

CREATIVE ARTS

An innovative, arts-integrated, project-based, K-8 charter school

Family Newsletter

Monday, September 23, 2024

Latinx Heritage Month (Hispanic Heritage Month)!

Hello Families:

We hope to see you this Thursday, September 26, 5pm-7pm for our annual Family Arts Night!

RSVP here: [RSVP Link](#)



For the first time ever, we are excited to host visiting Bay Area Award Winning Filmmaker [Matthew Riutta](#) who will show his short films! These films are most appropriate for 7th & 8th graders with a parent/guardian in attendance. These short films touch on themes of gender and sexuality, LGBTQ Rights, bullying, and belonging. Films will be shown with an introduction by the filmmaker in the Cafeteria followed by a Q & A. Feel free to bring older siblings that are of high school age and above. Please [RSVP](#) for this film screening in the cafeteria: 5:45pm-7:00pm.

This artful evening celebrates and makes visible our Arts practices in each our Arts studios with arts stations facilitated by our Arts Team. We are thrilled that the following organizations will also join us in the main hallway and upper yard:

- [Creativity Explored](#)
- [Museum of Craft & Design](#)
- [WORKSHOP SF](#)
- [MoAD: Museum of the African Diaspora](#)
- Center for Art and Public Life at the California College of Craft (CCA) with a newly launched, city-wide project: [@love.livesinsf](#)

We're also excited to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month (Hispanic Heritage Month) from September 15th to October 15th! This time honors the histories, cultures, and contributions of people from many Latin countries. Check out resources below!

At CACS, we have some great events planned:

- **Latinx Heritage Month Honor Roll:** September 27th, 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- **Cultural Food Day:** October 4th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Movie Night: Coco:** October 4th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
- **Book Club: My Name is Iris:** October 23rd, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Lastly, we are pleased to share with you two important documents that will help guide us through the school year: our **Student and Family Handbook** and our **School Behavior Support and Discipline Policy**. These resources are key in supporting a positive, inclusive, and safe learning environment for all of our students.

Recently, several families have inquired about our behavior and discipline guidelines, and we hope this policy provides clarity and transparency around our approach. We encourage you to review both documents carefully and discuss them with your child so that we can work together to maintain a community built on mutual respect, understanding, and accountability.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Happy Fall!
The Leadership Team

Leadership Team



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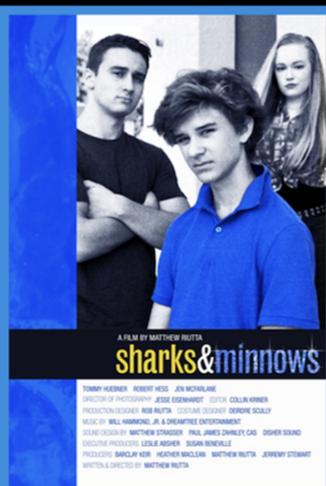


Zoey Cumings
Director of Afterschool

FILM AT FAMILY ARTS NIGHT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL!

ELEMENTS

A SHORT ANTHOLOGY



WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY **MATTHEW RIUTTA**

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ANNUAL
EVENT

FAMILY ARTS NIGHT



FAMILY ARTS NIGHT DETAILS

26 SEPT 2024

5pm-7:00pm

LOCATION
1601 TURK ST.
SAN FRANCISCO

CONTACT
ANN LEDO-LANE
DIRECTOR OF ARTS PROGRAMMING

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- INTERACTIVE MAKE/TAKE ART ACTIVITIES WITH LOCAL MUSEUMS
- FAMILY STUDIO TIME
- MEET OUR ARTS TEAM
- HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FAMILY!
- PIZZA & MERCH SALES!

EMAIL
ALEDOLANE@CREATIVEARTSCHARTER.ORG

FAMILY ARTS NIGHT is this THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 from 5pm-7pm.

This year we have FIVE San Francisco Arts Organizations onsite to share their programming and make and take stations!

- [MoAD](#): Museum of the African Diaspora
- [Creativity Explored](#): Art studio in San Francisco that partners with artists with developmental disabilities to create beautiful works of art! Artists will host a table with a creative make and take!
- [Museum of Craft & Design](#): Located in Dog Patch, MCD will bring their mobile art truck onto the yard for artmaking!
- [WORKSHOP SF](#): Haight St art studio where you can learn to make a variety of things- from printmaking to leathercraft! We will make rubber stamps at their station!
- Center for Art and Public Life at the California College of Craft (CCA): We are excited to be part of their new project that celebrates our love of SF! Join us in making clay hearts that will

displayed around the city! [@love.livesinsf](#)

- Filmmaker Matthew Riutta will show his short films for students in grades 7 & 8 and their parent/guardians and older siblings. Please [RSVP](#) for this film screening in the cafeteria: 5:45pm-7:00pm. Matthew will intro his films, and end with Q & A.

SCHEDULE

- 5pm: Doors open on the yard (ENTER AT ELM ALLY/PIERCE); 8th grade BAND performs on the upper yard! Pizza for sale, MERCH, and Make & Take stations in the hallway and upper yard are open!
- 5:15pm-7pm: Arts Studios open for making! Make & Take stations in the hallway and upper yard too!
- 5:45pm-7pm: Film Screening in Cafeteria for grades 7 & 8 with parent/guardian
- 6:45pm: 8th grade dancers performance in dance studio!
- 7pm: Good Night!

Come for a bit or stay the whole time! RSVP here: [RSVP Link](#) and let us know you are coming by!
CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!



PHOTO DAY

Oct. 1st and 2nd

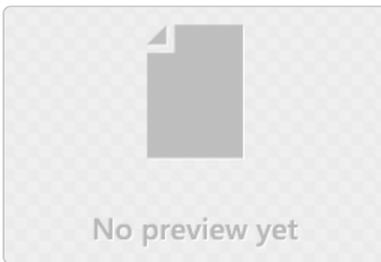
Important Updates for the School Year

- Families, please update your contact information (address and phone numbers) with Roberta at rfudim@creativeartscharter.org. This is so important in support of your child(ren)!
- **Family Alternative Income Form.** Please fill out ASAP and return to Roberta Fudim in the front office or by email (preferred) rfudim@creativeartscharter.org.
- **For the school year 2024-25 all meals will be served at no cost to every student**
- CACS CARPOOL FORM 204/25. If you are interested in carpool for the upcoming school year, click on the link below.

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

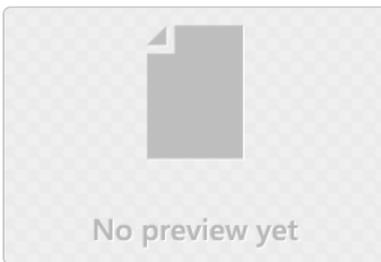
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School Behavior Support and Discipline Policy



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CACS Family & Student Handbook



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1 y 2 de Octubre



School Essentials: All you need to know (hours, arrival, dismissal, etc)

Need a ride?

CACS Rideshare

Skip traffic, save cash, and help the Earth!

Join our carpool, bike train, or bus share program.

It's easy to connect with other families for rides.

Sign up at the link below and see your location/time on a shared map.

<https://tinyurl.com/cacs-rideshare>



CACS Carpool Form 2024-25

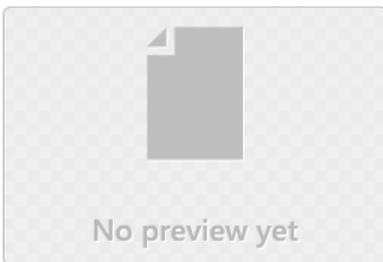
Neighborhood Walk: Permission Slips due ASAP to Roberta



[__2024_25 ALL YEAR PARKS PERMISSION SLIP.pdf](#)

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24/25 Permission Slip (Neighborhood Walks)

2024/25 PERMISSION FOR CLASS VISITS TO THE FOLLOWING WESTERN ADDITION LIBRARY, KIMBALL PARK, ALAMO SQUARE, and NEIGHBORHOOD WALKS My child, , has my permission to participate in any and all class visits to the Western Addition Library, Kimb...

docs.google.com

Be sure to download our 2024-25 Academic Calendar!



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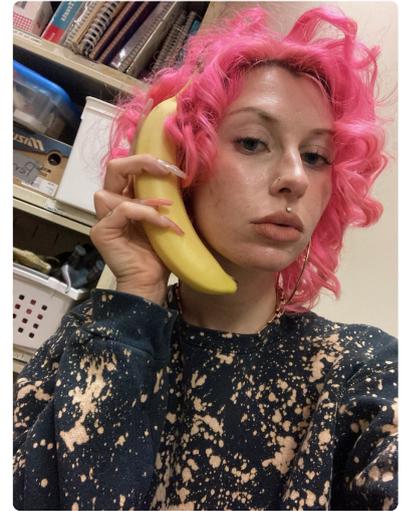
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AfterSchool Program: Pricing & Important Information

Read all about it & Sign up!

[AFTERSCHOOL INFORMATION](#)



Meet our Family Association!



Giuliana Titus, Volunteer Coordinator

My family has been part of the CACS community since my 7th grader was in kindergarten. She has since been followed by her two younger sisters, now in 5th and 2nd grades, and our family loves being a part of this community. Volunteerism is central to what makes CACS amazing, and I look forward to working with parents and finding ways for people to connect with and support the school in ways that are fun and meaningful. Reach out if you want to be involved!

volunteer@creativeartscharter.org



Erin Mittelstaedt, Co Chair

From the Philadelphia suburbs originally, my wife and I have been in San Francisco for 14 years. We run a family business (The FruitGuys) and have two boys: a CACS 3rd grader and a 3 year old. We love being outside, playing in the water, having dance parties and spending time with friends. We are grateful to be a part of the CACS community. Email:

fa@creativeartscharter.org



Lisa Black, Class Rep Coordinator

We have been at CACS since my son, a recent 8th grade graduate, was in Kindergarten. I also have a daughter in 4th grade. We love being a part of this warm and vibrant community, and are looking forward to a great year. We love music, going on walks with our dog and enjoying all that beautiful San Francisco has to offer. Are you interested in being a class rep or want to know more? Reach out to me! Email:

lblack@creativeartscharter.org

FAMILY ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Upcoming Grade Assigned Jobs

Morning White Zone this week 9/23 - 9/27: 3rd Grade ([sign up here](#))

Morning White Zone next week 9/30 - 10/4: 6th Grade ([sign up here](#))

Community Meeting Coffee this week: 3rd Grade ([sign up here](#))

Community Meeting Coffee next week: 6th Grade ([sign up here](#))

All-School Volunteer Needs

Questions about jobs, or having trouble using the volunteer tracker? Email Giuliana at volunteer@creativeartscharter.org.

9/26: Family Arts Night is a beloved CACS tradition. To help it run smoothly, we need a few volunteers to help with set up and clean up, and a few volunteers to help out for 30 minute shifts during the event. Sign up in the volunteer tracker, or by using this link: [Family Arts Night](#).

10/1 and 10/2: Picture Days are coming up, and we need two volunteers each day (9am-noon) to help it all run smoothly. Sign up in the volunteer tracker, or use these links: [October 1st](#) or [October 2nd](#).

Weekly: School Tours have started up. The tours are led by members of the admin team, but it can be helpful for prospective parents to have some current parents on the tour as well. Sign up in the volunteer tracker, or use this link: [School Tours](#).

10/26: Fall Fair is less than 5 weeks away! The fabulous Fall Fair committee is looking for some people to join their team. It's a fun way to get involved and support one of the most anticipated events of the year. Shifts for the event are starting to be posted in the volunteer tracker, and you can sign up to be a lead here: [Fall Fair Team Leads](#). Any questions about Fall Fair can be emailed to co-chairs Alicia (aliciaalbo@gmail.com) and Lizzie (elizabethlaurenharrison@gmail.com)

Important School Reminders

- Click on [this link](#) to subscribe to the CACS Google calendar
- Complete the [Chaperone Requirements](#) if you're planning to be a chaperone this year for anything from a trip to the library to an overnight!
- Make sure you're in the Family Association Group on Schoology! Groups > My Groups > School Groups > join the Family Association Group!

EVERYDAY FUNDRAISING

Raise money with everyday shopping!

- Maybe you shop at the following places anyway? (Maybe you WANT to?) to bring everyday fundraising to Creative Arts.
- Please share any new programs or ideas with the Everyday Fundraising coordinator Rhaetia Hanscum : rhaetia@mac.com



Seasonal Everyday Fundraising Events Coming Up Fall 2024

[🦋 Sloat Garden Center](#) September 6th - 15th, October 18th - 27th

& [🦋 Wise Son's](#) September

[🦋 Tea Collection](#) September 23rd-October 8th

[🦋 Sloat Garden Center](#) October - March: every month has week-long events to benefit our school with your shopping!

Look for other Dine Out Nights with local restaurants November - January.

Firefly Fine Dining to support CACS on Tues-Wed-Thurs evenings in January

Year-round opportunities & support our school community!

[Shoot.com](#) Book your photography sitting at [Shoot](#) Use code: CREATIVEARTSCHARTER & Shoot donates \$20 to CACS!

[Minted.com](#) Purchase your photo cards (think holidays) at Use code: FUNDRAISECAC and YOU receive 20% off custom gifts and stationary and CACS receives 15% of your purchase

[Sports Basement](#) Become a Basementeer, and select CACS as your donation recipient & YOU receive 10% off your purchases. CACS also receives 10% of your total purchase as a donation! It's a win-win! <https://shop.sportsbasement.com/products/basementeer-membership-1>

Farm Fresh To Grocery Delivery

Farm Fresh to You delivers groceries to your doorstep every week! Give it a try and enjoy supporting CACS with your Everyday Fundraising dollars! Go to: [Farm Fresh to You](#) and use promo code CACS at checkout. 10% of your entire purchase helps CACS!

Local businesses support our school community throughout the year!

Rainbow Grocery

- 10% comes back to CACS if shoppers set up a scrip account (easy to do at the register). Read all about how it works: <https://rainbow.coop/community/scrip-program/>
- ALSO – they take EBT, offer a 10% discount to EBT card holders for everything in their store.

Gus's Market

<https://gussmarket.com/> register at the community desk and 5% of every purchase will come to CACS!

Cal Mart

<https://calmartsf.com/> 5% of every purchase comes to CACS!

Register your credit/debit card with [eScrip](#) and use it when you shop with this merchant.

<https://www.escrip.com/>

Cole Hardware

10% of every purchase comes to CACS! At checkout, use code #1515 to benefit CACS fundraising.

<https://www.colehardware.com/about-us/>

Clear the closets & CACS benefits from your donated items!

Chloe's Closet

40% of your consigned items' price sold benefit CACS. Donate gently used clothing: children's, maternity, and toy items & help our school at the same time! Chloe's is located at 451 Cortland Avenue and 616 Irving.

<http://www.chloescloset.com/>

Community Thrift SF

Accepting donations to sell and then disburse a portion of proceeds back to CACS. When you drop off your donations of gently used household items, use code CACS Code #103.

Drop off is located on Sycamore Alley (parallel to 17th, between Mission and Valencia)

<https://www.communitythriftsf.org/>

Shop online to benefit CACS students & staff!

Mabels Labels

Your child frequents the Lost and Found? Order your personalized labels online and Creative Arts gets 20% back on every purchase!

https://mabelslabels.ca/en_CA/fundraising/support/

Office Max & Office Depot

School and office supply purchases help CACS! Simply in-person shop at this link above or share CACS's school code 70014077 when making a purchase. 5% of purchases are donated to CACS!

<https://www.officedepot.com/cm/school-supplies/give-back>

Upcoming Events



- **Family Arts Night:** Thursday, September 26: 5:00pm-7:00pm
- **Friday, September 27th:** 9am Community Meeting led by 3rd Grade!
- **Latinx Heritage Month Honor Roll:** Friday, September 27th, 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM
- **Individual Photo Days:** Tuesday-Wednesday, October 1-2, times

vary by class.

- **Cultural Food Day:** Friday, October 4th, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
 - **Movie Night: Coco:** Friday, October 4th, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
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Anti-Racist, Anti Bias &
Cultural Resources for
Families



HISPANIC

HERITAGE MONTH

September 15 - October 15



CACS presents...

Latinx Heritage Month Honor Roll Celebration

Come celebrate their
achievements!

Fri, September 27 | 9:30-10:15 AM
CACS Cafeteria

Hispanic Heritage Month



SO LOOK HISpanic
HERITAGE
MONTH STARTS
SEPTEMBER
15TH





LATINX HERITAGE MONTH MOVIE NIGHT & CULTURAL FOOD DAY

CULTURAL FOOD DAY
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
• 11:30AM-1:30PM •



MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER
4TH
• 7:00PM-
8:30PM • \$5



LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

**Latinx Honor Roll, Cultural Food Day,
Movie Night & Volunteer
Opportunities/ Cuadro de honor
latino, día de comida cultural, noche de
cine y oportunidades de voluntariado**

September 15 to October 15 is National Hispanic American Heritage Month

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.

<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) takes place September 15 to October 15 every year as a time to recognize and celebrate the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community.

Beginning in 1968, Hispanic Heritage Month was originally observed as "Hispanic Heritage Week", but it was later extended to a month in 1988. Since then, HHM has been celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, conferences, community gatherings, and much more. The month also celebrates the independence days of several

Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th. They also include holidays that recognize Hispanic contributions such as Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day that is celebrated in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

<https://sites.ed.gov/hispanic-initiative/national-hispanic-heritage-month/>



Nickelodeon Celebrates 🌟 Hispanic Heritage Month | Nick

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Ann Ledo-Lane

Ann is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters

