



APG Family Bulletin

11/2/2022

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Upcoming APG Events

[SEE CALENDAR at APGSF.COM](#)

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11/4: Staff Breakfast [[Sign Up](#)]; and Backyard Party Fundraiser [[RSVP](#)]

11/6: Daylight Savings Ends

11/9: Coffee Chat with Principal Schoeman

11/11: Veteran's Day Holiday, No School

11/11 - 11/13: Black Bird Bookstore Fundraiser

11/14 - 11/18: Parent/Teacher Conference Week; early dismissal at 2:15pm every day ([see bell schedule](#))

11/17: Yoga and Wellness Workshop, 5pm, APG Library [[RSVP](#)]

11/17: Fall Plays, 6pm, APG Auditorium [[Tickets](#)]

11/21 - 11/25: Fall Break, No School

12/2: Staff Breakfast

12/19 - 1/2: Winter Break, No School

* **Volunteers Needed:** [CLICK HERE](#) to help at lunchtime; see Volunteer slide for helping at Field Trips

* **APG Staff Wishlists:** [CLICK HERE](#) to support our teacher's classrooms

* **Cheer on our student athletes at our Girls Soccer, Girls & Boys Basketball games** ([schedules here](#))

APG Volunteers and Visitors ([Read more here](#))

All visitors to our school, including parents, must sign in at the security desk and receive proper authorization to be in the school. Visitors may be asked by our school site staff to display their passes as requested at any time. Our APG Principal has the authority to prohibit conduct or activity that may interfere with student safety, interfere with instruction, or otherwise disrupt normal school activities. The following types of restrictions shall apply to minimize disruptions and safety concerns at school sites. However, this list is not exhaustive and our Principal may develop additional reasonable restrictions:

1. Visitors should make advance arrangements to meet with school staff to minimize the interruption of instructional time and work responsibilities. UESF Teachers Contract Section 14.2.5 requires 24 hours advance notice prior to a classroom observation unless agreed to otherwise by both parties.
2. School and classroom observations must be limited to 30 minutes to avoid disruption (including observations by parents or parent-invited assessors), unless alternative arrangements have been made, or except where the observation is being made by an assessor in accordance with CA Education Code 56329 (b). Note that all non-parent observers must be accompanied by school staff for observations and this must be pre-arranged.
3. Students visiting another school must have prior authorization from the home school Principal, as well as the site Principal before entering our school site during school hours.
4. Dogs or other pets are NOT permitted on any school sites at any time. This restriction does not apply to service animals.

SFUSD Student GE Ridership Cards

SFUSD student ridership cards are required to enter and exit the general education school bus.

Every student approved for ridership was issued a student ridership card, which ensures that students arrive at their destinations safely.

Starting on November 28th, any students without a ridership card will not be allowed to ride the GE bus.

To immediately obtain a replacement card, students should use the request link below.

[Replacement Card Link](#)

APG Volunteers and Visitors

Kindly take a look at our

[Student and Family Handbook](#)

[Section 3.5.3](#)

regarding rules for all Volunteers and Visitors.

The safety of our students and staff is our priority and we would like to remind all visitors/volunteers to continue to follow our APG guidelines to enforce everyone's safety.

Thank you!



APG Backyard Party (adults ages 21+, only) .

