service.

- Our Dried Food Drive for Samaritan House continues through this week. Please bring pasta, rice, dried beans, cereal, mac & cheese, etc. to the school office by March 16.
- In conjunction with Ability Awareness Week, the Eagle Council is sponsoring a Spring Superhero Art Contest. Students are encouraged to create art projects depicting either their own super powers or someone who is a superhero to them. Entries can be created with any medium in any size and should be turned into the school office by Monday, March 16.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmly,

Mindy Shelton

Principal

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PTA News

PTA Meeting- This Wednesday at 7pm!

Join us for our next PTA meeting to hear updates and participate in discussions. This is a great opportunity to stay informed, get involved and have your voice heard on important topics and hear from Principal Shelton and Principal Domer. We'll meet on **Wednesday, March 11th at 7pm** in the CMS/Arroyo library. We'd love to see you there!

Grab a quick bite at Maverick Jack's before the PTA meeting or head over afterwards with some PTA board members to support the PTA and socialize!

Maverick Jack's CMS/Arroyo Fundraiser - March 11th

Grab lunch or dinner for your family at Maverick Jack's this Wednesday, March 11th and support Central and Arroyo schools!

Maverick Jack's will donate 20% of the revenue back to our schools. This includes all dine-in and take out orders (door dash excluded) who mention Central-Arroyo school fundraiser when they order.

Interested in a position with Arroyo's PTA next year?

We're currently filling our roster of open seats for next school year. You can get involved in many ways! Please contact Kirsten Kell (school@kkmft.com) to learn more.

School Play Tech Team - Now Enrolling!

As a member of the crew, you'll learn the skills of working backstage, running the light board, operating the sound board, programming the sound effects and setting up other equipment.

Crew members are first given training and then the responsibility to perform the task. Crew will be learning as they do and are expected to perform to their best abilities. Together as a team we support the actors in creating a superior experience for our audiences.

These positions will be filled on a first come basis. Dates: April 4 - 11th. Tech crew must be 4th or 5th grade students at Arroyo, Mariposa or Charter in San Carlos.

Click here to enroll:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/SanCarlosChildrensTheater?season=2798608&session=46223808>

Ability Awareness Week: March 16-March 20

The mission of Ability Awareness week throughout the San Carlos School District is to promote understanding, acceptance and appreciation of individual learning and ability differences through fun, experiential activities.

Students will be engaging in various activities throughout the week giving them a chance to experience what it is like to complete a basic task while having a learning or developmental difference. Students will all have a set of common experiences through activities already taking place on campus to spark discussion, increased understanding and compassion.

Some of the highlights of what happening District wide next week are:

- Support Autism Awareness on Thursday, March 19 by wearing light blue!
- Support World Down Syndrome Day on Friday, March 20 by wearing fun socks!

Ability Awareness week is organized by the SCSD Special Education District Advisory Council (SEDAC) and supported by your PTA Coordinating Council as well as outside sponsors in our Community.

Riley Run 2020

This year's Riley Run will be on **Sunday, April 19 at 4:00 pm** on the upper playground of Brittan Acres. Riley was a friend and classmate of many San Carlos students and we gather every year to honor him. We have a 5K walk/run around San Carlos and all proceeds from the \$25 registration fee go to his two favorite charities – Camp Taylor and Children's Heart Foundation. Riley would have been a junior in high school this year.

Please join us on this special day. For more information, please contact us at rileyrun1101@gmail.com. The deadline to register and to receive a shirt is **March 19** but there is no deadline to simply participate.

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SCEF News

Thank you, THANK YOU!

A BIG thank you to our teachers, educators, staff and administrators who donate their time and creativity for our online teacher auction. Over \$120,000 was raised--amazing! We appreciate the local businesses who supported the auction efforts: Paxti's, Maverick Jack's, Blue Line Pizza, Mountain Mike's, Costco, Target, Laurel Street Arts, Laser Quest, Lulu's on Laurel and Gelataio. And always a thank you to the businesses that support SCEF year-round <https://www.scefkids.org/take-action/families/shop-local/>

Dwell Challenge Grant matches First Time Donations \$1-for-\$1

The partners at DWELL Realtors will match any new donations to the SCEF annual fund between February 1 and March 31, 2020, up to \$50,000! Dwell Partner, Alana Corso says, "As a parent of 3 children in San Carlos schools, I see firsthand how SCEF works every day to benefit every child in every classroom. We benefit from small classes, amazing music instruction, quality time with librarians, social-emotional support and many other programs. With chronic underfunding from the state of California, the funds SCEF provides help ensure our kids have a well-rounded, robust education." Find out

more at scefkids.org/dwellmatch and take advantage of this unique opportunity to double your impact - scefkids.org/donate

The best way to get your SCEF news is to follow us on Facebook @SCEFkids

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District News

Measure N Parcel Tax Information

The San Carlos School District would like to thank our community for supporting our local public schools. As of Saturday evening, our Measure N parcel tax had 70.34% yes votes. We are encouraged to see the results and are cautiously optimistic, as there are still many ballots to be counted and we need at least two-thirds (66.6%) yes votes to pass. The next semi-final result update will be Monday March 9, at 4:30 p.m. Results may be found on the County Website - https://www.livevoteturnout.com/SanMateoCA/LiveResults/en/Index_3.html. We are so grateful for the support of our San Carlos community!

