



CLAIRE LILIENTHAL

Weekly Bulletin



April 4, 2018

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Week of April 2nd

Thurs., 4/5 – **K-8 Art & Poetry Night, Scott** →

Sat., 4/7 – **Madison Garden Work Day, 9-1:30** →

Week of April 9th

Sat., 4/14 – **Scott Garden Work Day, 9 – 1:30** →

Week of April 16th

April 16 – 24: **CLLA Application Window** →

Mon., 4/16 - **Bike & Roll to School Day** →

Middle School Track and Field Schedule:

Track Meets:

Thurs., 4/5 - @ KEZAR

Thurs., 4/12 - @ SOTA

Thurs., 4/19 - @ Washington HS

Long & High Jump Meets:

Tues., 4/10 – CL vs. Marina @ Marina

Tues., 4/17 – CL vs. Presidio @ Presidio

Dear Lilienthal Community,

Public schools are a wonderful institution in our country. They serve their communities, educate our future generations, and act as a community gathering place for families and neighborhoods. Knowing that schools are an important resource for their communities, it's of the utmost importance that we create the conditions that allow for an engaged parent body.

Parent engagement can take many forms. It ranges from volunteering in the classroom and being a chaperone on field trips to helping your child with homework and donating to our school's PTA. We encourage every family to engage in our community in a way that best fits their family.

Parents also play an important role in guiding our school in a positive direction. Through engagement on the School Site Council (SSC), Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and San Francisco Korean Immersion Education Association (SFKIEA) we create the space for parents to have their voices heard in important ways. Although all three of these bodies act as committees to engage staff and parents in a collective effort towards school improvement, they all serve very different roles. Below are more detailed descriptions of each committee.

School Site Council:

To start, our SSC is the body responsible for our strategic plan (Balanced Scorecard), emergency plan, and for approving the budget given to us by SFUSD. All schools are legally mandated to have an SSC and the members of the body are made up of five parents and five staff members. As we continue to strengthen our collaboration between staff and parents, this is the venue where new school initiatives and ideas are born and written into our Balanced Scorecard. It's of utmost importance that staff input is used in this decision-making process as they are the people largely responsible for putting the work into practice. Ultimately, the SSC is responsible for budget oversight, strategic planning, new school initiatives, and school data analysis.

Parent Teacher Association:

We're lucky to have a wonderfully strong PTA. The main areas of focus for this body are fundraising, volunteerism, and community building. Our PTA helps to fund great programs like Education Outside and our reading support program (Tier II Reading Support) for our struggling readers. They also put on great events like our Howling Moon 5k and the Starlight Auction. This year the PTA is also helping with more community events and parent education that aligns to our Balanced Scorecard. At Lilienthal, our PTA also goes a long way in financially supporting new initiatives outlined by the SSC. This collaboration helps to strengthen our enrichment programs and support our teachers with great professional development.

San Francisco Korean Immersion Education Alliance:

Better known as SFKIEA, this group functions as an outside organization, separate from the school. However the efforts they take in building strong relationships with the school board and Korean Consulate go a long way in keeping our wonderful Korean Immersion program healthy and thriving. This year, we're helping to tighten collaboration by having SFKIEA also in charge of a committee under the PTA. They are also working to host KIP community meetings to build relationships between families in our program.

Each of these distinct, yet interconnected bodies plays an important role in the support and movement of our school's academic program. The challenge is to get each body to focus on the work they're responsible for. In many school's you'll see the SSC act as a rubber stamp while the PTA brings in new initiatives to the school without staff buy-in. You could also see the challenge in fundraising if the PTA and SFKIEA were asking the same parents for donations. Fortunately, we have each of these groups focused on their main tasks and working collaboratively to support each other.

With that said, there are a few frequently asked questions that come up regarding these bodies.

Where are new ideas vetted?

This happens within the SSC and staff. It's integral that all new school initiatives are focused on the work we're already doing and that there is clear staff buy-in when it comes to these initiatives. As a team, we want to keep our efforts focused and aligned and want to avoid a scattershot approach to bringing new ideas to our school.

Who should I go to if I have an issue or problem?

You should always come to Ms. Harmon or me if you're having any issues. Of course, you can ask a friend for advice or run an idea by another parent in our school. However, at times, messages can get altered as the information passes from one person to another. If you truly have a concern or need clarification on something, it's always best to hear it straight from the source, so don't hesitate to reach out.

