

EVENTS

Next PTA Meeting

Monday, September 19, 6 pm, Auditorium

You're invited to the most important business meeting of the year: the next PTA meeting! Votes to approve the budget, financial audit and final planning stages of our first fundraiser, "Run to the Sunnyside" will take place. As always, free child care, pizza and snacks will be provided. Please RSVP at www.sunnysidek5.org/news.html.

First Sunnyside Parents' Happy Hour

Saturday, September 15, 5:30-7:30 pm, Project One in Potrero Hill (251 Rhode Island Street)

This is your chance to relax and chat with fellow parents/guardians without your child crawling up your leg and without a meeting agenda. This is not a fundraiser! Admission and appetizers are free. Details are available on www.Sunnysidek5.org. For questions or to get involved in other Fundraising Committee activities, contact Leah Tarlen at ltarlen@mac.com.

Run to the Sunnyside! Fun Run & Walkathon

Sunday, September 25, 11am-2pm, Aptos Middle School, Rain or Shine

Students will be sponsored to run or walk around an athletic field and raise funds for school programs. This is a great way to get exercise and one of our biggest fundraisers. If each student raises \$40 we are well on our way to our goal of \$15,000. We'll all enjoy a potluck picnic after all the running and walking so please plan to stay!

Race Packets were sent home the week of September 7. Extra packets are available in the office or all the forms are on the school website: www.sunnysidek5.org

Ways to Participate in Advance

- Gain pledges or flat donations from friends, family, neighbors and businesses you are friendly with. The pledge sheet in the race packet has instructions on how to keep track of your pledges.
- Order your *Run to the Sunnyside!* t-shirt. This is an exclusive design for runners. They will be available in

the yard before school starts or find the order form in the race packet. Friday, September 23, is Fun Run t-shirt day. We encourage all the kids to wear their t-shirts to school.

- Volunteer with your Room Parent or to be your classroom's Race Coordinator. Handle t-shirt orders, organize food for the potluck, and remind students and parents to participate. Fill out the volunteer form in your race packet and return it in your child's backpack or volunteer on-line at sunnysidek5.org.

Fun Run Prizes for Everyone!

- **Grade Level Winner** – Most Donations: A Bowling Pass for four and a Movie Pass.
- **Grade Level Winner** – Most Laps: A Giants cap and commemorative poster.
- **100% Class Participation** – Walks and/or Collects Donations: Kettlecorn Party.
- **ALL PARTICIPANTS** will be entered into a raffle to win great sports prizes. red into a raffle to win great sports prizes.

FUNDRAISING

Box Tops Earn Money for Sunnyside



Clip BoxTop labels from products you purchase and earn extra, much-needed money for our school. Look for the BoxTop hand-outs in the Wednesday envelopes. Attach the clipped BoxTop labels to BoxTop Bucks and have your kids return them to school. The first collection date will be October 14. Prizes will go to the three classrooms collecting the most BoxTops! Look for BoxTops on Cheerios, Kleenex tissues, Avery labels, Betty Crocker cake mixes, and many more products.

eScrip - Free Money at the Check Out

eScrip registrations must be renewed yearly.

Raise money for Sunnyside by registering your existing grocery loyalty, debit, and credit cards. Safeway, Amazon, and Expedia are just a few participating merchants! Registration is free.

Once you register your cards, participating merchants contribute funds to Sunnyside based on your purchases. To sign up or renew, visit www.escrrip.com and choose Sunnyside Elementary (Group ID: 138051594) To raise money while shopping online, first sign in at escrrip.com, then go to "eScrip Online Mall," select the merchant and proceed as usual.

PTA UPDATES

PTA Programs

Some of the new and expanded programs funded by Sunnyside PTA include:

Sunnyside Math Program: Math Specialist Jeanette Albrecht will create fun, math-based projects for the entire class and work with small groups of 1st through 5th grade students.

Garden: Sunnyside is hiring a Garden Coordinator! With the teachers, he or she will develop hands-on science curriculum that takes students and science into the school yard.

Arts: Movement is now available to Kindergarten through 3rd grade students. Fourth and 5th grade students will participate in the "California Poets in the School" program. Partnerships with the De Young, Contemporary Jewish Museum, and Asian Art Museum will continue.

Mobile Computer Lab: The joint venture between the ExCel afterschool program and the PTA will include 30 laptops, 3 laptop carts and the introduction of smart boards to instruction at Sunnyside Elementary.

PTA Membership

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Sunnyside Parent Teacher Association (PTA) so far this year. As of September 4, our PTA is 102 members strong, including 6 teachers. That's two-thirds of the way to our goal of 150 members!

Why join the PTA? The number one reason is to benefit your child and help our school. Another important reason is that only members can vote on how the PTA spends its money. Only PTA members get to decide how much of these funds are spent on math and reading specialists, technology equipment, classroom supplies, school events, et cetera.

Basic membership is \$10. Volunteering is welcome but not required. We want all of our parents and teachers to join us in making Sunnyside the best it can be! For more information or to join, visit our website at: www.sunnysidek5.org/our-pta.html or contact Susanna Upton at susanna_upton@hotmail.com.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

From the Communications Committee

Greetings! We are proud to debut our new website and hope that it will become an information and communications resource for you. Please visit it if you haven't already. www.sunnysidek5.org.

Green Envelopes will start up September 21. If you'd like to participate and help us reduce paper, please return your filled-out "green sheets" to your classroom. All participants will receive weekly emails via the PTA Yahoo Group listserv.

For more Communications Committee information, please contact Wendy Turner, wendyturner.sf@gmail.com.

