

APG PTSA E-Newsletter · 12/16/2024

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APG NEWS

★♥ **DONATE TO THE JAG FUND BEFORE 2024 ENDS!** ♥★ A huge shoutout to everyone who has contributed to the Jag Fund this year! Your generosity fuels programs that make our school community shine. ✨ Special congratulations to the winners of our Giving Tuesday drawing—Tim Fong, Randy Medina, and Li-Chen Wang—who each took home a cozy APG hoodie. 🧣

So far, we've raised \$55,000 toward our \$125,000 goal. We're making great progress, but there's still ground to cover. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, now is the perfect time to jump in before the end of tax-year 2024. Whether it's a one-time gift or a monthly pledge, every dollar counts. Your support brings to life amazing programs like outdoor science education, a thriving garden, wellness center snacks, classroom supplies and books for the classroom libraries, and teacher appreciation events.

Together, we can reach our goal and make APG even stronger for our kids! Donations can be made through [PayPal](#), [Facebook](#), or by check. [Learn more [here](#).] Thank you for being a vital part of our community. Let's do this! **Please DONATE HERE TODAY!**

EVENTS & CALENDAR

★ Never miss a date! [SUBSCRIBE TO APG CALENDAR](#) ★

12/2-12/20: Donate recycled items to our Garden: shoe boxes, takeout containers & more - see below!

12/18: Warm Wishes & Wellness: Family Social; 5-7pm, Cafeteria, Bring cookies to exchange, enjoy dinner & cookie decorating, and meet our Wellness staff! [RSVP!](#)

12/18-12/20: Wellness Fest

12/21-1/5: Winter Break - No School!

1/6: First Day back at school

1/4 - 1/12: Growing up Green Fundraiser @ Sloat Garden Center -Mention APG at checkout!

1/8: Staff Appreciation Breakfast, Please [DONATE](#) coffee & food!

1/17: Beacon closed for staff development

1/22-1/23: Fundraiser with Chalos Empanadas - Mark your calendar, details to come!

2/4: PTSA General Meeting 6:30-7:30 via [ZOOM](#); All welcome, please join us!

Get updates on our PTSA [CALENDAR](#), [WEBSITE](#), [INSTAGRAM](#) and [FACEBOOK](#).

DONATE & FUNDRAISERS

★ **DONATE TO THE JAG FUND** ★ Please help us support outdoor education, the Wellness Center, PE equipment, teacher grants, APG family events, 8th grade graduation events and much more. Help us reach our goal of \$125,000! We suggest \$500 per student, but any amount makes a big difference. [DONATE HERE!](#)




DONATE!

TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Help us reach our goal of **\$125,000 this year.**

Every donation counts! Your support helps keep APG the best middle school in the city and provides our students with incredible opportunities.



tinyurl.com/APGdonate

THE PTSA JAG FUND PROVIDES

Student Enrichment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Outdoor Education• Wellness Center• Tech Subscriptions like Adobe, Stile, and GoGuardian	Teacher & Staff Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom Supplies and Books• Project Grants• P.E. Equipment	Community Building <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Socials & School Events• Teacher Appreciation• 8th Grade Sweatshirts, Graduation & Party
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★ **DONATE RECYCLED ITEMS TO APG GARDEN** ★ Now through Dec 20th, please donate clean takeout boxes, disposable containers with lids, paper towel rolls and shoebox-sized cardboard boxes for our APG Garden. These materials will be upcycled for Garden Projects. Drop items off at the APG main office. Questions? Reach out to teacher Ansel at aschoonhoven@bacr.org

★ **SHOP AT SLOAT GARDEN CENTER FOR APG** ★ Jan 4 through Jan 12, shop at Sloat Garden Center and mention APGiannini at checkout. APG will receive 10% of sales as part of the Growing Up Green Fundraiser! Please consider purchasing compost & soil to donate to our garden while you're there.

★ **EAT AT CHALOS FOR APG** ★ Jan 22 & 23, eat at Chalos on Taraval - Dig into delicious empanadas and support our school! Mark your calendars - Details to come in January

★ **SWEATPANTS FOR THE WELLNESS CENTER** ★ Please donate sweatpants/athletic pants to the Wellness Center. Sometimes the kids have accidents and need spare pants. Drop off in the Main Office or Room 128. We especially need sizes Small and XXL. Questions? Contact [Nurse Judy](#).

VOLUNTEER

★ **HELP OUT WITH CHICKEN CARE OVER WINTER BREAK** ★ We need help feeding the chickens and cleaning the coop on days when school is out. Sign up for this fun volunteer opportunity...and take home fresh eggs, too! Questions? Ask Teacher [Ansel](#). And [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST** ★ Wed. 1/8, 8:30am Show your gratitude to our teachers and staff! Donate Food or Coffee to our Monthly Staff Breakfast –Please, [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

★ **GARDEN SUPERVISION** ★ Ongoing - Help supervise the yard during lunchtime on Tuesdays (12:25-1:05pm) or Thursdays (12:42-1:02pm)! Please [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

GEAR

★ **SHOW YOUR JAGUAR PRIDE** ★ Gear can be purchased online at gear.apgsf.com, with orders processed every 2 weeks. All orders will either be in the office for pick up or delivered to your student's advisory. Questions? [EMAIL OUR GEAR CHAIRS](#), Carrie and Bo. See sweatpants, T-shirts, hats and much more [ONLINE!](#)



APG ARTS

★ Stay tuned for updates in January ★

ATHLETICS



★ CONGRATS TO GIRLS BASKETBALL, BOYS BASKETBALL & GIRLS SOCCER TEAMS ★

Our teams worked hard and had great seasons! Congrats to all our players.

★ TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION MEETING ★

Interested in Track & Field? Information meeting will be held in January. Details to come!

★ COME CHEER ON YOUR APG JAGUARS! ★

Check the game schedules and support our Jags!

 [Girls Volleyball Schedule](#)

★ APG ATHLETIC GEAR ★

Show your team spirit! Order your APG Athletic Team Tees & Gear [HERE!](#)

★ **APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM** ★ For the latest information on Giannini Athletics, please have your child (using their SFUSD student account) [JOIN](#) the **APG Athletics Google Classroom**. Click on the "+" or "join class" and type in the class code: ommj472

★ **PAPERWORK THROUGH HOME CAMPUS** ★ The SFUSD Athletics Office asks parents / guardians to submit all athletic paperwork at www.homecampus.com

- Use this [LINK](#) to create an account and complete paperwork
- Use this [LINK](#) for instructions on using Home Campus
- Follow this [LINK](#) for a Home Campus walkthrough video

[Student Athlete Pre-participation Physical Form](#) Requires doctor signature. You will upload page 4 of this form to the athlete's Home Campus account.

[Parent Consent Form](#) If not checked off on Home Campus, one form required for each sport.

Athletes can only participate in tryouts once all forms are completed and submitted on Home Campus and they receive an official clearance from us.

For more information about athletics, please click here: [APG Athletics Information](#)

For an overview of Tryouts, please click here: [Tryouts](#)

Please email Athletic Director, Mr. Alfaro, at alfaroi.c@sfusd.edu if you have any questions. Follow APG Athletics on [INSTAGRAM](#)

BEACON

Beacon serves all APG students with programs, social-emotional support, parent engagement and community resources. Sign up for the APG Beacon Newsletter [HERE](#)

★ APG BEACON PROGRAM CLOSED ALL DAY 1/17/25 ★

On Friday, January 17, 2025, A.P. Giannini Beacon Program will be closed all day as our staff will be receiving Professional Development training to continue to ensure the highest quality program to the AP Giannini Community. Please email bguy@bacr.org if you have any questions.

★ STUDY CENTER IN THE BEACON MEDIA LAB (ROOM 130) ★

No Beacon registration required

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 to 4:45 PM
- Wednesdays, 2:15 to 3:00 PM

Beacon's Study Center is FREE and available to all A.P. Giannini students on a drop-in basis. If your student would like to attend, but is not registered to any Beacon programs (Early Bird, Spanish, After School), please fill out this [Consent Form](#).

★ WARM WISHES & WELLNESS ★ Dec 18, 5-7pm, APG Cafeteria: Join us for Cookie Decorating, Dinner & a Raffle at this fun, free family event. We'll also have a Q & A with our Wellness Center staff. Please bring cookies to share at our potluck! RSVP [HERE!](#)



SFUSD

SFUSD offers helpful technology resources for families. Learn more [HERE](#)

The SFUSD 2024-25 School Calendar is available [ONLINE](#) in multiple languages.

All school meals are free to all students in the 2024-25 school year! [MORE INFO](#)

School Meals Process: All APG students who get School Meals will use their LUNCH CARD or PIN number, which was distributed to them in their advisory class, to get their meals. School staff will assist students as they get used to entering their PIN # or scanning their lunch card in the Cafeteria.

For all SFUSD Announcements: [CLICK HERE](#)

LINKS & RESOURCES

★ MENTAL HEALTH REFERRAL FORM ★

A.P. Giannini cares about our students' mental health! Refer a student [HERE](#) to receive services from the Wellness Center. Once a referral is made, the student will be contacted by a member of the Wellness Center. If you have any questions, please email our Community Health Outreach Worker, Dani Shim at shimw@sfusd.edu.

★ PARENTS ULTIMATE GUIDE TO PARENTAL CONTROLS ★

- from Ms. E, our APG Teacher Librarian / Tech Witch

Do you need parental controls? What are the options? Do they really work? Here's everything you need to know about the wide array of parental control solutions, from OS settings to monitoring apps to network hardware.

Even if you've talked to your kids about screen-time limits and responsible online behavior, it's still really tough to manage what they do when you're not there (and even when you are). Parental controls can support you in your efforts to keep your kids' internet experiences safe, fun, and productive. They work best when used openly and honestly in partnership with your kids.

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-parental-controls>

★ 2ND DISTRICT PTA ★

The APG PTSA is a member of our local 2nd District PTA. Learn about the Hopson Music Scholarship and more. See the latest district news [HERE!](#)

PTSA Website: apgsf.com

Instagram: [instagram.com/apg_middle_school_ptsa](https://www.instagram.com/apg_middle_school_ptsa)

Facebook: [facebook.com/APGSF](https://www.facebook.com/APGSF)

PTSA Calendar: apgsf.com/calendar | Subscribe to Calendar: bit.ly/apg-cal

Donate to APG: tinyurl.com/APGdonate

Join the APG PTSA: tinyurl.com/joinAPG

APG Gear Shop: gear.apgsf.com

Join the APG PTSA Google Group to get updates: bit.ly/apg-subscribe

Join the WeChat Group: wechat@apgsf.com [CHINESE]

School Website: sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school

Beacon Website: www.apgbeacon.org

Arts Newsletter: [Spring 2024 Newsletter](#)

APG Athletics: www.sfusd.edu/school/ap-giannini-middle-school/students/athletics

[SFUSD Academic Calendar](#) ~ for the 2024-25 school year

[SFUSD Public Announcements](#) ~ school district announcements and email signup

Thank you for reading the PTSA Newsletter! Go Jaguars!