



Claire Lilienthal Alternative School



September 20, 2017

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Week of September 18th

Sun., 9/24 – **Back to School Picnic Grades K-5** →

Week of October 9th

Mon., 10/9 – **NO SCHOOL**, Indigenous People's Day

Tues., 10/10 – **SSC Meeting**, Scott Site, 5:30 pm

Tues., 10/10 – **PTA Meeting**, Scott Site, 6:30 pm

Fri., 10/13 – **Movie Night @ Madison** →

Sat., 10/14 – **5th Grade Sand Castle Contest** @ Ocean Beach

Sat., 10/14 – **SF Enrollment Fair**, 9-2 pm, John O'Connell

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Boys Soccer

Wed., 9/20 – CL vs. Francisco @ Franklin

Wed., 9/22 – CL vs. Revere @ Crocker #1

Wed., 9/27 – CL vs. Marina @ Franklin

Baseball

Wed., 9/20 – CL vs. Aptos @ Graham

Fri., 9/22 – CL vs. Lawton @ Hennessey

Wed., 9/27 – CL vs. Marina @ Franklin

Fri., 9/29 – CL vs. Roosevelt @ Garrigan

Softball

Thurs., 9/21 – CL vs. Presidio @ Lang #1

Tues., 9/26 – CL vs. Marina @ Moscone #1

Dear Lilienthal Community,

Last year the School Site Council did some important work to reshape and polish a homework policy for our school. Through some parent input, teacher direction, and a thorough reading of the research, we came up with a comprehensive policy that meets the needs of our students.

In reading the research, our team noticed that homework tends to have very little, if any, impact in the lower elementary grades. As students work up to Middle School and High School, the research showed that homework has a deeper impact on student outcomes. You'll see that transition reflected in our policy. Our youngest students should have very little homework, while our oldest students will have a level of homework that supports their transition to High School.

Through our discussions, we also talked about what teachers can do to make homework focused on deeper learning activities while still making it "practice". Ultimately, homework should not be a space for new learning, but an opportunity for practicing material that's been taught in class.

We've also included some direction for parents in our homework policy. It's important that students have a quiet, focused place to do homework. As many of you have experienced, having your child focus on homework for a sustained amount of time can be difficult to manage. At times, a 20-minute homework task can be drawn out to an

hour or more with snap chat selfies, snack breaks, chasing your sister around the house, and day-dreaming. The more you can support your child in focusing on homework alone, the shorter the tasks should take.

Later this year, we'll reflect on how our homework policy is working. We'll be sure to send out a parent survey to gather your feedback and talk with our teaching staff about their needs as well.

If you have any questions about homework, don't hesitate to reach out to your teacher. They're all more than flexible to work with you and your student if things aren't working well.

Thanks for all the support you give your child with homework. I know homework can be frustrating some days. If things get challenging, try to focus on the positive and give your child lots and lots of positive reinforcement for their effort, creativity, and perseverance!

For more on our new homework policy, please see the full write-up [here!](#)

With gratitude,

Tyler Graff

Principal, Claire Lilienthal K-8



Back-to-School Picnic

All CL K-5 families are invited to the Back-to-Sunday, September 24, 12-4pm

-School Picnic at Golden Gate Park, Pioneer Log Cabin picnic area & Pioneer East Meadow. Please bring your own picnics and blanket as well as hula hoops, soccer balls, frisbees, jump ropes and anything else fun to play with!

Questions? Contact Katie Klingensmith (katekling@gmail.com) or Nicole Sexton (nicoleannsexton@yahoo.com)

Movie Night at Madison Campus

Save the date - Friday, October 13, 6-8:30pm!

Movie Night at Madison Campus for CL K-2 students and families. Siblings are welcome.

Popcorn & ice cream floats will be served, sponsored by the PTA. NOTE: This is not a drop-off event. To volunteer or questions, contact: Susanne Dunnigan at Susanneice@gmail.com.



PTA News:

Thanks to those who attended our PTA meeting last week during a busy few weeks of Back-to-School nights. It was great to see so many new faces in attendance.

We look forward to seeing you at our next PTA meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at Scott Campus. Childcare is available or bring a friend and make it a night out!

Missed the last PTA Meeting? Minutes are posted [here](#).

Volunteer Corner:

We're currently seeking volunteers for the following areas:

[Lost and Found](#) - 3 month shift

[Scott Parking Lot Fundraiser](#) - Saturday, Oct 7 and Sunday, Oct 8

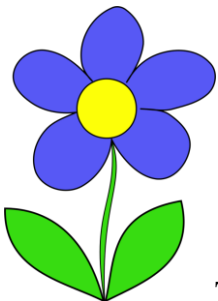
Movie Night @ Madison - Friday, October 13

[Howlin' Moon Fun Run](#) - Sunday, October 29

[Halloween Fun at Scott & Madison](#) - Tuesday, Oct 31

Just log onto the Volunteer page on School Pages, to find your spot! [Sign-up today!](#)

Questions about volunteering? Please email us @ clpta.volunteering@gmail.com.



The **Claire Lilienthal**

Outdoor Classrooms have begun! Please see letter in this week's School Messenger email all about the wonderful opportunities these classes offer our students.

Lowell Night for Eighth Graders is on Thursday, October 12, from 6 to 8 PM at 1101 Eucalyptus Drive. Call Candy (749-3516) to reserve a ticket if you are interested in applying to Lowell for high school.

CL Annual Fund Drive

Please send in your donations today! We encourage participation at any level. The first 250 families who donate receive a CL key chain. All K-5 classes that achieve 85% participation rate will win a pizza party and Grades 6-8 that achieve 85% will receive a homework pass!

A few ways to donate:

Return your donation envelope with a check or credit card information.

Online at <http://www.clairelilienthal.org/giving>

Check with your employer to see if they will match your donation.

Email clpta.annualfund@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you!



Lost & Found

Scott & Madison Campus Lost & Found will be cleaned out after dismissal on Friday, September 29th. If your kids are missing any items, please check/have them check by Friday. All items not claimed will be donated to Goodwill.



The Scott Site Friday Wolf Buck raffle

is back! Many thanks for your generous donations to our Wolf Buck raffle! **We still need donations.** Raffle prizes can be small and even gently used. If you have any donations please leave those with Candy in the office labeled: "Wolf Buck Donation".

