



# The Eagle Eye

## Arroyo School | Weekly Newsletter

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### Mark Your Calendar

- **12/18:** PTA Meeting (9AM - CMS/Arroyo Library)
- **12/18:** 5th Grade Choir Concert (9:45 AM - Mustang Hall)
- **12/19:** Minimum Day
- **12/20- 1/ 6:** Winter Break

Sunday, December 15, 2019

### Principal's Message

Dear Arroyo Families,

**We're looking forward to the winter break.** Remember that **Thursday, December 19 is a minimum day** with dismissal at 1:10 and **there is no school on Friday, December 20.** Winter break will continue through January 6 with school resuming on January 7.

**Thank you to the generous Arroyo families who donated gift cards for other Arroyo families during the holiday season.** Thanks also to those who contributed to our blanket, book, and stuffed animal drive for Project Night Night.

**Are you missing any jackets, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, or other miscellaneous items (including a green sleeping bag from Outdoor**

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## Fundraising Rewards

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!



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## PTA Corner

Visit [PTAEZ](#) to become a parent partner and make a donation of any amount to support PTA programs and events.



**Ed)?** Please stop by to check the Arroyo lost and found before school is out on December 19. Any items remaining on campus will be donated over the break.

Parents are welcome to attend our **5th grade choir concert on Thursday, December 18 at 9:45 in Mustang Hall.**

The San Carlos School District Office will be Closed for the holidays on 12/20, from 1:30-5:00pm and from December 23, 2019, through January 1, 2020. The office will reopen for business on January 2, 2020, at 8:00am.

I wish you a wonderful winter break and very happy holidays. Enjoy the time with family and friends. I can't wait to talk to students when they return about the special memories they made. Wishing you a happy and healthy new year! See you in 2020!

Warmly,

Mindy Shelton

Principal

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## District News

### Measure N Parcel Tax Information

To protect quality education for our elementary and middle school students, the San Carlos School Board placed **Measure N on the March 3, 2020** ballot that would renew and increase our existing local school parcel tax. Without Measure N, some existing local school funding, about \$2.2M will expire and disappear from SCSD

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school budgets. Our K-8 schools will have to make drastic cuts to academic programs, increase class sizes, and maintain only basics.

Our greatest needs for community-supported INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM SUPPORT include:

- Attracting and retaining qualified and experienced teachers
- Maintaining small class sizes
- Maintaining programs that support bringing all students up to the highest level possible in core subjects like math, reading, and writing
- Maintaining math, hands-on science, technology, and engineering programs
- Providing art, music, libraries, and a well-rounded education

**Our school district makes every effort to use resources wisely.** We have tightened our belt, improved efficiencies, and made cuts to limit impacting class size. We have also conducted a full assessment of all of our local school instructional program needs - including the need to retain our best teachers and maintain core academics for children in grades K-8. It is clear we need additional local revenue to fund our core priorities.

To learn more about the Measure N Parcel Tax including frequently asked questions, visit our website -

<https://www.scsdk8.org/apps/pages/2019-2020-Parcel-Tax-Information>

Please feel free to contact Dr. Harmeier if you have any additional comments or questions - Michelle Harmeier, Superintendent - [mharmeier@scsdk8.org](mailto:mharmeier@scsdk8.org) - (650) 590-5935

**ROPES Presentations are Coming and Judges are Needed!**

We are looking for parents and community members that would like to serve as a judge for the ROPES (Rite of Passage Experiences) presentations in February. ROPES are challenging projects that 4th, 6th and 8th grade students have completed which allow them to learn about their world and themselves in a deeper but fun way.

**There are 3 opportunities to judge:**

- Monday, Feb 3, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Tuesday, Feb 4, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- Wednesday, Feb 5, 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

We would not be able to maintain this valuable program without the support of our community. We are asking for you to join district staff and other community members by volunteering to serve as a judge on one of our judging panels. Typically, we have two to three judges per room and they judge four to six student presentations in an evening.

