



# SUNspots

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## CALENDAR

Friday, October 22 6:00PM-8:30PM

Book Fair and Raffle at  
Books Inc, Opera Plaza on Van Ness

Friday, October 29

Black and Orange Day - No Costumes, please

Halloween Sing-Along

- OSS 4:00PM
- YSS 4:30PM

Friday, November 12 7PM-9PM

Bingo Night Social - *Sequins, Baubles and Boas*

Wednesday, November 17

Parent Workshop "Intentional Teaching - how observations help teachers better understand your child and create curriculum."

Presented by Michelle Grant, former PP teacher, alum parent and SFUSD Early Childhood Program Specialist.

## BOOK FAIR AND RAFFLE!

Our annual Book Fair is coming! Look for our book displays in the

YSS and OSS Sunrooms with previews of some of the selected books that will be for sale at the event. We hope that you will take the opportunity to browse through these selections, as well as the complete list of books in the binder.

Invitations are in your mail folder and include a wonderful photo taken by Maren Caruso, Panda Brown's mom. Please use the extra invitations in the Sunrooms to invite family and friends. This fundraiser helps support our tuition assistance program and we receive 20% of all the sales.

The Book Fair also helps us bring more books to our school. Last week, every family received the staff's "Wish List." These are books (at every price range) that you can buy at the Book Fair and donate to the classroom or program.

You can also review all the book and accompanying descriptions at the Book Fair's Goodreads site:

<http://www.goodreads.com/user/show4353978-pacific-primary-book-fair>.

**So mark your calendars for Friday, October 22!** Remember to include holiday and birthday gifts on your shopping list.

**Raffle tickets have been distributed in your mail folder and we are counting on all parents to sell at least two books.** The tickets are \$2.50 per ticket or \$20.00 for a book of ten. Many wonderful prizes are available, so please sell tickets to family and friends. Extra tickets are available at the Sunrooms. The drawing will be held at Books Inc at 8:00pm and winners need not be present to win.

Many thanks to Matt Sheridan, Book Fair Chair, Joan Vigliotta, OSS Sunroom Coordinator and Book Czarina, Angela Young, and the

Book Fair Committee!

## PARENT/STAFF POT LUCK DINNERS

Dear Pacific Primary Families and Staff,

We are thrilled to be off to a wonderful start to the new school year and love to see how well the children are adapting to their new teachers, friends and environments. This is also a wonderful time for parents to meet one another, connect and begin to form the close community that is Pacific Primary.

Each year in the fall, we hold Classroom Potluck Dinners as a way to bring together parents and teachers. For returning families, it's a wonderful way to reconnect. For new families, it offers a great opportunity to get to know other families and new friends.

**This year, we will once again hold all the Classroom Potluck Dinners at Pacific Primary.** With this choice, we are returning to our origins and are joining many other schools in SF who have opted for this structure. Because we value both community and diversity so strongly, we are striving to design these dinners in a way that makes all members of our community feel welcome and comfortable. The classroom setting is a powerful reminder of what has brought us all together - our children. We realize that some families may feel disappointed by this change. We hope that you will embrace the spirit of the decision and help bring the same warmth to the event in the classroom that you may have felt in a home.

Pacific Primary is a school that has always believed in continuously working to improve what we do and in accepting change as a regular part of our world. Indeed, our children experience significant

changes every year with new classrooms, teachers and classmates. Please join us in welcoming this change that deepens our commitment to diversity, inclusivity and community for our children and families.

We welcome your comments and experiences. Please feel free to speak with me or any board member if you would like to express your thoughts.

Warmly,

Colleen von Eckartsberg and the Pacific Primary Board  
(Nico, graduate 2010)

## **BINGO NIGHT RETURNS!**

We are pleased to see the return of one of our most fun and wacky events - BINGO NIGHT which will be held on Friday, November 12 at the OSS from 7pm-9pm! This is a social, not a fundraiser, but any proceeds go to the school. Chris Miles, Gray Whale Olivia and Georgie's mom and former Board member, is bringing this event back and has drafted Ron Tyler, alum parent and our amazing Auctioneer, to be our Bingo Master. **The theme will be Sequins, Baubles and Boas**, so dress up or come in jeans and be ready for a fabulous and fun evening. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Chris at [fourmileswest@yahoo.com](mailto:fourmileswest@yahoo.com)

## **CLASS/STAFF PHOTOS**

Class/Staff Photos are now posted in your child's classroom and must be ordered **by Friday, October 29**. The sale of the photos is a small fundraiser for the school, and we want all families to enjoy a photo. **To receive a discounted photo**, please:

- Complete the order form as instructed in the classroom

- Then complete the form in your mail folder and return to Belann or Lynn in their mail box in a sealed envelope. This information will be kept confidential.

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