Art Committee Seeking New Members

Join and help us with all the exciting art projects happening at school this year. Some of our projects include:

- "The Ray" literary journal containing art and writing from every student in the school.
- The de Young Museum's "Young at Art" Festival including visual, literary and performing art by students.
- Art Cart: monthly art lessons prepared by an artist for teachers and parents to use in the classrooms
- Springfest Student Art Show: a show in which a piece of art from every student is displayed at Springfest.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects or if you have new ideas, please contact Siobhan Fleming at siobhanflem@yahoo.com

CLASS NOTES

Room 101, Kindergarten, Ms. Yee

Thank you to all the families of Room 101. We are off to a great start thanks to the dedication of the parents volunteering their time inside and outside of the classroom (especially during lunch/lunch recess). Also, a BIG thank you to our two new room parents, Jennifa (Calvin's mother) and Toria (Griffin's mother)!

Wishlist: Kleenex tissues, hand sanitizer, white paper.

Room 206, Ms. Lee

On behalf of Room 206 students, thank you to Chloe Tucker's family for the generous class fund donation. Thank you to Bryan Lee's, Desmond Loyola's, and Gabby Perez' families for classroom supplies. Thank you to Ms. Marsha (Gabby's Mema),

Ms. Ivy (Yadel's mom), and Ms. Nielsen for the gift of volunteering in our class. We appreciate you all!

APPLAUSE

The PTA President, Cathy Meyer Thanks You!

Katy Nelson, Kelly Forde, Sheila Cahill, Karen Franklin, Jenny Isenberg, Siobhan Fleming, Ricardo Sanchez, Rebecca Byrne, Andreas Jekle, Marielle Cavois, Bell Zonderman, Reva Bhatia, Ritu Patel, Dana Pluck, Leah Tarlen, Susanna Upton, Elena Ingerman, Gill Hirst, Teri Gardella, Fro Rosqueta, Adrienne Johnson, Wendy Turner, Pauline McGovern, Trish Rudden, Kari Gray, Rori Reber, Jennifer Helton, Julie Kessler, Maren Nymo, Lopa Pal, Andi Gleeson, Jo Kreiter, Jay Scott, Dino Antonio, Karen McAloon, Marsha Nichols, Thelma Mendoza, Chris Armentrout, Randy Solina, Jonathan Wilson, Joe Meyer, Principal Simard, Marisol Sanchez, Kristina De Nike, all the teachers. Special thanks to Mr. Flanagan!

Thank You, Lunch Volunteers!

Thanks to all of our amazing parent lunch volunteers. You have made the lunch hour a much better place at our school. Thank you to Aragorn Healy, Adel, Trish Rudden, Jenny Isenberg, Michelle Schoen, Mandi Moore, Lopa Pal, Reva Bhatia, Sheila Cahill, Julie Kessler, Cathy Meyer, Katharine Yousefi, Leah Tarlen, Crystal Aguada, Andi Gleeson, Moniquica Hatch, Toria Emery, Ritu Patel, Dana Pluck, Tamra Biener, and Lara Sao Pedro. Thank you to the parents who show up when they can and help make our kids' school run smoothly. We appreciate all of your efforts!

Communications Committee Thanks You!

Teri Gardella, Cathy Meyer, Adrienne Johnson, Reva Bhatia, Karen Zuercher, Rori Reber, Jenny Isenberg, James Chan, Jo Kreiter, Fro Rosqueta, Roman Loyola, Trish Rudden, Andi Gleeson, Beth Berrean, Amy Retiker, and Beth Zonderman

Mark Your Calendar

September 17: Parents' Happy Hour

September 19: PTA Meeting

September 23: Run to Sunnyside! t-shirt day

September 25: Run to Sunnyside

October 5: International Walk to School Day

October 10: School closed for Columbus Day /
Indigenous People's Day / El Dia de la Raza Holiday

October 14: BoxTops Collection #1

Help Wanted!

Volunteer Opportunities

Communication Committee - Help copy/collate items that need to physically go home in the Wednesday envelopes. We have some fabulous volunteers now and are looking for 3-4 more folks to join the team. Sign up to help either on a weekly or monthly basis for 1-2 hours at a time. Contact Wendy Turner, wendyturner.sf@gmail.com.

Green Team Co-Chair: Help Co-Chair Maren Nymo and Ms. Plack lead the rest of the "Green Team" promoting Walk and Roll Wednesdays, Cool The Earth program, Stop Drop and Roll/511 Schoolpool, walk and bike to school days, waste free events, classroom energy audits and more. Contact Maren at Tuesday1991@hotmail.com today!

Room Parents - Rooms 105, 106, 109, and 205 need room parents. Contact Jennifer Helton at jenniferhelton@comcast.net.

Walk to School Day Coordinator - Recruit volunteers to lead Walking School Buses, solicit food and beverage donations, serve snacks, and distribute Safe Routes to School "swag" to participants.

Sunnyside's "Honey Do" List - Build custom bookshelves and repaint the library. Build and install a basketball backboard. Coordinate the installation of a bench for the Special Needs kids drop off zone including: Drafting architectural plans, working with SFUSD Building and Grounds and Legal departments, pouring a concrete slab and installing the bench. Let's finish these projects! Contact Cathy Meyer at mulkeymeyer@att.net or 415.794.2203.

Food Pantry Coordinator - Coordinators are responsible for tracking clients, reporting basic statistics to the SF Food Bank, recruiting and maintaining a volunteer base, communicating with the Food Bank representative, and ensuring equitable distribution of food. Food is delivered each Friday school is in session at 2 pm. and the pantry is open from 3 to 5:45 pm. Very occasional off site meetings are also required. Look for a flyer in next week's Wednesday envelope for a more complete job description. Contact Adrienne Johnson at busbozo@gmail.com.