



The Paw Print Press

IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, October 25

SFUSD Enrollment Fair

9:30am – 2:30pm, John O’Connell HS

Meet representatives from all SFUSD schools and pick up a copy of the enrollment packet. John O’Connell High School, 2355 Folsom St.

Friday, October 31

Halloween

Little Leopards become princesses, Ninjas, superheroes, animals and more. Join us for a day of parades, parties and games.

Tuesday, November 11

NO SCHOOL -- Veterans Day



Halloween & Candy Drive

Are you getting ready for a ghoulish Halloween? We’re in need of a coffin full nut-free tricks and treats. Please bring your donations to your classroom or the office.

Festivities begin with the Costume parade from 10-10:30 and the Halloween Fest in the Community Room from 11-2:30. You will be notified by your room parents and teachers about any additional classroom activities.

Please join us on THURSDAY, October 30 at 3:30 to help make over the Community Room into the special haunted festival (you may also come after late pick up to help!) Volunteers are needed on FRIDAY to help with the Community Room games and after 2:30 to breakdown. Email volunteer@lakeshoreelementary.org

Lost and Found

All LOST items that have not been FOUND by Friday 10/31/14 will be donated to charity on November 1, 2014. Please come by and look for lost items.

October 22, 2014

The Walk-a-Thon Results Are In!

Hundreds of envelopes and PayPal pledges poured in over the last two weeks bringing the total for this year’s Walk-a-Thon to a fantastic

\$12,911.01!

Every classroom raised There were pledges from every classroom and the whole school won the following activities (more information about when these will take place are forthcoming):

- ✓ \$500 Intake on the roof
- ✓ \$1,500 No Homework Pass for one week
- ✓ \$3,000 Teacher Switch
- ✓ \$5,000 Kickball Game (Teachers vs. Students)
- ✓ \$7,500 Movie and Popcorn Party
- ✓ \$10,000 Teacher Obstacle Course

The other prizes go to:

- Class in each grade to raise the most in the grade wins an extra recess!
K: Room 12 (Ms. Lafferty)
1: Room M2 (Ms. Chan)
2: Room M3 (Ms. Palacio)
3: Room 110 (Ms. Arian)
4: Room 107 (Ms. Camou)
5: Room 117 (Ms. Fuscascas)
- The classroom that raised the most money in the school and wins a Lakeshore folder and pencil for each student is Ms. Palacio’s 2nd grade. As the results were so close, Ms. Fuscascas’ 5th grade will also receive the prize!
- The student with the highest number of pledges goes to Jaiden F. in Ms. Carriaso’s second grade who receives a \$50 gift card.

Congratulations and thank to everyone!

Thank You Corner

A heartfelt garden thanks to the Enna family, Declan and Ronan who worked with their dad, Jason in the garden on a Saturday morning establishing our new Weather Station and building a beautiful redwood planter box for bamboo in the Mindful Garden. They also worked on new signs throughout the gardens on campus. – From Ms. Luna

Proposition C: Information for your consideration

Why it's on the ballot

- The Children's Fund and Public Education Enrichment Fund are set to expire June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively. Prop C protects San Francisco from losing \$125M in funding for our schools and critical programs for children and youth.
- Services for children and youth must be better coordinated and strategic. This initiative formalizes a plan to ensure that no matter who sits in leadership positions, coordination will happen.
- Placed on the ballot in a unanimous 11-0 vote by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Children's Fund – The way it is now

- Created in 1991, receives dedicated portion of the property tax that the City collects each year (3 cents for each \$100 assessed property value)
- Provides services for children under 18 years of age, including child care, health services, job training, social services, educational, recreational, and cultural programs, and delinquency prevention services
- FY14, City deposits \$49M into fund
- DCYF administers the fund and the Mayor appoints a 15-member advisory committee
- Expires June 30, 2016

Children's Fund – The proposal

- Extend the Children's Fund and property tax set-aside for 25 years, until June 30, 2041 and change name to "Children and Youth Fund"
- Increase the property tax set-aside gradually over the next four years to 4 cents for each \$100 assessed property value. (would not increase or change property taxes; it would only affect the amount of property tax revenues set aside for the fund)
- Extend the age group served by the Children's Fund to include "Disconnected Transitional-Aged Youth" (aged 18 - 24 years old)
- Change current three-year planning cycle for spending to a five-year cycle, and set out additional steps in the cycle

Public Education Enrichment Fund –

The way it is now

- Created by voters in 2004, City contributes a certain amount to PEEF each year, based on City's General Fund revenues
- FY14 City contributes \$77.1M
- Charter requires funds be distributed as follows:
 - One-third to SFUSD for arts, music, sports, and library (SLAM)
 - One-third to First Five Commission for universal preschool programs for 4-year-olds
 - One-third to the School District for general education purposes (the 3rd third, mostly used for student support services)
 - PEEF will expire on June 30, 2015

Public Education Enrichment Fund –

The proposal

- Extend PEEF for 26 years, until June 30, 2041
- Extend funding for universal preschool to include 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds, but would still give priority to 4-year-olds. Funding could also be used to develop services for children from birth to three years old.

- Eliminates "in-kind" contributions by the City in 3rd third
- Removes "trigger" function by which the City could reduce its contribution to the fund by 25% based on a forecasted City budget deficit of \$100M or greater

Our Children, Our Families Council – NEW

- Creates an Our Children, Our Families Council to advise the City and School District on needs of children and families in SF and on priorities, goals, and best practices for addressing those needs
- Mayor would chair the Council, and would invite Superintendent to serve as co-chair. Other members would include heads City and SFUSD departments, and members of the community.
- Every five years, the Council would adopt an Our Children, Our Families Plan to recommend new City policies and programs for children and families in SF
- Purpose – to create a more coordinated and efficient system of services

Rainy Day Reserve – The way it is now

- The City has a Rainy Day Reserve. When City collections increase by more than 5% over the year before, the City deposits half of the amount over 5% in the Reserve.
- City may collect money out of the Reserve only when:
 - It collects less money than it did in the previous year. In this case, the money would be used for City operations.
 - The School District collects less money per student than in the previous year and plans significant layoffs. In this case, the City may give up to 25% of the money in the Reserve to the School District.

Rainy Day Reserve – The proposal

- Divide the existing Rainy Day Reserve into a City Rainy Day Reserve and a School Rainy Day Reserve
- 25% of future Rainy Day deposits would go to the School Reserve and 75% would go to the City Reserve
- School District could withdraw up to half the money in the School Reserve in years when it expects to collect less money per students than in the previous fiscal year and would have to lay off a significant number of employees
- The School Board could, by two-thirds' vote, override those limits and withdraw any amount in the School Reserve in any year

Oversight and Management

- Creates an 11-member Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee to participate in the planning process and oversee DCYF and administration of the Children's Fund
- Create a citizen advisory committee for the early education portion of PEEF (advisory committee already exists for SFUSD portion of the funds)
- Creation of Children and Families Council for overall coordination (as explained in previous slide)
- Ballot measure Requires 50%+1 vote to pass

Endorsements

Yes

- Mayor Ed Lee and all 11 Supervisors
- Board of Education and the teachers union
- Parent groups and many community organizations
- Childcare providers
- Every Democratic Club
- Arts organizations like the Symphony and Museum of Modern Art
- Many more (see ourchildrenourcity.com for list)

No

- SF Libertarian Party

Information provided by San Francisco District PTA.

Please vote on Tuesday, November 4.