I'm really excited to have actively involved parents in each of these groups working toward our common vision for the school. Thank you for your partnership, collaboration, and focus! If you have any questions about these three groups, don't hesitate to reach out to me or contact the chair's of each group

Have a wonderful week,

Tyler Graff

Principal, Claire Lilienthal K-8

CL ART NIGHT/POETRY NIGHT 2018

Please join us TOMORROW, Thursday, April 5

For a night of Art and Poetry

Gallery Walk begins at 4pm

Artwork from every student at CL

Make Art with Ms. Kerri to celebrate Earth Day!

4th Grade Poetry Recital 6-7pm

All CL families and friends are invited!

Homework passes for all students taking the time to experience art!

Location: Scott Campus



Science Night K-8 at Scott Site

Don't miss out on Science Night K-8 on Thursday, April 19, 5:30pm - 7:00pm at Scott Campus. Join us for an evening of science made fun! Volunteers are needed to demonstrate some of the science projects to the children. [Please sign up here!](#)

Questions? Please contact Valerie Flaherman at vflaherman@hotmail.com or Selene Hong at selenehong@yahoo.com.

The **CLLA** (Claire Lilienthal Learning Academy) Scott site after school program

application window for the 2018-2019 school year will be from April 16th- April 24th from 2-5:30 (school days only) on the backstage auditorium CLLA office at the Scott Campus. All applications must be done on site. All students must re-apply every year. This is not a first come first serve process. Please contact CLLA Director Ramiro Lule at ccla@ymcasf.net with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Ramiro Lule

Site Coordinator

CLLA ExCel After School Program

Bike and Roll to School Day is Monday, April 16th at Scott and Madison! Everyone is invited to bike, bus, scooter, or walk to school. Rain or shine, there will be plenty of prizes for anyone who participates in sustainably getting to school.

Madison Scholastic Book Fair - Volunteers Needed

The last book fair for the year will be in May and who DOESN'T need some new books to prevent summer brain drain? However, this can't be possible without the help of some dedicated parent volunteers. The Scholastic Book Fair will be held May 14 - 18th. Please sign up if you have a few hours to spare. This is a great fundraising opportunity to stock classroom libraries and provide materials for our teachers, too.

The sign-up can be found here:

<http://www.school-pages.com/cl/wiki.cgi/2018SpringScholasticBookFair>

Please contact Kimi at kimiueda@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

Claire Wear Needs a Coordinator!

Help show your Claire Lilienthal pride! We need one or two parent volunteers to help lead the sale of Claire Wear items for the school year 2018-2019. This will include coordinating pop-up stores on both campuses and at various school events, as well as working behind the scenes with the online store. If you are interested, have questions, or simply want some more information, please email us at ClaireWearStore@gmail.com. We'd love to have you part of our team!

Mark Your Calendar for Mayfair

Mayfair is Saturday, 5/12

Entertainment, Games, Food & a ton of Fun!! Check out the website for more info and volunteer opportunities -

<http://www.clairelilienthal.org/mayfair-2018/>

Garden Work Days

Please SAVE THE DATES to join us in our beautiful school gardens for the upcoming Community Garden Work Days:

- Madison Campus on Saturday, April 7th 9am - 1:30pm
- Scott Campus on Saturday, April 14th 9am - 1:30pm

We will have all sorts of activities, including composting, mulching, planting, painting, organizing and building. All skill levels are welcome and kids are encouraged to help in their school gardens! Coffee and bagels will be provided. Please also bring a potluck item to share for lunch.

Community Service Opportunity

- **Ocean Beach Cleanup!** April 28th @ 10am

We have teamed up with Golden Gate National Parks Volunteer Program for a fun and rejuvenating morning at our famous Ocean Beach. This community service will help make it possible to protect sensitive natural habitat, sustain and improve our trail systems, and preserve important cultural resources.

Group Size: up to 50 participants

Date & Time: 4/28/2018, 10:00 am-Noon

Meeting Location: Ocean Beach - Stairwell 17

RSVP: Katie Aaronson (katieaaronson@gmail.com)

Howlin' Moon 2018 Art Contest!

The 9th Annual Howlin' Moon 5k/1k Fun Run is Sunday, October 21, 2018, at Little Marina Green (Save the date!)

As in past years, we're asking the talented and creative CL students to submit artwork for our Howlin' Moon Art Contest. The winner's art will be used on the T-shirts, banners, and posters for next year's event. There are no rules for the artwork – just be creative!

[Click here to see the winning entry from 2017 >](#)

Please submit your artwork on 8 1/2" x 11" paper to the Madison or Scott campus offices by **Monday, May 7**. The winner will be announced at Mayfair. Questions? Please email Mike Zwibelman at mzwibelman@gmail.com.