We hope that you will be able to join us in this worthwhile event.

If you are able to judge on any/all of those days, please contact Veronica Rickson either via email at [ROPES@scsdk8.org](mailto:ROPES@scsdk8.org) or by phone at 650-590-5926. Thank You!

**Winter Enrichment Class Registration Now Open!**

KidzToPros is excited to begin registration for their afterschool, Winter Vendor Enrichment Classes which will begin the week of January 13.

Registration opened on Wednesday, December 11. Check your email for more details!

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## PTA News

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### PTA Meeting - Wednesday Morning

**PTA meeting on 12/18 at 9AM in the Central/Arroyo Library** - will be a quick regroup. Come grab a nibble, and hear about our Parcel Tax Advocacy planning, and our Upper Elementary School Play! Thanks PTA members for joining us during this busy time.

### Upper Elementary School Play

The PTA is very excited to be offering for the first time an upper elementary school play this year in coordination with San Carlos Children's Theater. Thank you to those of you who completed the interest survey. If you think your child might be interested in participating please remember to plan for a **rehearsal schedule beginning Friday, February 7th. Rehearsals will be from 3:45 pm until 6:15 pm on Fridays and on Wednesdays from 2 PM to 5 PM.** Tech week will begin on Sunday, April 5 with rehearsals every afternoon/evening. Performances will be Friday evening April 10 and Saturday afternoon April 11.

Registration will begin in January when school resumes after the break. Students from Arroyo, Charter, and Mariposa are invited to participate. We hope many upper elementary students will take advantage of this opportunity to develop their performing skills.

If you have any questions please contact Kirsten Kell, [school@kkmft.com](mailto:school@kkmft.com)

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## SCEF News

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### Starlight Gala - March 14

Save the Date for the SCEF Starlight Gala and Auction--March 14, 2020 at Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club. Tickets go on sale on Thursday, January 9th at 10 am.

### Help us meet December 2019 fundraising goals.

Take advantage of the TAX BENEFITS of charitable giving before the end of the year! Explore corporate matching (<https://doublethedonation.com/scef>) and stock donations ([http://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SCEF\\_stockgift\\_web\\_090816.pdf](http://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SCEF_stockgift_web_090816.pdf)) on our website or contact [info@scefkids.org](mailto:info@scefkids.org) with questions.

**Honey Bear Trees supports San Carlos public schools** by donating 15% of tree, wreath and garland sales to SCEF. Find detailed info (<https://www.scefkids.org/honey-bear-trees-supports-scef/>) online and don't forget to download the flyer (<https://www.scefkids.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2019-SCEF-HONEY-BEAR-TREES.pdf>) to take with you!

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## Community Partners

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### **Help us Re-Imagine SamTrans**

Please take 7 minutes to participate in this survey for SamTrans. Reimagine SamTrans will evaluate each SamTrans bus route, as well as the entire bus system, in light of changing travel patterns and needs. They will look at every element of the SamTrans system, from customer experience, to route design, to how often the buses run, to efficient and effective operations practices, and more. <https://www.reimaginesamtrans.com/survey/>

### **LAST CHANCE for San Carlos Youth Softball**

Don't miss out! Teams will be forming in the next few weeks for our 2020 Spring Softball Rec program. San Carlos Youth Softball is a great way for girls to have some fun, develop skills and build friendships. **Tryouts for 8U and up will be on Sunday, Jan 12th (and makeups on Sunday, Jan 19th).**

Our program is for girls ages 4+ (as of January 2020) at all skill levels. Refer a friend new to SCYSA and both of you can get \$25 off your registration! Be sure to sign up - <https://sancarlosyouthsoftball.sportngin.com>

Questions? More information online at [www.sancarlosyouthsoftball.com](http://www.sancarlosyouthsoftball.com) or email [sancarlosyouthsoftball@gmail.com](mailto:sancarlosyouthsoftball@gmail.com).

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