Argonaut Elementary School *A National Blue Ribbon School*

Monday Memo

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…from the Principal

Happy New Year Argonaut Families!

Our first week back has been a whirlwind of excitement and adventure for me! I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and all of your most welcoming students. Thank you all for reaching out to me as I learn more about Argonaut and how I can best support you and your children over these next four months.

We had a wonderful first assembly last Friday! Your children are so respectful and demonstrate awesome school spirit! My arm is sore from all of our fist pump cheers!
Woof! Woof! Woof!

At the assembly, Mrs. Nielsen shared information with the kids about our Student to Student Conference coming up on March 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to share their talents and interests with their peers. More information can be found on our school website. Register soon!

Robotics assembly on January 24th! Students from the Saratoga High School Mechanical Science and Engineering Team will introduce our students to the ways in which technology and innovative thinking can be used to promote teamwork and critical thinking through competition. And yes, there will be live robot demonstrations!

Next week, Deputy Damian Camarena will be training our staff on Code Red procedures. The safety of our children is of utmost priority, and we will also participate in a Code Red drill to ensure that we are prepared for these types of incidents.

Our Wednesday afternoons continue to provide valuable time for Argonaut staff to learn the most current and effective ways of supporting our students. This past week, K-2 teachers spent time learning about guided reading and balanced literacy while our 3-5 teachers focused on writing opinion texts. Next week, we will continue to get our feet wet with the new Smarter Balanced Assessment test that students will take this spring in place of the STAR. No scores will be reported, and the field test will be a good opportunity for students to become familiar with the new testing format.

Thank you for remembering to sign in at the office whenever you are on campus, even if it is only for a brief moment to drop a lunch off. It is important for us to know who is on campus at all times for the safety of our children and our visitors in cases of emergency.

Safety Note:
When dropping off your children in the morning, please wait to drop them off until you are curbside. I have observed a few parents letting their children out of the car near the bushes, and this is not a safe practice. Thank you for patiently waiting the extra minute to pull all the way into the drop off zone before letting your children out of the car.

I am ecstatic to be a part of Argonaut, and I am looking forward to all of the fun events in our future. I am mostly looking forward to playing helicopter and running relays on the playground with your children! You truly have the nicest kids ever ;).

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Important Dates

Wear your Argonaut Shirts on Fridays!

January

20	Martin Luther King Holiday

February

3	2014- 2015 School Year registration begins
5	PTA Meeting 8:45am – Room 5
6	New Family Visitation Day for incoming Kindergarten through Fifth grade students 8:45am – in the Library
7	Junior Achievement Day SUSD Board Meeting 7pm - District Office
17-22	Winter Break
27	Minimum Day
28	Teacher Work Day – No school for students

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New Family Visitation Day

For all incoming
Kindergarten through 5th grade students

February 6th
8:45am – 10:15am
in the Library

Reservations are required, please contact the school office (408) 867-4773

Parents will have the opportunity to circulate through any class they would like to see during our Open House on May 15th.

Student to Student Conference for Grades 3-8

SUSD and the California Association for the Gifted invites students in grades 3-8 to present at the annual Student to Student Conference to be held on March 15 at Redwood. All families in the district are invited to attend even if you are not presenting so mark your calendars!

Completed applications are being accepted now. Please check our website www.saratogausd.org/argonaut The first 50 applicants will present.

Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Teeple, and Mrs. Pack, would like to thank all the Argonaut students and parents, for your kindness and thoughtfulness during the holidays. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Super Stars

Jan. 10th – Jan. 17th

Kindergarten
Angelina Lyon
Joanne Zhang

First Grade
Lukacs Agostazi
Asvin Bhola

Second Grade
Lucy Johnson
Katelyn Fritz

Third Grade
Oliver Powell
Carolyn Hoa

Fourth Grade
Emma Robinson
Isabel Li

Fifth Grade
Chloe Powell
Juhi Patel

The prizes were: Fortune Teller, and sticky hand

New Student Registration for 2014-2015:

Registration for the 2014-2015 school year begins on March 1. Pre-Registration packets will be available online starting February 1.

Registration is for new-to-SUSD students only. View the Registration webpage for detailed information on process, due dates, school tour dates, Kinder dates, and more!

Lights, Camera, Action! The Variety Show is coming, Friday, March 21! Sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic, tell a joke! All acts are limited to 2 minutes. Don't miss out on the most exciting Argonaut event of the year!!! Stay tuned for more information.