

# APG Family Bulletin

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5/14/2025

# Calendar of Events

- TODAY 5/14** Advanced Concert, 6pm-7:30pm, APG Auditorium, all are welcome
- THRU 5/16** Science SBAC for 8th graders only (no modified schedule)
- 5/15** Athletic Awards Dinner, 6:00-8:30pm, Cafeteria
- 5/15 - 5/23** Pick up your pre-ordered 8th Grade lei/stole/sign (more info below)
- 5/22** Poetry Slam in the Garden, lunchtime
- 5/23** Career Day at APG, 2:40-4.00pm, 8th Graders;  
Deadline to fill out [APG Talks Survey](#)
- 5/26** **Memorial Day Holiday, No School (Monday)**
- 5/29** Cake Pop Sale, at lunchtime (\$4 each, CASH)
- 5/30** 8th Grade Celebration at School (lunchtime); **Cian's Celebration of Life in Garden, 8:45-9:30am**
- 6/2** 8th Grade Promotion, 1-3pm, Lincoln High School Football Field
- 6/4** **Last Day of School! Enjoy your Summer Break from 6/5 to 8/17!**

**Summer** We need **MANY** families to help with [Chicken Care during Summer Break](#)

**Ongoing:** Please check Lost & Found for your items; everything unlabeled/unclaimed will be donated by June 2

**Reminder:** Please keep **SICK** students at home to rest/recover



# SECURE

**Get inside Lock Outside Doors**

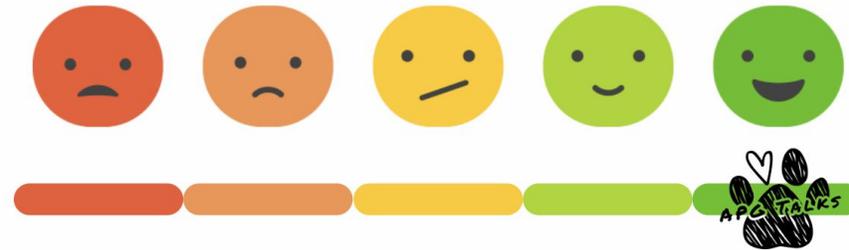
**On Thursday 5/15, we will have a secure drill:**

- Students and staff will hear this twice over the PA, at the start of advisory: **“Get inside, Lock outside doors, secure the Perimeter”**
- We continue with the day as scheduled. PE classes and other outdoor work moves inside. Outside doors (not classroom doors) will be locked.
- 5/15 is an opportunity to practice, so we know what to expect if we have an actual emergency. Because this is happening during advisory, this is a great time to ask questions and process anything that may be confusing or scary.
- During a drill, security and administrative staff will check the perimeter for locked doors before releasing via the PA system. During an actual emergency, we would wait to hear from law enforcement before lifting the secure status.

# Please fill out our 8-minute APG Talks Survey

Give us feedback on the learning environment, mental health and wellness, family engagement, and more!

Deadline to fill out the survey is May 23, 2025. Enter our Gift card raffle.



**HELP US IMPROVE!**

FILL OUT OUR APG TALKS SURVEY!  
8 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME



**Survey  
Link Here**



**Are YOU or someone you know interested in joining the APG team?  
We will have many teacher/staff positions open at our wonderful middle school for the upcoming 2025-26 school year.**

- Mild/Moderate Special Education Teacher
- English/Language Arts Teacher
- Social Studies Teacher
- Paraeducator

**For more information, please contact Heidi Smoot, Assistant Principal: [smooth@sfusd.edu](mailto:smooth@sfusd.edu)**



STUDENTS - We need your help!

If you see a book with an APG Library barcode on the front or back, please place it **\*\*\*IN\*\*\*** (not on) the blue Book Return outside the APG library door. Please return the APG books ASAP and before May 23, 2025.

Thank you!



# RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

Our Librarian, Ms. E., did her annual inventory and our school library is missing 140 books!!!

Over half of the missing books are graphic novels (blue spine label) or manga (purple spine label). To replace our missing books would cost \$2,265 and our school simply cannot absorb this huge level of loss. Ms. E. will stop buying graphic novels and manga if the missing books don't come back before school ends in a couple of weeks.

## **We need your help!**

If you see a book at home, in your locker, or around school that has an APG Library barcode on the front or back, please place it **\*\*\*IN\*\*\*** (not on) the blue Book Return box outside the APG library door at school as soon as you can.

**Please return our books by May 23rd.  
Thank you in advance for your help!**

# SPRING CONCERTS

TODAY!

May 14

Advanced Concert

6:00-7:30 pm

APG Auditorium



WE APPRECIATE YOU



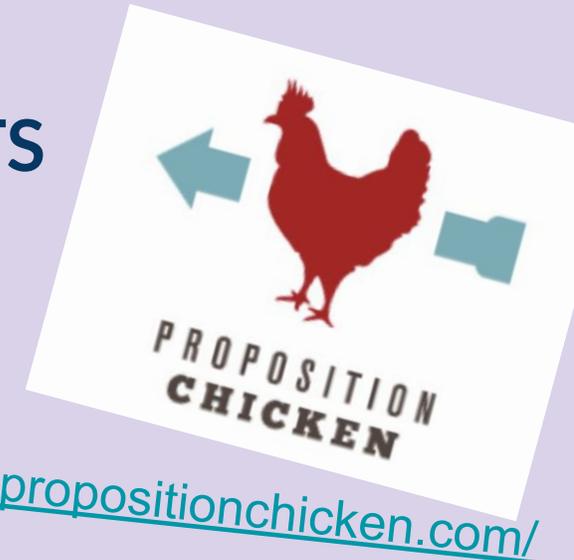
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**FLYWHEEL COFFEE**  
**ROASTERS**



THANK YOU TO MIXTO LATIN CUISINE  
AND PROPOSITION CHICKEN FOR  
CATERING OUR APPRECIATION LUNCH  
AND DONATING DESSERTS!

THESE WONDERFUL BUSINESSES ARE  
OWNED BY APG FAMILIES. THEY WOULD  
GREATLY APPRECIATE LOCAL SUPPORT  
FROM YOU - OUR APG FAMILIES AND  
STAFF. PLEASE VISIT THEIR RESTAURANTS  
AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS MEAL  
OR USE THEIR CATERING  
SERVICES FOR YOUR NEXT EVENT.

[mixtosf.com/](http://mixtosf.com/)





**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR APG FAMILIES,  
MIXTO, AND PROPOSITION CHICKEN  
FOR DONATING AMAZING DESSERTS!!!**





**THANK YOU FOR DELISH SMOOTHIES  
FOR OUR BEACON TEAM  
JAMBA JUICE SF**

# The Arts Department

Quarterly Newsletter



Scenes from APG Open House Sunset Arts Festival on Saturday April 26th



Lowell Combined Orchestra



Intermediate Advanced Orchestra



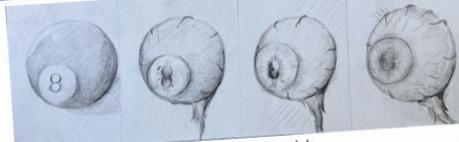
7th Grade Dance

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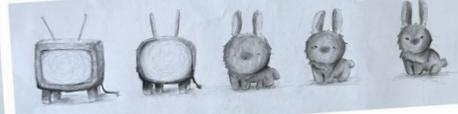
# SPRING APG ARTS DEPT NEWSLETTER

## Visual Arts

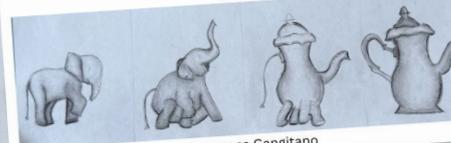
8th Grade  
Morph Drawings  
From Natural to  
Man Made



Jennette Kirkpatrick



Zilin Yu



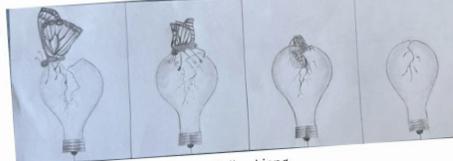
Francesca Gangitano



Ella Huang



Andy Wu Feng

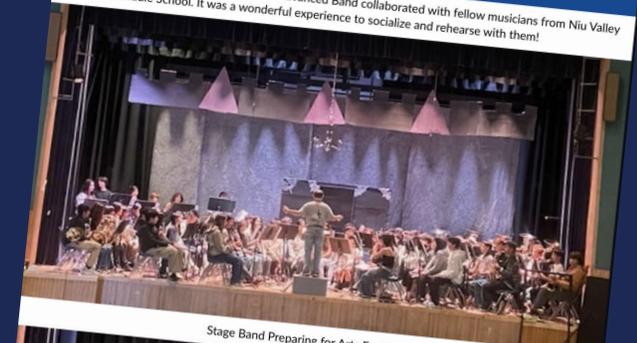


Kailey Liang



Band

On March 20th, the members of the APG Advanced Band collaborated with fellow musicians from Niu Valley (Honolulu) Middle School. It was a wonderful experience to socialize and rehearse with them!



