



# CLAIRE LILIENTHAL

## Weekly Bulletin



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

#### Week of January 15<sup>th</sup>

Mon, 1/15 – NO SCHOOL – MLK Day

Thurs., 1/18 – KIP Community Night

Dear Lilienthal Community,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had plenty of downtime over the Holidays and made time to connect with your wonderful children.

As we move into 2018 we'll be doing significant planning for the 2018-2019 school year. We'll most likely continue with the Social-Emotional Learning, Project-Based Learning, and Readers/Writers Workshop in addition to the strong Arts and outdoor education that Lilienthal has been known for. As part of many of those initiatives, we hope to develop a level of student independence. At times developing independence can be a challenge. You'll see your child struggle, ask questions, look for help, and even "fail". Fortunately, all those struggles are an important part of child development and lead to important life skills that make for successful adults.

To that end, I'd like to re-share an old but very good article from the New York Times by Madeline Levine titled [Raising Successful Children](#). In the article, she spends most of her time talking about over-parenting and how many of us feel if we just work a little harder, we can help our kids succeed. She also ties in ideas about Growth Mindset that we've spoken about earlier in the past. Ultimately, she encourages parents to allow their children to make mistakes. Even as adults, we learn from making mistakes and reflecting on what we could have done differently. The quote that resonates most with me however is, "The happiest, most successful children have parents who do not do for them what they are capable of doing, or almost capable of doing; and their parents do not do things for them that satisfy their own needs rather than the needs of the child."

This quote alone has the potential to spur deep thought and reflection. When we think about how we support our children here at school and at home it's important to think about when we're doing too much for our children. We need to allow them to try things on their own and learn from those experiences. I encourage you to take some time to connect with someone else and share your thoughts about what you've read in the article. Those peer-to-peer discussions can lead to a lot of adult learning and even better parenting.

I have nothing but respect for all of you and the work you do raising your children. It's a constant act of learning and I know it can be challenging and frustrating at times. Ultimately, however, it's the most rewarding type of work I'm sure you do.

Thank you for partnering with us and for all that you do with your children at home!

With deep respect,

Tyler Graff

Principal, Claire Lilienthal

### Save the Date - *Starlight Auction:* Havana Nights!

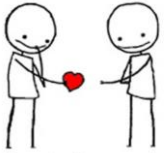
Did you resolve to have more fun in 2018? The kind of fun you used to have before you had kids? Then get excited because Starlight Auction is coming up on March 9th! This is our annual night out as a community to have fun, make new friends and raise some funds for our amazing school. More details to come on how to buy tickets and help out! [Check out the Starlight Auction site for the latest news!](#)

### Volunteers Needed:

We can't do this without the help of generous volunteers! We have volunteer roles to fit any time commitment and schedule! [Check out the Volunteer Page](#) to see how you can help!

## Host a Starlight Count Me In!!

Count-Me-In's (CMI's) are fun, community-building events donated and hosted by one or more families. Hosts donate an event of their choosing and decide if it's kids only, adults only or for the entire family. Some past events have included Adults Karaoke Night, Poker Night, Trivia Night, Sloss Ball and much more! [Click here to get more event ideas and fill out a Count Me In Donation Form!](#)



Pay it forward

## Feed & Clothe the

### Homeless Event

**Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 3:15pm**

Kelly Gahagan, our speech therapist, is organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual feed and clothe the homeless event coming up at the end of this month. The last two years were very successful! She is asking for donations of gently used warm coats, gloves, hats, or blankets or for volunteers to help make sandwiches and pass out items on the day of the event. If you'd like to donate any of the items above, please drop off your items to either campus. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer, please email her at [kkgahagan@hotmail.com](mailto:kkgahagan@hotmail.com). Thank you!

### 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon

The annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon is our community's opportunity to come together to recognize Claire Lilienthal staff for their unparalleled dedication to our children. The committee is planning a three-course lunch at The Commissary in the Presidio on Friday, February 2. We greatly appreciate you making a donation to fund this event.

If you would like to donate electronically, you may do so via [Paypal](#) or [Venmo](#) to [ClaireLilienthalDonation@gmail.com](mailto:ClaireLilienthalDonation@gmail.com). Please add a note indicating how you would like your name to appear on the Donor List. Cash or check made out to CL Staff Appreciation will be accepted at either campus – see flyer sent home with your child for details.

### Madison Campus Volunteers Needed:

Kindergarten and 1st Grade parents,

Are you still figuring out ways to volunteer? Come join us in the car drop-off line. All but

one of the current volunteers will be leaving after this year! This is a great opportunity to learn the ropes, but honestly if you're a morning person and able to open a car door then you're perfect for the job. This service is exclusive to the Madison campus and promises happy thankful parents, cute kids, and fun end of year gathering of car line co-volunteers. Inquire with any of us on duty or better yet come join us. Contact Sean Miller at [53anmiller@gmail.com](mailto:53anmiller@gmail.com) with questions.



**NO SCHOOL THIS COMING MONDAY, JANUARY 15  
– MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**

