Mark Your Calendars

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You can find our calendar of events on ParentSquare, and instructions on how to add the calendar to your personal calendar are at [http://starrkingschool.org/calendar](http://starrkingschool.org/calendar)

Bright Spots from Principal Martin

Hi Everyone! I’m so glad to get back to learning. Those two weeks off, while needed, seemed like a lifetime. This month I will spend my time working on the important questions surrounding reopening of our school building. We are scheduled to open Feb. 8 and about half the families in grades PK-2 indicated they would like to return. Others feel it’s safer to continue in distance learning. To accommodate these requests there is much to do. This week I am making plans to move furniture and thinking about how best to arrange classes and deliver curriculum. We are all still waiting to hear how labor negotiations are going. No agreements had been reached when we left on Dec. 18, but negotiations continued over the break. Also, before leaving in December, I peeked into the cafeteria to see that our walls have been painted and the space is now much lighter. The wall art will be placed on Jan. 21st. Since it’s January, we celebrate cooperation and teamwork. These values are a great way to start off the year and another great path toward peace and learning. Here’s to a great month! -D
**Friday Morning Meeting. Fridays 8:30am, ZOOM ID: 7814484255**

Join us for the Friday Morning Meeting. We're dancing, shouting out birthdays and our school values. Our amazing Student Council (StuCo) is creating videos with tips for students. Students can also ask questions and say hello to friends. Join us 8:30-8:50am.

https://sfusd.zoom.us/j/7814484255

(AAPAC) AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to provide an open forum to hear ideas from Starr King parents with African American children. As well as work together to put our ideas into action. We also offer communal support in order for our children to achieve academic success. Future District AAPAC and Starr King AAPAC events will be posted on ParentSquare. Contact Dominique Smith at dominiquca.smith@gmail.com or on Parent Square for any information or questions.

The tentative date/time of the Black History Month Celebration is Friday 02/26/21, 2-3pm. Please be on the lookout for more information from Parent Square.

Parent Equity Dialogues

We will be continuing our equity dialogues with our LGBTQ and Latinx discussions in January and February. Specific dates to be posted soon. Contact Kimberly Wicoff (wicoff@gmail.com) or via Parent Square if you have questions, suggestions or would like to join the planning committee.

$229,691 Raised for Fall 2020 ASK Campaign

Thank you to our Starr King community for coming out strong in support for ASK. We raised $229,691 which will go into ensure we can continue to focus on these priorities:

- Keeping class sizes small for all cohort
- Supporting racial equity
- Provide engaging and meaningful experiences for all students

While ASK is over, we accept donations all year round so if you weren’t able to donate during the ASK period but are able to do so in 2021, you can still make your donations in the following ways:

2) Mail a check or cash to: ASK 2020, 1215 Carolina St, San Francisco, CA 94107 (made out to Starr King PTA); o2
3) Set up recurring monthly donations, stock donations, and employee matching programs.

Contact Angeline Yeo (angeyeo@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

NEEDED: Parent Volunteer Lead for Lunar New Year celebration

Lunar New Year is just around the corner in February! We are looking for parent volunteers to lead the zoom celebration event. Like the Latinx Heritage event led by our fellow Starr King parent Angela Alvarez and our upcoming Black History Month Celebration on 2/26 led by AAPAC, these events are a wonderful opportunity for parents and kids to come together, learn, and most importantly celebrate our Starr King communities!

If you are interested in leading the Lunar New Year celebration, please text Grace Kao at 415-860-4770. PTA can help with providing more volunteers and zoom/tech support.
Next PTA Meeting on Thursday, 2/18 at 7pm
Please join us for our PTA meeting on Thursday February 18th at 7pm. Agenda to come.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86278163913?pwd=YmhTSDBxb3FLN1BZc21SekFOSnF5QT09
Meeting ID: 862 7816 3913
Passcode: 450416

Here is a link to the last PTA meeting, where highlights of the EXL Showcase were shared and recent PTA expenses were approved.

COVID-19 School Closure Updates and Resources from SFUSD
https://www.sfusd.edu/services/health-wellness/covid-19-coronavirus-resources-families-students

Parent Square Corner
Sign-up for Parent Square at https://www.starrkingschool.org/psq and/or email Leslie Wan at leslie.wan@gmail.com

YMCA Urban Services ASP
We are offering free virtual program Monday- Friday.
Power Hour: Is academic help with English and math 2:13-3PM daily
Recreation time: Our team will alternate days and offer from stretching, dance, zumba or yoga.
Enrichments: In a very YMCA method, join us Monday- Thursday for thematic activities 3:30-4:15pm.

Magical Monday- The K-1st grade group will have general music class while 2nd-5th will work on artistic activities.
Thoughtful Tuesday- literacy focused activities.
Wonder Wednesday- Come wonder as we work on STEAM related projects.
Therapeutic Thursday- Thursdays are our socio-emotional learning focus day. Our two groups will either have socio-emotional or HEPA (healthy eating physical activity) activities.
Friday Funday- art activities (we will not have program the last Friday of the month)

SEL- We have dedicated 4:15-5pm Monday- Thursday to run just socio-emotional activities. On some weeks it may be a continuation of recreational activities.
Wellness Circle- To end virtual programming we have dedicated 5-5:30 for kiddos to share how the day went and do "circle" time.

We would love to have you join! For safety reasons, we will only send the zoom link to those interested. If you would like to enroll, please email Ms. Rachelle at rabutler@ymcasf.org with your child's name, date of birth and grade.

Check out the online Starr King Elementary Swag Store!
https://stores.inksoft.com/starr_king_elementary_store/shop/products/all?page=1
Orders will be fulfilled and available for pick up whenever campus is open. Updates will be posted on ParentSquare!
**Academic Volunteers Program**
Tutor a student or help out in a Starr King classroom during the school day (over Zoom, naturally :)
If you can give one hour a week to be a tutor in a Starr King classroom, we'll help you get trained and vetted by the San Francisco Education Fund, and connect you with a Starr King teacher.

Please message Russell Uman on Parent Square, or email russ@firebus.com, for more information.

**C.A.R.E (Community Awareness Resource Entity) Program**
COVID-19 testing at 1050 Wisconsin street 9-11:45 am and then 1:30-3:15 pm Monday - Friday.
No appointment needed, no ID needed either.
More information call Uzuri 415-368-4436 uzuri@sf-care.org

**The Starr King Website**
Be sure to bookmark http://starrkingschool.org on your browser -- that's where you'll find the most recent updates of school news, upcoming events, and other information you might find useful. Copies of this newsletter are also available in Chinese and Spanish!

**Sign Up as a Member of Starr King’s PTA**
Everyone is a welcome member of our PTA. All new families are enrolled [unless you opted out] at the time of your school registration. However, ongoing membership does require annual renewal. Please help us by:
- Signing up and paying dues ($5/family) through the link on the PTA webpage: https://www.starrkingschool.org/pta/
- or email Lorin Yin at lorin.yin@gmail.com

**Teacher/Classroom (Amazon) Wishlists**
Some of our teachers have supply requests for our families. Please have a look here https://www.starrkingschool.org/teacher-supplies-wish-lists

**Support Starr King While You Shop - Amazon Smile, Sports Basement and Extreme Pizza**
There are several simple ways to support Starr King Elementary as you go about your regular shopping on Amazon or at Sport Basement. Both of them have programs where a percentage of your purchases go into supporting our school.

**AmazonSmile**
Just keep shopping like you already do, you choose Starr King Elementary School PTA - to support, the AmazonSmileFoundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.
See here for easy instructions and screenshots to designate Starr King as your charity and remember to use smile.amazon.com to complete all your purchases.

1) Go to smile.amazon.com
2) Choose a charity - Starr King Elementary School PTA
3) Shop as usual
4) Ask your Friends and Family to sign up for AmazonSmile
Sports Basement
Enroll in the Basementeer program and not only do you get a discount on your purchases, Starr King Elementary also benefits.

- 10% profit-sharing on all purchases
- 10% discount off all purchases

Extreme Pizza
Get a **10% discount** on pizza order and Extreme Pizza will give Starr King **10% of the order** to support our school. How it works:

- Order from one of these three participating locations (make sure the online order to one of these locations)
  - 1980 Union St - 415.929.8234
  - 1730 Fillmore St - 415.929.9900
  - 1062 Folsom St- 415.701.9000
- Provide this code with your order to get 10% off - **STARR**
- Enjoy and Extreme Pizza will automatically share 10% of the proceeds to us
- Valid until May 31, 2021!
Thank you for your support! Angeline

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