Stage Band Preparing for Arts Festival



# PRE-ORDERED 8TH GRADE LEI PICK UP DATES/TIMES

8th grade parents - if you already ordered a 8G Graduation Lei/Stole/Yard Sign for your student, please pick up your items on these four dates this/next week:

- Thurs May 15, 8:15am-9:45am (main office)
- Fri May 16, 4:00pm-5:45pm (main entrance hallway)
- Wed May 21, 8:15am-9:45am (main office)
- Fri May 23, 4:00pm-5:45pm (main entrance hallway)

*\*You cannot purchase a Lei at these pick-up times; these are pick up only for pre-ordered leis by those who already purchased their leis by 3/31.*



We do NOT have caps or gowns for our students to wear at the APG Promotion; details shared by Counselor.



APG FUNDRAISER

# CAKE POP SALE

**\$4**  
PER  
CAKE POP

FLAVORS: VANILLA, CHOCOLATE CHIP & RED VELVET



THURSDAY  
**MAY  
29**  
AT LUNCH TIME



A.P. Giannini Middle School

# 8TH GRADE CARNIVAL

Friday, May 30, 2025 at 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Upper Yard

Sponsored by APG, PTSA, and Beacon

**DUNK  
TANK**

**OBSTACLE  
COURSE**

**DJ**

**COTTON  
CANDY**



We need YOU!  
Help out on  
weekends and  
Summertime  
with our four  
chickens!

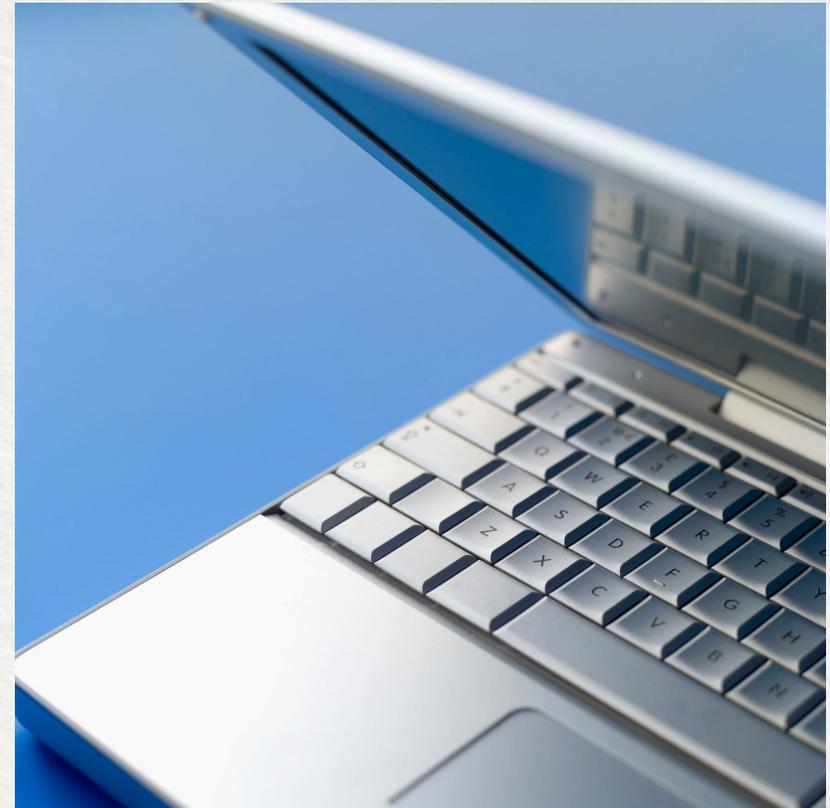


[Sign Up for Chicken Care Here](#)

Questions? Email Garden Teacher Ansel, [aschoonhoven@bacr.org](mailto:aschoonhoven@bacr.org)

# If you are in 8th grade and have a Chromebook or Hotspot checked out to you, please read this!

- Leaving SFUSD, either for another public district or an independent high school? RETURN any District-issued Chromebooks and/or Hotspots and charging cables to APG on the last day of school, in the main office or to Ms. E in the library.
- Attending an SFUSD High School? DO NOT RETURN your existing Chromebooks or Hotspots. Take your District issued Chromebook with you to 9th grade. Your SFUSD High School expects you to have your assigned Chromebook.



# Sanctuary Resources for Families

## [Sanctuary Resources for Families HERE \(multiple languages\)](#)

As we prepare for the end of the school year and the beginning of the summer, this sanctuary resource list includes organizations that provide year-round services for families in San Francisco such as:

1. emergency toolkit to prepare for possible emergencies
2. support in accompaniment to legal immigration appointments
3. access to a non-profit immigration agency for a legal consultation

*Flyers are available in Arabic, Chinese, English, Filipino, Samoan, Spanish, and Vietnamese.*

# Free Meals at McAteer Cafe for ALL SF Youth

June 9 to July 22, 2025

555 Portola Drive, 94131 (Public Transportation: 44 and 48 bus lines and not far from Forest Hill subway station)



Anyone 18 or younger, regardless of enrollment (or enrolled in an SFUSD school, regardless of age), can get a free breakfast from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, and lunch from 12 to 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday, except Juneteenth and July 4th. Meals must be eaten on campus (you may not get meals to-go or packed for off-campus).

[Menu](#) | [Online Ordering](#)

# Summer Food Resources

Below are the available food resources around the city during the summer; some are available only to SF Youth, while others are available to families. Please remember, especially during the school breaks, that nutrition and food access are wellness! Thank you for helping us nourish SFUSD youth beyond the school year.

## SFUSD Summer Meals:

- SFUSD Summer Meal Sites Serving Free Meals for SF Youth 18 years and under - More information at [sfusd.edu/schoolfood](https://sfusd.edu/schoolfood).

## Other Food Resources:

- Download and view the [California Department of Education Meals for Kids App](#), it has a map of all summer meal programs in the city. This includes SFUSD sites and more.
- Visit San Francisco Human Services Agency at [sfhsa.org/services/food](https://sfhsa.org/services/food) or call (415) 557-5000 for information on food services: CalFresh (FoodStamps), CalFresh for Immigrants, free food locations, groceries, and meals.
- Visit [211](#) if you need help connecting to services, including food, health care, transportation, and more.
- Visit SF Service Guide, an online directory of human services in San Francisco, at [sfserviceguide.org/food-resources/form](https://sfserviceguide.org/food-resources/form) for information on food resources.
- The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank is operating temporary Pop-up Pantries. Use the [Food Locator](#) to find sites near you. The time and location of Pop-up Pantries may change.
- Use Shop Simple with MyPlate for savings with CalFresh, budget-friendly recipes, and balanced eating tips. Visit [myplate.gov/shopsimple](https://myplate.gov/shopsimple).

**You can find all of this information and more at [sfusd.edu/foodresources](https://sfusd.edu/foodresources).**



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF SAN FRANCISCO

## Join the Don Fisher Clubhouse for an amazing summer

We provide dedicated elementary, middle and high school programming!

June 5th - August 1st

Monday - Thursday 9AM to 5PM

Friday 9AM to 4PM

\$170 for the full summer (8 weeks)

Don't need the Club for the entire summer?  
Take advantage of our \$70 2 week sessions.

Visit [kidsclub.org/summerdetails](https://kidsclub.org/summerdetails) for  
full pricing information and dates!

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE

- The Arts
  - SF Ballet Dance Camp (June 9-13)
  - African American Shakespeare Company
  - Notes 4 Notes Recording Studio
- Jr Giants Baseball
- Swimming
  - Learn to Swim
  - Recreation swim
- Teen Programming:
  - Paid Internships
  - Career Exposure
- Fun Educational Activities and STEM

Questions? Or for a Club tour reach out to Assistant Clubhouse Director,  
Carson Heywood at [cheywood@kidsclub.org](mailto:cheywood@kidsclub.org) or call 415-221-6100.

Sign up today at: [kidsclub.org/register](https://kidsclub.org/register)



# Summer at the Don Fisher Clubhouse

Join the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco's Don Fisher Clubhouse for an amazing summer! We provide dedicated elementary, middle and high school programming.

Program highlights include: The arts, Jr. Giants baseball, swimming, teen programming, fun educational activities and STEM.

Dates: June 5 through August 1,  
M-Th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: Carson Heywood at  
[cheywood@kidsclub.org](mailto:cheywood@kidsclub.org) or call 415-221-6100

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# APG Attendance Office

## New this School Year

- Report your student for a **Full Day** absence in your **ParentVUE** account via the mobile app or desktop
  - Instructions from **SFUSD**
  - **Note:** This form is for a **FULL DAY** absence only.
- **Early Dismissal / Permit to Leave School online form**

**Reminder:** Your student is responsible for picking up their ***Permit to Leave School slip*** from the Counseling Office before the start of school from 9:00am- 9:30am.

Students with a ***Permit to Leave School*** will exit from the main office doors.

Please don't pull into our parking lots nor block the school/city buses to pick up your student.

## Other ways to report Attendance issues

### Email Attendance

**[404 APGattendance@sfusd.edu](mailto:404 APGattendance@sfusd.edu)**

Provide a written note to the Counseling Office Admin, Ms. Dawson  
Phone our Counseling Office at 415-759-2773

In all communications with the school regarding a student's absence or request to leave, please provide the following:

- Your name and identify yourself as the parent/guardian/caregiver of the student
- Student's name
- Date(s) of the absence(s) or leave
- Reason for the absence or leave
- Signature of a parent/caregiver and current date (if a written note)

# EXCUSED ABSENCES & ILLNESSES

**What to do if your student does not feel well? PLEASE STAY AT HOME!**

If your student is exhibiting any of the symptoms below, please have your student stay home and rest. For fever: please return to school after 24 hours of being fever-free, without medication, has passed.

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
Pinkeye	Rash	Mouth Sores	Abdominal Pain	Runny Nose

Families may be contacted for further follow up if needed for an ill student. If you are called to pick up your sick student, please do so promptly or arrange for them to get home safely immediately. We have limited spaces in our Wellness Center/School for sick students to wait without exposing others. If you have any questions regarding the SFUSD illness protocol, please [visit webpage HERE](#) or contact our School Nurse, Judy ([ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu](mailto:ZhengJ1@sfusd.edu)).

# HANDBOOK: EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

## 4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused Absences

### Student and Family Handbook

Chapter 1: Welcome

Chapter 2: SFUSD's Commitment to Families and Students

Chapter 3: Family Resources and Rights

Chapter 4: Student Academic Expectations

4.1 Attendance Guidelines

4.1.1 Importance of Attendance

4.1.2 Recommendations for Temporary School Exclusion Due to Illness

4.1.3 What Parents/Caregivers Should Do When a Student Will Be Absent

4.1.4 Excused and Unexcused

## Excused and Unexcused Absences

([SFUSD Board Policy 5113](#))

### Valid Excused Absences (Absences Excused by State law)

Verification of student absences is accepted only from parents/guardians/caregivers, or the student if they are 18 years old or older.

CA Education Code 48205 states that a student shall be excused from school when the absence is:

- 1 Due to the pupil's illness, including an absence for the benefit of the pupil's mental or behavioral health.
- 2 Due to quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
- 3 For the purpose of having medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
- 4 For the purpose of attending the funeral services or grieving the death of either a member of the pupil's immediate family, or of a person that is determined by the pupil's parent or guardian to be in such close association with the pupil as to be considered the pupil's immediate family, so long as the absence is not more than five days per incident.
- 5 For the purpose of jury duty in the manner provided for by law.
- 6 Due to the illness or medical appointment during school hours of a child of whom the pupil is the custodial parent, including absences to care for a sick child, for which the school shall not require a note from a doctor.

## Importance of Attendance

California law requires that children between the ages of 6 and 18 attend school every day. While the law does not currently apply to children below the age of six, research shows that early education (pre-school and kindergarten) is essential for future academic success. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to ensure that their child gets to school every day.

### Tips for Parents/Caregivers: Getting to School on Time

- Make sure your child goes to bed early and gets a good night's sleep.
- Develop a morning routine (get dressed, eat breakfast, brush teeth) and stick with it.
- Talk with your child about the importance of attending school every day for academic success.
- Arrange a time every night without interruptions for your child to do homework.

### Regular Attendance is Essential!

National and local research has shown that students with frequent absences, whether excused or unexcused, have lower literacy levels, lower grades and higher drop-out rates than students who attend school regularly.

The Governing Board believes that regular attendance plays an important role in student achievement. The Board will work with parents/guardians and students to ensure their compliance with all state attendance laws and may use appropriate legal means to correct problems of chronic absence or truancy. **Absence in excess of 10% or more days of school, whether those absences are excused or unexcused, will be considered Chronic Absence.**

For support in keeping your child in school, or if you have any questions about District Attendance Policy, please contact your school administrator or the Student Family Services Division, by calling (415) 340-1716, emailing [sfink@sfusd.edu](mailto:sfink@sfusd.edu) or submit an online form at [familylink.sfusd.edu](http://familylink.sfusd.edu).

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