Walk Audit Volunteers and Input Needed

Your input is needed! Please sign-up using the Google Form link to meet for a walkabout during school commutes with District staff, City officials, and the engineering consultant team to observe school commute conditions. We need 5-10 volunteers per school site. Information gathered during this meeting will help develop a suggested Routes to School map and recommendations for improvements. <https://forms.gle/DFhHyXDK83kpUjUp6> Dates for the walk audits will be

- White Oaks-**3/18**
- Heather- **3/19**
- Arroyo/Central-**3/24**
- Brittan Acres-**3/26**
- Mariposa/TL/SCC- **4/23**

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Community Partners

Make plans to attend the Chickens' Ball Variety Show Fundraiser in March!

You could be the key to arts education for your child! Gather your friends together and enjoy a night out of live entertainment full of music and laughs! Steeped in Barbary Coast history, the Chickens' Ball variety show district wide school fundraiser is not to be missed!

Show dates **March 13-15, 20-22, 2020** at Mustang Hall, Central Middle School

Buy tickets at www.chickensball.org

GROUP TICKETS! Celebrate the 80th year of our nation's oldest PTA fundraiser with a group of friends! Contact Tim King at tking8141@gmail.com to purchase Chickens' Ball group tickets at face value. There's a free opportunity drawing on opening night!

PTA VOLUNTEERS! Concessions help needed for the seven performances, and the Chickens' Ball Steering Committee is hoping that all of our PTAs will help staff the booths. Please give a little over an hour of your time to sell water, candy, popcorn, etc. There will be costume pieces (feather boas, hats, etc) to wear, and volunteers are encouraged to wear spirit wear from your school! Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/iqpFfdW>

Healthy Cities Tutoring - Social Emotional Learning and New Tutor Orientation, March 19, 2020

Does your child say, "I can't do this" or "It's too hard?" How do we help students overcome anxiety about not wanting to fail? Or those that have a hard time sitting still or concentrating? We know positive emotions increase learning. We are thrilled to have Matt Steinborn, School Psychologist in the San Carlos School District and Certified Advanced Nurtured Heart Approach Trainer lead us in our learning. He will share examples of how tutors and parents can use social/emotional learning tools and behavioral tips to help their

students. Want to tutor? Arrive early to hear about volunteer tutoring opportunities in our local schools.

- March 19, 2020
- Central Middle School Library
- 6:30-7:00pm New Tutor Orientation
- 7:00-8:30pm Social Emotional Learning Workshop
- RSVP: <http://evite.me/mp67CCYhtp>

Galileo Summer Camp @ Arroyo - Registration Now Open!

Galileo Innovation Camp for Pre-K – 10th Graders at Arroyo

Galileo engages every kid with hands-on projects that teach design-thinking and problem-solving skills, all wrapped in big summer fun. Energetic, inclusive staff and world-class curriculum make for a summer that K-8 kids love.

We believe in Innovation For All:

- In appreciation for those that work so hard to serve our communities, Galileo now offers an automatic 25% discount to families of school, non-profit, and government workers. This brings the price of our program down to that of a typical parks and recreation program. Visit our website to get discount codes and learn more.
- Additionally, we are awarding 15,000 scholarships to K-8th grade students who need additional help to attend our program. It's a simple 5-minute application and we offer something to everyone. We encourage you to refer families who may benefit from this program. Information on our website.

Learn more: www.galileo-camps.com or 800-854-3684

School Garden Leaders Workshop - Mar 21

We hope to see you at our Spring workshop.

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Arroyo School

Featured topics:

- Garden activities with young kids
- Classroom management in the garden
- Curriculum sample for Middle School
- Spring garden foods for kids

Come to learn, be inspired and meet other school garden leaders. Let other school garden leaders know about this! Sign up here -

<https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=29211>

Census 2020

Every 10 years, the federal government is required to count all residents in the United States through a national census. The 2020 Census gets underway in April and it is vitally important that every resident in the county be counted to secure federal funding for our schools & communities! The Census determines how the Federal government distributes nearly \$700 billion a year to states and counties.

Every residence will receive an invitation in the mail to complete the Census Questionnaire by **April 1, 2020**. Make sure someone in your household is responsible for filling out the form. It can be completed online, by phone or by mail in different languages.

Visit the County of San Mateo - Government's Census page for more information - <https://cmo.smcgov.org/census-2020-san-mateo-county>

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