



# APG Family Bulletin

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# **Upcoming APG Events**

**[SEE CALENDAR at APGSF.COM](#)**

**9/21: Beacon 6th Grade Panel**

**9/22: Girls Soccer Info Meeting**

**9/24: 8th Grade Family Picnic**

**10/4 - 10/7: Girls Soccer Tryouts**

**10/7: Staff Breakfast ([food donations: SIGN UP](#))**

**10/10: School Holiday, Indigenous People's Day**

**10/12: 2024 East Coast Trip Meeting**

**10/16: Garden Workday**

**10/20: Lights On Afterschool**

**10/28: School Picture Day**

**\* [APG Staff Wishlists](#): [CLICK HERE](#) to support our wonderful staff with their classroom needs**

**\* [Weekly Volunteers Needed](#): [CLICK HERE](#) to help; [Email](#) if interested in being the RAFFLE CHAIR**

# School Site Council Election Ballot

Each year we elect parent members to our school councils. We are currently electing TWO new members to serve on our APG School Site Council. The APG School Site Council (SSC) is an elected body with the important role of overseeing the School Plan, ensuring it supports the goals of the school and district, and assessing periodically the effectiveness of the program. There are Two (2) parent openings on the School Site Council to fill for this year.

Please vote once. The two parents with the highest number of votes will be elected to our APG SSC. These meetings are open to the public and all parents are welcome to attend.

**[Click Here - APG School Site Council Election Ballot](#)**



**MAP**

and

**PICNIC AREA**

at Children's Bldg/Picnic tables

# 8TH GRADE



**FAMILY  
PICNIC**

**SEPT  
24**

**PINE LAKE PARK  
PICNIC TABLES AT BUILDING**  
**10:30AM - 4:30PM**

**BRING BLANKETS, FOOD, BALLS/GAMES, AND BE READY TO MINGLE!**  
*SNACK & SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED*

The location for the picnic is at children's play area/picnic tables inside Pine Lake Park (Vale/Sloat). Parking is limited in the lot or along Wawona, Vale and Sloat. Please bring Lunch for your family, blankets, chairs, and sunblock for your own family. A soft drink and a light snack provided by PTSA. There will be fun picnic games as well, but feel free to bring a soccer ball or football to toss around or other games to enjoy with friends. Please pack in and pack out - leave the park clean!



# **Athletics Announcements**

**Physical Packets are now being submitted electronically using [homecampus.com](https://homecampus.com)**

Please see [Giannini Athletics Home Campus Digital Instructions 2022-2023](#) for detailed instructions on how to submit the physicals **electronically**. All students trying out for any school athletic team(s) must submit an electronic physical packet through [homecampus.com](https://homecampus.com) prior to the tryout dates. The student-athlete will not be allowed to try out until they have submitted their packet electronically and been cleared by the Mr. Cheng. **Even if you have already turned in a physical packet earlier this school year, please submit another one electronically. Thank you!**

## **Girls Soccer Info Meeting**

**Thursday 9/22 at 4pm in the APG Library**

## **Girls Soccer Tryouts Schedule ~ please read carefully for grade-level and indiv/team play details**

**8th Grade** (Individual Play) - Tuesday 10/4 from 7:30-8:45am at South Sunset Soccer Field (41st Ave & Wawona Street)

**8th Grade** (Team-Based Play) - Thursday 10/6 from 4:10-5:15pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

**7th Grade** (Individual Play) - Tuesday 10/4 from 4:10-5:10pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

**7th Grade** (Team-Based Play) - Wednesday 10/5 from 7:30-8:45am at South Sunset Soccer Field (41st Ave & Wawona Street)

**6th Grade** (Individual Play) - Wednesday 10/5 from 2:30-4:00pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

**6th Grade** (Team-Based Play) - Thursday 10/6 from 7:30-8:45am at South Sunset Soccer Field (41st Ave & Wawona Street)

**By Invitation After Initial Tryouts** - Friday 10/7 from 4:00-5:30pm at West Sunset Soccer Field (next to Giannini MS)

## **APG Athletics 2022-2023 Google Classroom (for students)**

For all students interested in receiving information and updates about Giannini Athletics for the 2022-2023 school year, please join the Giannini Athletics 2022-2023 Google Classroom. The class code is: **qkkt7vl**; visit <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDg0MjYzNzE3NjY2?cjc=qkkt7vl>

## **APG Athletics Website & Tryouts Information**

For more information regarding Giannini Athletics, please visit: [APG Athletics Website](#)

Tryouts Information - [APG Athletics Tryout Information](#)

Please email Mr. Cheng (Athletic Director) [chengc1@sfusd.edu](mailto:chengc1@sfusd.edu) if you have any questions.

**For all Game Schedules, [please visit the APG Athletics Instagram Account](#) OR the [CIS Website](#)**



We'd like **YOUR HELP**  
providing food items for our  
October Staff Breakfast on  
*Friday, October 7th!*

We need a few more items,  
please sign up online here:  
[signup.com/go/kvfgG6c](https://signup.com/go/kvfgG6c)

Please drop off your item in our  
APG Garden or Office from  
8:00-8:20am on 10/7.

*Thank you!*





# **East Coast Trip ~ 2024**



**Hello Parents and Guardians!**

Exciting news! For our Spring Break, 2024, I will be leading the bi-annual East Coast trip. Even years are East Coast and odd years are International. This trip is for **current 6th and 7th grade** students (who will be in 7th & 8th Grade in 2024). Since the trip is more than 18 months away, this gives families the opportunity to save up for this incredible trip & experience.

I will be hosting a Zoom meeting October 12 @ 7pm where I will provide details on the itinerary, pricing, inclusions and answer any questions. After the meeting I will open up a limited number of spots to join the trip. The **2024 trip will be limited to ONE bus**. **Please RSVP** for the meeting by clicking the link below or by visiting the website on your attached invite.

***Online Meeting for Trip Info***

**Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm – 7:30pm**

**[Click Here to RSVP](#)**

This is an excellent opportunity for your student to expand their horizons and grow confidence and independence. We will fill the spaces on a first come, first serve basis after the Zoom meeting. We look forward to amazing adventures and hope that your student can join us!

**Best ~ Kevin Terjesen (APG Teacher)**

**Student Travel and Trip Leader [kterj@yahoo.com](mailto:kterj@yahoo.com)**



# AP GIANNINI GARDEN WORKDAY



OCTOBER 16TH  
9AM-2PM



**BRING YOUR TOOLS AND GLOVES  
EAT SNACKS, BEAUTIFY OUR GARDEN  
AND MEET THE CHICKENS**

AT 10AM AND 11 AM MEET AT THE CHICKEN COOP TO LEARN HOW TO BECOME CHICKEN TENDERS

DO YOU HAVE SUCCULENTS TO SHARE? BRING SUCCULENT CLIPPINGS TO BEAUTIFY THE APG GROUNDS!

HOSTED BY APG BEACON AND PTSA

## JOIN US ON SATURDAY 10/16!

We'd love to see all our families join us to help beautify our garden space. No green thumb required ~ there are plenty of tasks for all abilities. The more helpers we have, the more we can accomplish in our garden.

**QUESTIONS? JOINING OUR GARDEN TEAM?**

EMAIL [sbrown@bacr.org](mailto:sbrown@bacr.org)

**MANY PARENT/CAREGIVER HELPERS NEEDED FOR GARDEN CARE AND MAINTENANCE. JOIN OUR GARDEN TEAM!**

We welcome donations of succulents, soil, mulch, and bark for our garden from our community anytime. Thank you!

**HELP WITH WATERING AND CHICKEN CARE IN SEPTEMBER**

**[CLICK HERE](#)**



# **PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

- Office, Wellness or Cafeteria Support, [Sign-Up HERE](#)
- Garden support, email Sara Brown, [brown@bacr.org](mailto:brown@bacr.org)
- P.E. Equipment Repair, email Mr. Cheng, [chengc1@sfusd.edu](mailto:chengc1@sfusd.edu)
- Intramural Sports, Lunchtime, email Mr. Blum, [blumj@sfusd.edu](mailto:blumj@sfusd.edu)

**If every family gives ONE HOUR of help wherever possible, we will get so many wonderful things done at school this year. Thank you!**

**Please step up and make a difference in our school by supporting our staff...together, we can give our 1,200 students and 120+ staff a memorable school year!**