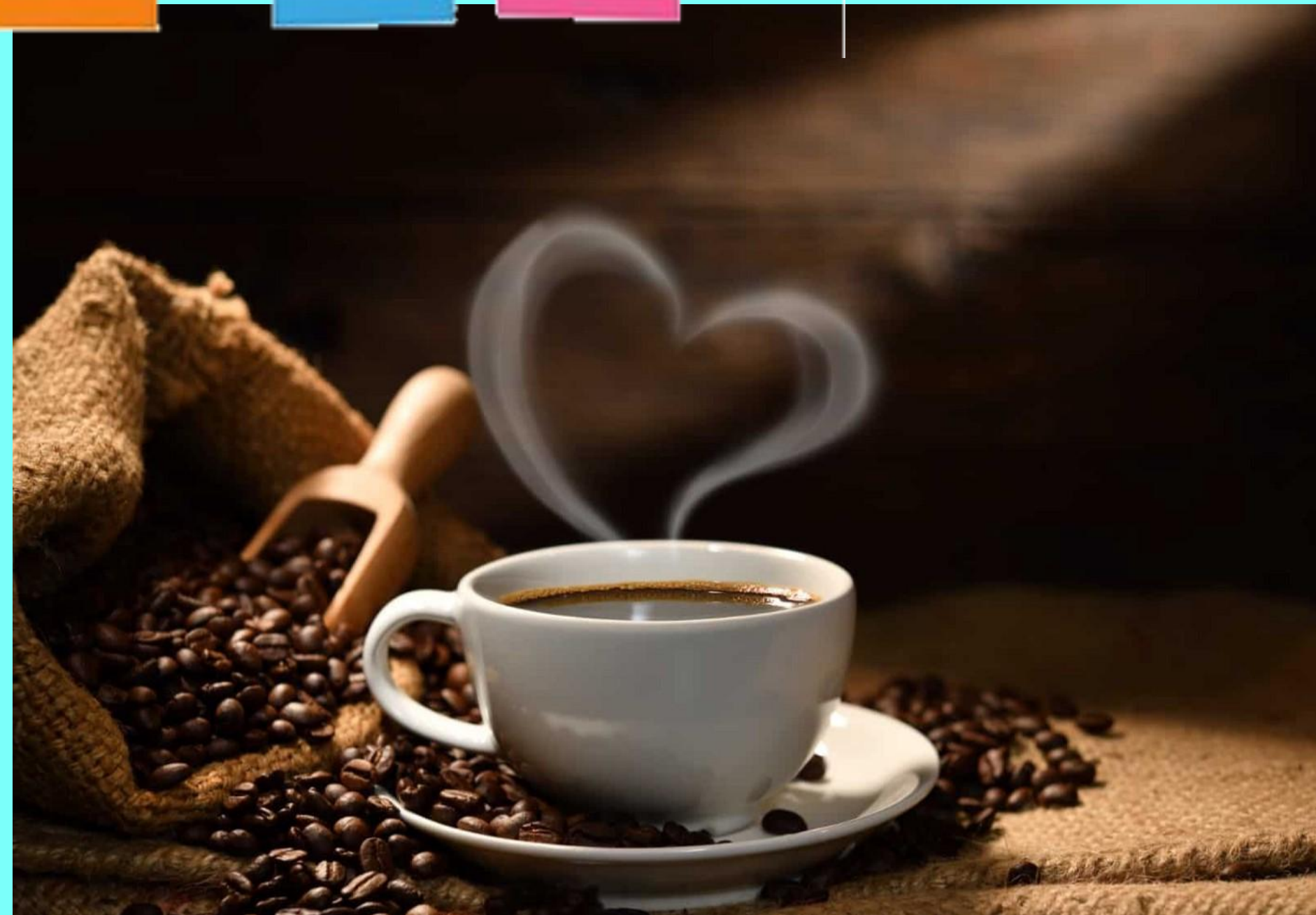
- *WHEN?* Friday, November 4th, 7:00pm
- *WHY?* Build community, have fun, & make new friends
- *WHERE?* Cole Valley near Carl & Cole
- *WHAT?* Delicious beer and light snacks will be served. A live band will be playing great music!
- *HOW MUCH?* \$30 / ticket, adults only (ages 21+); open to ALL APG Parents & Teachers/Staff

RSVP TODAY to jordanjobrien@gmail.com for payment and location details. All proceeds will be donated to our Jag Fund to support our school. We can't wait to see you!

J O I N U S

**Coffee with Principal Schoeman
Wednesday, November 9th
9:15am in our APG Garden**

**This is YOUR chance to chat directly
with our Principal and connect with
our awesome APG community!**



Parent Teacher Conference Week

November 14 - 18, 2022

Early dismissal for all students at 2:15pm every day!



At APG, our Teachers reach out to a select number of their students' parents/ caregivers to plan a chat during Conference Week. Not all families will meet with their student's teachers; we have a large student population (400/grade) and it's not possible to plan meetings with every family in one week. If you have concerns, please reach out to your student's teachers anytime during the school year to check-in about your student.



Changes to Transportation Services to Support Parent-Teacher Conferences



November 14-18, 2022
March 20-24, 2023



All elementary and middle school buses will have early dismissal during the weeks of November 14-18, 2022, and March 20-24, 2023, to support Parent-Teacher Conferences. The early dismissal will be based on the Wednesday schedule.

