



Claire Lilienthal Alternative School



September 27, 2017

<http://www.clairelilienthal.org>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Week of October 2nd

Wed., 10/4 – **Bike, Walk & Roll Day** – Madison Site →

Wed, 10/4 – **High School Night**, 5:30 – 7 pm, Scott Site

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., 9/27 – CL vs. Marina @ Franklin

Baseball

Wed., 9/27 – CL vs. Marina # Hennessey

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

Dear Lilienthal Community,

This year, Ms. Harmon and I are working to highlight the bright spots in our school. We've had a long history of success here at Lilienthal and we've been doing some amazing things for our kids too. In the past few years, we've made significant progress in helping to engage students in social-emotional learning, are piloting some fun Project-Based Learning, and have more teachers than ever doing Readers and Writers Workshop. In addition to those exciting initiatives, we're continuing to expose students to the Arts, garden experiences, and the outdoors through our enrichment programming. To say that we have a lot of great things going on here, would be an understatement.

With all that said, the human brain has been hard-wired to see the things that need to be fixed. For centuries, we've been conditioned to see problems as a way to stay safe and fed. This hardwiring continues today. Whether it's in our personal relationships, with our parenting, our school or community, we're always looking for things to fix and improve.

Although Ms. Harmon and I will still be working tirelessly to improve the parts of our school that need updating, polishing, and change, we've charged ourselves with being the lead cheerleaders at our two campuses.

I'd like to invite you to be a cheerleader right alongside us! Every year during our Kindergarten school tours parents report that they're interested in our school because they've heard great things from our current parents. Please keep spreading the word about our wonderful school! Not only is it helpful to share your thoughts at soccer practice, while getting coffee with a friend, or at dinner with your neighbor, you can also follow us on Twitter (@Lilienthal_K_8), leave a review on the [Great Schools](#) website or [Yelp](#). You could also

send a kind email or note to your classroom teacher, share gratitude with someone volunteering on the PTA, or just give a big old smile to someone who looks like they might need it. The more we highlight the bright spots at our school, the better our school will become.

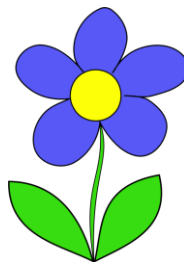
Of even more importance is using this same strategy with your child at home. Have you ever received your child's report card and only been able to focus on the things that weren't good? I know my mother had that experience from time to time! By taking a look at what's going well and asking yourself (or your child) why things went well in a particular class or subject area, you can glean information that might help improve the areas that aren't up to your expectation. It's a lot like working for a boss that gives you a lot of positive feedback or even a bonus for good work. When you're in a situation like that, you want to work harder, put in more hours, and do better work. On the other hand, if you have a boss who only speaks to you when things aren't going well, the motivation to do more can be hard to find. The author of the book *Switch* talks more about that idea [here](#).

So, help us highlight the bright spots this year. Celebrate the things that are going well and share that gratitude with the people around you!

With gratitude,

Tyler Graff

Principal, Claire Lilienthal



News from the Outdoor

Classroom ~

Bike, Walk & Roll to School Day is Wednesday, Oct 4th at **Madison Campus**. Help promote sustainability and healthy living by participating in **Bike and Roll to School Day!** Students and families are encouraged to bike, skate, bus, or walk to school. Mr. Thomas is asking for parent volunteers to help greet and pass out prizes to participants. If you can help on Oct 4th between 7:30 - 8am, please contact him at tabbott@educationoutside.org.

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.

Howlin' Moon 1k/5k Fun Run - October 29

Register now for the Howlin' Moon 1k/5k Fun Run and save more than 25%!

Visit clairelilienthal.org/howlin-moon-run and click "register" THIS WEEK to save on registration fees. The 25% discount ends Friday! Our website has all the details, including how to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Email Mike Zwibelman at mzwibelman@gmail.com if you have any questions.



PTA News:

Volunteer Corner:

We need volunteers for the Scott Parking Lot Fundraiser Oct 7 & 8 during Fleet Week!

Easy and fun - pick a time slot [here](#).

Questions? Contact Rahul Shah at rcshah@gmail.com

We're also currently seeking volunteers for the following areas:

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

[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.



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 the L&F by this Friday. All items not claimed will be donated to Goodwill.

CL Annual Fund Update

Thank you to everyone that has donated so far. We are well on our way to meeting our participation goal but still need your help to get there. We still have key chains left so send your donation in today to receive yours! A few ways to donate:

- Return your donation envelope with a check or credit card information
- Donate online at www.clairelilienthal.org/giving
- Check with your employer to see if they will match your donation. CLPTA (Tax ID 0094-2954256) is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

Check out <http://www.clairelilienthal.org/annual-fund/> to learn more about all of the programs that the Claire Lilienthal PTA supports.



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".

Help raise money for the 8th grade graduating class of 2018!!! We are selling navy and white plaid CL WOLVES flannel pajama pants. They come in youth and adult sizes and are super soft and comfortable. Great for the whole family, and for holiday and teacher gifts too! Pants are \$25.

[Click here for an order form](#), or print the pdf attached to this newsletter. Fill out the form, and return it to the Scott or Madison campus offices. Pajamas will be delivered to your child's classroom. Thank you for your support!