## APG School Lunch time Help - 2022

Mon Sep 5, 2022 - Tue May 23, 2023

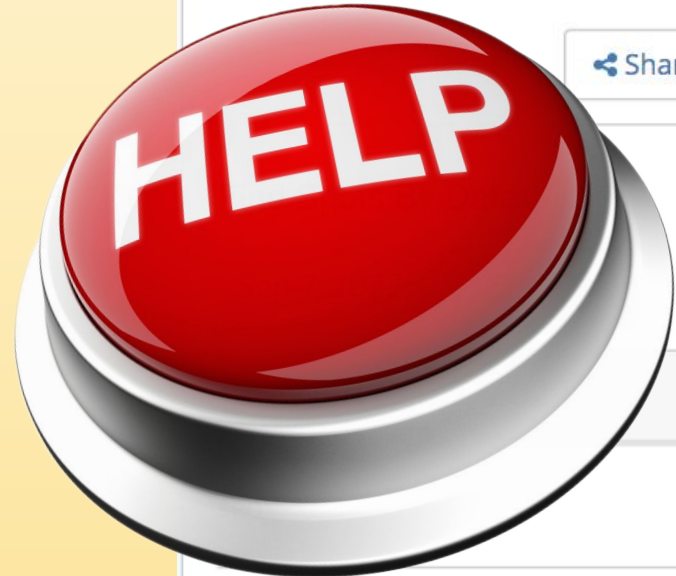
Seeking parent/caregiver volunteers to help at APG for 40-60 minute shifts during afternoon lunch times, when the school is short staffed or we need a hand and students seem to have the most needs. Please consider wearing a face mask indoors. Thank you! If you have any questions, please email GianniniPTA@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

[Share this Invite](#)

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	TIME	FILLED	PARTICIPANTS	
<a href="#">&gt; Garden</a> The garden is especially popul...	12:05am - 12:55pm	0 of 2	(0)	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">&gt; Cafeteria Volunteer</a> Cafeteria volunteer support i...	12:05pm - 12:55pm	0 of 2	(0)	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">&gt; Wellness Center</a> Our nurse and social worker c...	12:15pm - 1:20pm	0 of 1	(0)	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>
<a href="#">&gt; Main Office</a> The office staff need help assi...	12:20pm - 1:10pm	0 of 1	(0)	<a href="#">SIGN UP</a>



**SIGN UP  
HERE**

**To help in the Office,  
Garden, Cafeteria,  
Wellness Center**

**CAN YOU SPARE 40 MINUTES TO HELP STAFF  
AT APG AT LUNCH TIME? THANK YOU!**



[Click here](#)

and let us know if you can

be our

**RAFFLE CHAIR** or

**SCHOOL TOUR CHAIR**

*Thank you!*



## Volunteer/Donor Interest Form

Hello, AP Giannini Community! We would like **ALL our families** -- parents, caregivers, students -- to be involved and support our fantastic middle school this school year.

There are multiple ways to support or sponsor events at our children's middle school. Please see below for areas where you may help or [email us](#) directly to share your volunteering ideas with us.

Thank you for your support ~ let's do this, Jaguars!

Tina & Monique

PTSA President and Historian

gianninipta@gmail.com

PS - All direct monetary donations are tax-deductible! Items donated by businesses may also be eligible for tax deductions, please check your business tax software or ask your accountant.

Will YOU be our next PTSA Board Member, Raffle Chair, School Tour Chair, or VOLUNTEER this year? [Emai the PTSA if interested: GianniniPTA@gmail.com](mailto:GianniniPTA@gmail.com) .

Step up and make a difference in our school...together, we can give our 1,200 students and 120+ staff a memorable school year!

# International Walk & Roll to School Week

October 3-7, 2022

## Walk & Roll

to School Week



Semana de Caminar y Rodar a la Escuela

步行與騎行週

أسبوع بدء المشي إلى المدرسة

Linggo ng Paglalakad at  
Manu-manong Transportasyon

Tuần đi bộ & Lăn bánh đến trường

[walksf.org/walkandroll](http://walksf.org/walkandroll) • [#walkandrollSF](https://twitter.com/walkandrollSF)

Thousands of students across San Francisco will walk, bike, scoot, and roll to school during the week of October 3 - 7, 2022. These people-powered ways of getting around are good for our health, climate, and communities.

Middle and high school students are invited to pick a day or more that week to walk or roll. Participating students can enter a raffle for a Timbuktu backpack

by logging their trip at [CLICK HERE](#) before Friday, October 7th at 5:00 PM.

*Let's do this, APG!*

**[DETAILS AT WALK & ROLL WEBSITE - HERE](#)**



## PARAEDUCATORS



### WHY SFUSD?

Para is a prefix that comes from the Greek meaning "side by side or beside". Paraeducators play a fundamental role in supporting teachers in the classroom.

Paraeducators include family liaisons, noon monitors, security aides, teachers' assistants, to name a few. The positions could range from working in the classroom to monitoring the students during their lunch to supporting the students and families when conflicts arise.

Our SFUSD Core Values resonate deeply with our paras. They remain student-centered, staying focused on our students and their goals. Paraeducators are fearless because they are always willing to take on anything to best support the students. Paraeducators unite the classroom by serving as liaisons between the teachers, students and their families. They advocate for their students. And most of our paraeducators come from the same communities our students call home - bringing the knowledge and willingness to best reflect and support our diverse student population.

### GROW IN SFUSD

SFUSD's Office of Professional Growth and Development (PGD) supports high quality, student-outcomes-based, and equity-focused learning for teachers, paraeducators, site leaders and central office leaders. Some opportunities include:

- Teacher Learning and Leadership
- Paraeducator Learning and Leadership
- Instructional Coaching

Paraeducators can also grow within the district through programs like Pathway to Teaching or the Paraeducator-to-Teacher Program. Please feel free to contact the Paraeducator Team with any questions you may have.

**JOB ALERT!**  
We would like more Paraeducators  
at APG. See Info at [SFUSD's  
Webpage Here.](#)

[\*\*CLICK HERE FOR PARA  
JOB DESCRIPTION\*\*](#)

We're

**HIRING**

# Now Available: Updated COVID-19 Booster

The FDA has authorized the updated booster for Moderna for adults 18 years and older and for Pfizer for those 12 years and older. Everyone ages 12+ who has had their primary series should get the updated booster at least 2 months following any COVID vaccine or booster dose. SF Gov Website/Info is [HERE](#).

The updated boosters are available for everyone aged 12+:

- Following completion of their primary series, regardless of vaccine product used
- Regardless of the number of booster doses received
- And are the only mRNA booster doses that are available to those 12 years and older. Those 12+ are no longer eligible for the current mRNA boosters based only on the original strain of the virus.

The FDA authorized the updated booster after reviewing data showing the booster improved protection against currently circulating variants. The **updated booster increases immunity against the newer Omicron variants**, which account for most current cases, as well as prior strains. As Omicron variants keep emerging, the updated booster dose is an important tool to protect us as it includes the dominant strains now.

[Learn more about the Covid-19 boosters](#)



# SFUSD COVID-19 and Illness Protocol

## What to do if your student does not feel well?

If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, please have your student stay home. In order to return to school, your student will need a negative test result for Covid-19. Both PCR/NAAT/molecular and antigen tests are acceptable for testing for Covid-19.

Fever greater than 100.4° F, chills, cough	Sore throat	Shortness of breath	Headache	New loss of smell or taste
Nausea/vomiting	Diarrhea	Body aches	Fatigue	

## What to do if your student tests positive for Covid-19?

SFUSD continues to work with the SF Department of Public Health to implement health and safety protocols to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in schools. Based on [updated public health guidance](#) on December 31, 2021:

### Students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 can return after 5 days of isolation if:

- They no longer have a fever, AND
- Their symptoms are getting better, AND
- They have a negative test collected on or after day 5.

Both PCR/NAAT/molecular and antigen tests are acceptable.

### To report a positive case:

- Please call 415-660-9850 or email [covidreporting@sfusd.edu](mailto:covidreporting@sfusd.edu)
- If unable to perform the above, please contact the school directly.

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed. If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD Covid protocol, please visit [HERE](#) or contact Principal (SchoemanT@sfusd.edu) or School Nurse, Judy ([ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu](mailto:ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu)).

## COLOR Testing Extended through December, 2022



COLOR self swab test kits will continue to be available through Dec 16th (at school sites) and Dec 21st (at central offices). These are not rapid test kits, but RT-LAMP testing that requires submitting a swab sample to be tested in a clinical lab. Test kits are available at school sites (drop off before 10 am) and central office locations (drop off before 4:30 pm). Pick up times vary so be sure to check the sticker on the bin to see if samples have been picked up for the day. Testing is not mandatory.

- Please see the [COVID testing options](#) on the SFUSD website for central office locations. Information about testing options for the Spring semester will be provided prior to the winter break.
- For city testing options, please visit [sf.gov/drop-testing](https://sf.gov/drop-testing).