If, for example, a school has a 12:50 pm dismissal time on Wednesdays, during parent conference week the dismissal for Monday through Friday will be 12:50 pm. All buses, GenEd and IEP, will adhere to the revised schedule for Parent-Teacher Conference week.



The following services will be canceled during the weeks of Parent-Teacher Conferences to accommodate this change in the bell schedule.

- Elementary & middle school early releases
- Elementary, middle, and high school Therapy services after 12:00 pm
- All field trips using Zum buses

Please contact the Transportation Team if you have any clarifying questions or would like more information.

415-695-5505

- All elementary and middle school buses will have early dismissal (2:15pm daily at APG) during the weeks of November 14-18, 2022, and March 20-24, 2023, to support Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- All buses, GenEd and IEP, will adhere to the revised schedule for Parent-Teacher Conference week. Download the Parent-Teacher Conferences flier [here](#).

AP GIANNINI

YOGA AND WELLNESS WORKSHOP

WITH
COACH
RACHELLE
BANARES



11.17.2022, 5:00PM

AP GIANNINI LIBRARY

OPEN TO ALL APG FAMILIES
YOGA MATS ARE PROVIDED OR YOU
CAN BRING YOUR OWN.



Yoga and Wellness Workshop
Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM
In person at the APG Library

RSVP HERE

You and your family are invited to our FREE Yoga and Wellness Workshop led by Coach Rachelle Banares. Come relax, learn self care skills, and participate in a free yoga session. Yoga mats provided or you can bring your own.

您和您的家人受邀參加由 Rachelle Banares 教練領導的瑜伽和健康研討會。來放鬆一下，學習自我保健技能，並參加免費的瑜伽課程。提供瑜伽墊，您也可以自帶。

Usted y su familia están invitados a nuestro Taller de Yoga y Bienestar dirigido por la entrenadora Rachelle Banares.

Venga a relajarse, aprenda habilidades de cuidado personal y participe en una sesión de yoga gratuita. Se proporcionan colchonetas de yoga o puede traer las suyas propias.

FALL PLAYS ~ NOVEMBER 17

Our APG Drama Department opens the year's performances with their Fall Plays! Join us on Thursday, November 17th in the APG Auditorium for two wonderful plays by our students.

6:00pm: *Once Upon a Fairy Tale* by Christopher Burruto, starring 7th Grade Intermediate Drama

7:00pm: *Phobia Factory* by Patrick Dorn, starring 8th Grade Advanced Drama.

There is a suggested donation of \$6/adult and \$4/student. You can make a [donation on this website](#) OR we will accept CASH and CHECK only at the plays. (We do NOT have a way to accept card payments/donations at the show.) All proceeds will go directly to the APG Drama department and will be used to pay for scripts, royalties, supplies, and equipment needed for this and future productions. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated and will benefit our APG students' theatrical education and experiences. Thank you!



Reserve Your

Play Tickets

Online Here

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MEREDITH WILLSON'S
**THE
MUSIC MAN
JR.**

**AUDITIONS OPEN TO ALL!!!
GRADES 6, 7, and 8**

Tuesday, November 29th & Wednesday, November 30th

Call Backs Thursday, December 1st
After School

Sign-ups outside the Choir Room

INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, November 9th

12:30 (during lunch) in the Choir Room

See Ms. Sunderland or Ms. Dinan with questions

“I used the funds from the PTA to build my sixth grade ELA classroom library! This year we are reading in partnerships, and using the generous funds from the classroom stipend, I was able to purchase books in sets of two or three for our classroom library. The books purchased allow students to read text written by diverse authors in a variety of genres. Students are excited to pick books together and read with their classmates! Thank you so much!!”

~Ms. Castro

CLICK HERE TO
DONATE TO
APG TODAY



APG PTSA 2022 -2023
FUNDRAISING GOAL



LET'S DO THIS, JAGUARS!

PARENTS/CAREGIVERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Hi 6th Grade Families,

Your student will be taking a field trip to the Marine Mammal Center with their science class in the month of November or December. We are doing this in conjunction with the Ocean Ambassadors program, which your students have all been participating in this year. In Ocean Ambassadors, students are learning about the Marine Mammal Center's efforts to rescue and rehabilitate marine mammals, about ocean conservation strategies, about the many types of scientists participating in this field and in these efforts, and about the role marine mammals play in this habitat.

The dates have been scheduled by each science teacher and are as follows:

Spanier: 11/15

Vendrolini: 11/29

Nadig: 12/6

Van: 12/13

We need your help in order to offer YOUR students this fun adventure. We would love to have at least three chaperones per class! Find your student's science teacher above, and then save that date for their field trip! More details will be forthcoming, and we'd love to have you join us. Thank you!

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

Athletics Announcements

Physical Packet

Physical Packets are now being submitted electronically using homecampus.com

Please see [Giannini Athletics Home Campus Digital Instructions 2022-2023](#) for detailed instructions on how to submit the physicals electronically.

Even if you have already turned in a physical packet earlier this school year, please submit another one electronically.

All students trying out for any school athletic team(s) must submit an electronic physical packet through 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.

APG Physical Packet Information

Girls Volleyball Team Informational Meeting

Girls Volleyball Team Informational Meeting on **Wednesday 11/2 at 8:30am in the Gym.**

Girls Volleyball Team **Tryouts will start on Tuesday 11/29.**

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

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**

[or Click on Webpage Here](#)

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 if you have any questions.



APG Talks 2022



APG Talks is a focus group project where students and families share their thoughts and ideas for school culture, community, and improvement. The Beacon then takes this information and puts it into action.

Each week, we will be highlighting findings and recommendations from our 2022 focus groups.

[Click here to view the 2022 APG Talks](#)



Findings: Mental Health and Wellness








The mental health and wellness section focused on which supports students and families were aware of, and what supports they still need.

Additionally, this section focused on how the Wellness Center and Beacon Center specifically can elevate their exposure to reach more students.



Recommendations

- Different ethnicities of therapists and counselors
 - More access to outside space
 - More bully awareness and prevention
 - Make the spaces more public and visible to the student body.
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**EARN A
\$150
STIPEND
AT THE
END OF
THE YEAR**

**WE MEET FOR 1 HOUR,
ONCE A MONTH**



JOIN THE APG TALKS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

**THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022**

**THE APG TALKS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
TAKES APG STUDENT AND PARENT FEEDBACK
AND THEN TURNS IT INTO PROGRAMS AND
INITIATIVES AT THE SCHOOL.**

**RSVP HERE! IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS,
PLEASE EMAIL GUYE@SFUSD.EDU**



**We are looking for students,
parents, and teachers to join our
APG Talks Implementation Team**

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Updated: ABSENCES, EARLY DISMISSAL, & LATE ARRIVAL PROTOCOL

Absences

1. To report an absence, please call our counseling office at **415-759-2773** or email our attendance clerk, Stacey Dawson, at dawsons@sfusd.edu
2. Written notes or emails from parents will be required for excusing absences.
 - a. Notes should include:
 - i. Date of Note, Student Name & Grade, Dates of Absence, Reason for Absence, Parent Name & Signature
3. Students should drop off written notes to the counseling office the day they return back to school.

Please allow a few days for attendance to be updated on the attendance system. Thanks for your patience.

Early Dismissal

It is recommended that medical, dental, or other appointments be scheduled after school, on school holidays, or during vacation periods.

1. **Obtaining a permit to leave pass in advance:** Please have your child come to the counseling office to pick up a Permit to Leave Pass before school, start of school or after school with a written note or email to attendance clerk Stacey Dawson at dawsons@sfusd.edu.
 - a. Students without a written note or email from a parent will not be allowed to leave the school campus. Parents will be called to verify.
2. **Parents on-site pick up:** Please sign out your child using the sign-out book. Counselor or secretary will call students out of class. We recommend that parents **do not** come during school lunch hours as it is hard to find students (**see bell schedule**).

Late Arrival to School - Tardies

1. **Students who arrive late** to school should first go to the Counseling Office to get a tardy pass, then they go to their class with their pass.
2. **Excusing Tardies:** Students should bring a written note with them to the office from their parent *or* a note from their medical provider, especially if their parent is not with the student during drop-off.

SFUSD COVID-19 and All 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 and rest. 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 of 100.4° F or higher, body chills/shivers	Sore throat	Shortness of breath	Headache	New loss of smell or taste
Nausea or Vomiting	Diarrhea	Body aches	Fatigue	Cough

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
- 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 webpage [HERE](#) or contact Principal (SchoemanT@sfusd.edu) or School Nurse, Judy (ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu).