

AP Giannini Parent Teacher Student Association

E-Newsletter · 12/16/2025

NEWS

We're wrapping up 2025 - this is our final newsletter for this calendar year as we approach the Winter Break! Check out our final events this week and please lend a hand. Only FOUR more days of school left...woo-hoo! Thanks for getting us to 306 PTSA Members! We're grateful for all of you in our APG Community. Wishing you a restful and wonderful break with your family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you in the new year when we're back at APG on Monday, January 5th, 2026!

★ [Four Volunteers Needed](#) today, Tues 12/16 to help pack up unclaimed lost & found items for donation, 9:45am - 11:45am Can you give us an hour of your time? [Please sign up](#).

★ Advocate for APG to not lose our Social Worker, Security staff, Counselors, and general ed bus service! Attend today's BOE Meeting and send an email to SFUSD/BOE leaders. Details below.

★ Help with Chicken Care over Winter Break - [SIGN UP HERE](#)! Can you help take care of our four fabulous chickens, Pepper, Mushroom, Midnight & Gooseberry? [Please sign up](#) for an hour-shift.

★ Congrats to our Boys Basketball team for winning the final and becoming our CIF SF Middle School Basketball Champions!!! Thanks so much to our student athletes, coaches, managers, and families!

★ We're postponing today's, December 16th, Family Social Event: Cocoa & Community, due to unforeseen circumstances. We will plan a family social for our families to enjoy in January, 2026. Details to be shared early next month. Thanks for understanding!

★❤️ [DONATE TO THE JAG FUND BEFORE 2025 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. **We've raised \$75,000 toward our \$150,000 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 donate before the end of tax-year 2025. And, don't forget to request matching donations.

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

EVENTS & CALENDAR

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

12/16 Volunteer to Pack/Donate L&F items [SIGN UP HERE](#); Holiday Toy Drive Ends - last day to donate toys; Attend Board of Ed Meeting in-person or online via Zoom, 6:30pm

12/17 School Site Council Meeting, 4:10pm, Main Office

12/20 - 1/4 Winter Break, No School. Enjoy this time off with your families and friends!

1/5 School begins, Spring Semester

1/7 Girls Volleyball Games Begin [SCHEDULE](#)

1/9 Staff Breakfast, donations needed [SIGN UP HERE](#)

1/19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, No School

1/28 Community + PTSA Meeting, 6:30pm, Zoom

DONATE & FUNDRAISERS

★ **HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE** ★ APG is hosting a Holiday Toy Drive thru December 16th to support the SF Firefighters toy program. Our goal is to collect at least 100 new/ unopened toys by 4pm on Tuesday, December 16th. Please consider purchasing a toy, book or game for kids ages 1-12 and donating it to our toy drive. We CANNOT accept any clothing, food/perishable items, used/ opened toys, nor toy guns or weapons. Please drop off toys to our Wellness Center (Rm 128) or have your student drop off donations. If you have any questions, please email Danielle Shim (shimw@sfusd.edu).

★ **JAG FUND** ★ We appreciate your [direct donation](#) to our APG PTSA Jag Fund! Our goal this year is to raise \$150,000. So far, we're at 50% of our fundraising goal...we'd like YOUR HELP to get to 100%. Please [give any amount you can](#); we recommend monthly donations from each APG family of \$30 to \$50 per month, but any other monthly or one-time [donation](#) your family is able to contribute is very welcome. [DONATE HERE!](#)

★ **GARDEN DONATIONS** ★ Our garden is in need of donations of new hoses, soil, succulent mix, compost, and seeds. Questions? Please email our APG Garden Educator, [Ansel](#).

★ **JOIN THE APG PTSA** ★ Become a member of our PTSA this year, it only takes 1 minute to [sign up online](#). Your membership has perks and supports our PTSA fundraising goals, plus you help our PTSA community grow. [Cost: \\$11 dues + TOTEM fee.](#)

VOLUNTEER

★ **HELP PACK ITEMS IN LOST AND FOUND TO DONATE** ★ [SIGN UP HERE!](#) We'd like FOUR volunteers to help pack up our unclaimed lost & found items and for donation on Tuesday, December 12th, 9:45am - 11:45am Can you give us an hour of your time? [Please sign up.](#)

★ **HELP WITH CHICKEN CARE** ★ Winter Break Help Needed [HERE!](#) You can also bring your visiting friends and family to meet and pet the chickens. Reach out to Teacher [Ansel](#). Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) if you want to join the garden team and learn how to do chicken care. Volunteers can take home any eggs, and we will also have a small thank you gift for everyone who helps out during the break. New to chicken/garden care? No worries -- detailed instructions are in the [sign-up google sheet](#).

★ **STAFF BREAKFASTS** ★ [SIGN UP HERE!](#) Every month, our school parents volunteer to bring breakfast items and coffee to treat our amazing APG teachers and staff. These breakfasts are on Friday mornings, 8:45-9:30am, in the School Garden, with food/coffee drop-off at 8:00-8:30am. Dates: Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 10, May 1.

★ **HELP WITH SCHOOL TOURS** ★ We need more [volunteers](#) to help out on our school tour on January 14, 2026, Weds from 9:30-11am. Please [SIGN UP](#).

★ **GARDEN WORKDAYS** ★ Our next Garden Workdays will be in March - April, 2026. Stay tuned for a new flyer and details for Spring garden workdays.

GEAR

★ **SHOW YOUR JAGUAR PRIDE** ★ Our Jag Gear is available to [purchase online](#). We coordinate pick-up of all online orders within two weeks with your student's advisory teacher. These are wonderful holiday gifts! Order by December 12th for final pick-up by December 15th before Winter Break. Questions? Email us at: apggear@gmail.com [ORDER ONLINE HERE](#)

BEACON

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

Welcome to our new Family Liaison, Denelle Crespo! More will be shared about Denelle's background soon, as well as upcoming Family Socials to be hosted by Beacon + PTSA in 2026.

★ **Study Center** ★ Study Center - Weekly! Located in the Beacon Media Lab (Room 130) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 - 4:45pm; Wednesdays, 2:15 - 3:00pm. Our Study Center is FREE and available to ALL AP Giannini students, and operates on a drop in basis every week. We simply ask participating student's families [fill out the Department of Children, Youth and Families Consent Form HERE](#).

ATHLETICS

★ **BOYS BASKETBALL** ★ Congratulations to our Boys Basketball Team on becoming the Champions for the CIF SF Middle School League!!! Thanks to our student athletes, coaches, managers, and families for a great season!

★ **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL GAMES** ★ Begin on January 7th - [SCHEDULE HERE](#)

Photos/videos & updates shared on our APG Athletics [INSTAGRAM](#)

★ **APG ATHLETICS GOOGLE CLASSROOM** ★ For all students interested in receiving information and updates about Giannini Athletics please [JOIN](#) the 2025-2026 APG Athletics Google Classroom. Click on the "+" or "join class" and type in the class code: **xy344rs**

★ **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 if forms are completed & receive an official clearance.

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 questions.

APG ADVOCACY

HOW CAN YOU -- OUR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND STAFF -- HELP RIGHT NOW???

Please Attend Today's Board of Education (BOE) Meeting

Tuesday, 12/16 @ 6:30pm, public session

-- If you're able to attend in person, please consider taking your student with you to speak during the public comment portion of the open session. Student comments are taken seriously by the BOE commissioners.

-- [Click here](#) to see the drop down menu with info on how to join in person at 555 Franklin Street's Boardroom or online at 6:30pm.

-- [Draft Agenda here](#) (and PDF attached)

-- Draft budget document [here](#) showing reductions proposed for 2026-27 school year.

Attend our School Site Council Meeting this Weds, December 17th, 4:10pm in the Main Office.

Location: In-Person, APG Main office; Zoom can be provided, if requested

Date and time: Weds 12/17, 4:10-5:10 p.m.

Questions? Contact Tai-Sun Schoeman, Principal: schoemant@sfusd.edu

12/17/25 [Agenda](#)

- Review and approve 11/19 Meeting Minutes
- Confirming by-law edits, add signatures, and approve
- Review budget, updated timeline, and Q&A
- Continued review of SPSA by section and Q&A (if time allows)

Send an email to the SFUSD Supt. Maria Su and BOE Commissioners. We made it easy for you to cut and paste our template into your email message, all you have to do is add your name and role as a parent, student or staff at APG at the end, and send it to all the email addresses we included. Scroll down below for the template email message and addresses. Please send an email between today and Friday 12/19, before Winter Break.

Watch this 12/11 Video with SFUSD's Chris Mount-Benites explaining budget changes and answering questions from SF PTA/PTSA officers (including two from our APG PTSA Board) who're following the district's budget cuts closely. [VIDEO HERE](#).

-- Second District PTA hosted a special 4-1-1 SFUSD Budget Discussion and Q & A with Chris Mount-Benites, the new SFUSD Deputy Superintendent of Business Services & School Operations. After the SFUSD Budget Town Halls the past 2 weeks, there have been MANY questions about the district budget, especially on the current funds and what is planned for cuts in the coming school year. Chris answers questions in this session, along with Hong Mei

Pang, Head of Communications and Governance, and Nirupama Jayaraman, the new CFO of SFUSD.

Stay tuned for more messages coming next week and in January, after Principal Schoeman receives the APG School Site Budget proposal.

-- Plan to join our Community meeting on Zoom on January 28, 2026 at 6:30pm to learn about our APG Budget proposal and give your feedback to Mr. Schoeman and the SSC members. You'll get more info about this meeting in early January.

TEMPLATE EMAIL TO SEND, WITH EMAIL ADDRESSES - PLEASE SEND TODAY THRU DECEMBER 19TH. THANKS!

Please cut and paste the message below into a new email message, use the subject text below, add all the email addresses shared below in the 'To' area, add your name after 'Sincerely' and above the closing line, and send your email today, or by 12/19 morning. Thanks!

Subject: Proposed Staff and Funding Cuts at AP Giannini Middle School

Message:

Dear Superintendent Dr. Maria Su, SFUSD Cabinet Members, and BOE Commissioners,

I am reaching out as a concerned member in the A.P. Giannini Middle School (APG) community in regards to the proposed SFUSD budget cuts that would potentially eliminate several staff positions and funds at my student's wonderful public middle school.

I understand that district-wide fiscal responsibility is critical, given all that is happening with the CA Dept of Education overseeing the continued SFUSD budget deficit. Cutting our wellness staff, counselors, and security staff positions would have a severely negative impact on our 1,200 students and 130+ staff members at the largest public middle school community in San Francisco. These staff roles are not just beneficial—they are vital to the daily functioning of our school. These staff members are part of the glue that holds our APG school community together; they ensure that our classroom teachers can focus on teaching all our students, and support our administration so they have more time for instructional leadership. In light of recent tragedy and safety incidents that our APG community has suffered in the past two months, we need our wellness, security, and counseling team to remain robust and intact more than ever before. Our Wellness Center has been working very hard to meet the growing needs of all of our APG students. They have had over 1,800 visits in just 3.5 months! Our Social Worker and CHOW support the SEL, health, and overall well-being of over one thousand students, as well as communicate with families about issues their students are experiencing. Our security has helped students remain in a safe learning environment. Our counselors continue to work very hard to support 400 students and families, each! Our 8th grade counselor has the extra work to help 8th graders with high school applications and guidance; he encourages his 400 students to enroll in SFUSD high schools, helping your district enrollment numbers stay stable while students/families are strongly considering other options due to your budget cuts.

Our Wellness Staff, Security staff and Counselors help make sure our students are focused on learning in the classroom with their peers and teachers, instead of being out of class or school or increasing the learning loss gaps we've seen in recent years, all while keeping them safe onsite. We've had a few incidents and a tragedy affect our community this Fall, with even more need for our security, counselors and wellness team to remain strong and intact! As the largest public middle school in SFUSD with 1,200 students, cutting these essential staff positions at APG would be devastating for our students, as well as cause a huge decline in the support that our entire school community has relied on each school day.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed cuts to our APG Wellness Staff, Security staff and Counselors positions, and request for you to please explore every alternative solution available to you that will not come at the expense of our 1,200 students' health, safety, well-being, and academic success. CA state funding pushed to support all middle school wellness centers in the past two years post pandemic and school lockdown, so I'm surprised to hear you want to cut wellness staff. APG is highly requested by 5th graders as their top choice and it is the largest public middle school in SF, with a substantially high population of Free-and-Reduced Lunch, Special Education, and CTIP qualifying students and families. The APG school community has already been overwhelmed and exhausted by stretching out the fewer resources the school receives and lack of Title 1 funding from the district, year after year. Our community keeps getting asked to do more with less fiscal support, and everyone is beyond the breaking point. The APG PTSA Fundraising goals have increased in the past two years to help with basic staff needs like supplies and boost morale with various staff appreciation events, but does not use, nor should they use, those funds to make up for the SFUSD Budget cut gaps to pay any of our essential staff. Your proposed cuts will not only impact our APG community, but also the district as APG students move up to high school and are unable to meet the goals and guardrails set by you, our SFUSD and BOE leaders.

Thank you for making time to read my letter and consider scaling back your proposed staffing cuts to APG. I appreciate all you do for our SF public school students and applaud your dedication to help our public schools thrive, as well as keep families and staff in our wonderful city!

Sincerely,

[add your name and role - eg., parent, student, staff, etc.]

--- EMAIL ADDRESSES TO WHOM YOU'LL SEND YOUR LETTER ---

These are the email addresses of SFUSD leaders, cabinet staff, and Board of Education Commissioners. Add all of these email addresses in the 'To' field of your email message.

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mount-benitesc@sfusd.edu -- adding new Budget overseer, Chris Mount-Benites
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LINKS & RESOURCES

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 Parents/Staff 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, Fall/Winter 2025: [click here](#)

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

[SFUSD Academic Calendar](#) - for the 2025-26 school year

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

Thank you for reading the PTSA Newsletter! Go Jaguars!

CONGRATULATIONS, APG BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM!

CHAMPIONS OF CIF SF MIDDLE SCHOOL LEAGUE



THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE WELLNESS STAFF AND SPED STAFF FOR A WONDERFUL INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK! THE EVENTS WERE A BIG HIT WITH OUR STUDENTS!



STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCH

THANK YOU TO OUR FABULOUS FAMILIES WHO DONATED DESSERTS!
THANKS SO MUCH TO VANIDA THAI AND GUS'S MARKET CATERING
FOR A DELICIOUS LUNCH FOR ALL OUR APG & BEACON STAFF.
WE APPRECIATE OUR AMAZING PTSA BOARD OFFICERS FOR ORGANIZING
AND VOLUNTEERING TO MAKE THIS ANNUAL EVENT HAPPEN.



**STAFF HOLIDAY GIFT: LUNCH BAGS FILLED WITH GOODIES
DONATED BY APG FAMILIES - THANK YOU!**



GIVING TUESDAY

December 2, 2025

Together, we give to
A.P. Giannini

apgsf.com/fundraising/give/



THANK YOU



A.P. Giannini Middle School & SF Firefighters Toys

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

On now until Dec 16th, 2025
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How to Donate:

Drop off your gifts at APG's
Wellness Center (Rm 128)

If you have any questions:
please email Danielle
(shimw@sfusd.edu)

What to Bring:

- New, unwrapped toys, crafts, books and games suitable for ages 0-12.
- Please do not donate clothes, perishable or used items.



