



What is truer than the truth? The story.
-- Traditional Jewish Adage



Kindergarten Family Art Night with Storyteller Brenda Wong Aoki

October 18 - Families gathered together for Kindergarten Family Art Night. We slurped udon noodles, played an ice-breaking game called Rice Balls, listened to the music of Mark Izumi and settled in for a storytelling experience with performing artist Brenda Wong Aoki. Both parents and students alike were spellbound

as Brenda enacted the colorful characters from traditional Japanese tales in a Kyogen mime-inspired performance. The evening was a warm welcome for our newest community members, designed to build community through the arts, while having plenty of fun together too! Visit the Art Program portfolio page for images and video from the evening: <http://tinyurl.com/a4x8ew9>



Join us Wednesday, November 7th for Rooftop's All-School Family Art Night, featuring Rooftop's Artist-in-Residence, Flo Oy Wong. 6:30 pm, Burnett MPR



Photo by Ciara Bedingfield

LEAP Sandcastle Classic: "Leap Year: Things that Jump!"

October 20 - Rooftop's 5th grade competed in the annual LEAP Sandcastle Classic. This was our 4th year participating in the event, which combines lessons in design and collaboration with a wonderful day at the beach. The students met with architects in a series of brainstorming design sessions in the classroom to devise their sand sculpture design. Then, working together at the competition,

the kids and architects create a large-scale construction of their vision in sand. This year, the Rooftop team was awarded the gold medal for "Best Interpretation of the Theme." The design was a re-telling of the classic Tortoise and the Hare fable, with the rabbit cheating by using a monster truck!

A special thank you goes to Rooftop parent Greg Mottola and his architecture firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson for working with our students on the design and construction, and for sponsoring Rooftop's participation in the event.



Su Meng, Guitarist, Visits Rooftop

October 19 - Students enjoyed a visit from classical guitarist, Su Meng from the SF Conservatory of Music. With an audience of kindergarten and third grade students, Mrs. Toupin's students began by performing the sing-along favorite "Sardines" on guitar. Su Meng shared several classical guitar pieces from her repertoire, followed by Q&A by the students.

Marcus Shelby Residency Begins

Marcus returns with a continuation of the Green and Blues study, this year focusing on the natural history of San Francisco. Students will use music, dance, drama, art and science to explore the indigenous flora and fauna of our city, as well as the history of our city's people, from the Ohlone, through the Gold Rush, to our neighborhoods today. The study will also inspire this year's North Star Project, a performing arts workshop for 6th to 8th graders.

SFUSD Music Instruction at Rooftop

Credentialed Music Teacher Flora Wong has been visiting our classrooms with music instruction for our students. She brings an 8 week music residency to our K-2 and 5th grade classrooms. Weekly elective instrumental music instruction for 4th-8th grade has begun with Ms. Monica Leung at Burnett Campus and Noell Toso at Mayeda. Ms. Leung and Ms. Wong are also teaching year-long recorder lessons for 3rd grade.

Rooftop Spirit Shines on Halloween



Gray skies couldn't cloud the fun at this year's Halloween Parade and Carnival! The parade featured so many creative costumes, from a family of skunks to the Mars Curiosity! Even Mr. Burgos revealed his alter-ego as a giant, shaggy puppy!

The Carnival embodies the best of Rooftop Spirit, with our older students creating carnival booths to entertain their younger counterparts, passing on a long-standing Rooftop tradition. While the Carnival may look like "all fun and games" there is also some very serious learning happening. Working in small teams to create the booths, students develop their abilities in Creativity, Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Communication. Today's educators call these the 4 C's of 21st Century learning and recognize the development of these skills as crucial to our children's success in the workplaces of the future.



ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

Weds. Nov. 7 -Family Art Night with Flo Oy Wong
6:30 pm - Burnett MPR - Join us for a special evening with Rooftop's Artist in Residence, as we explore, "Drawing with Needle and Thread." Flo will lead our families in creating mixed-media collages. Please bring copies of family photos and small trinkets to include in your family's artwork. A light supper will be served.

Winter Workshop is Coming!! Rooftop's holiday gift-making extravaganza. We need MANY volunteers, so please join us in this beloved Rooftop tradition!!
BURNETT: W, Th, F - Nov. 28, 29, 30 - 12:15-1:45 pm
MAYEDA: W, Th, F - Dec. 5, 6, 7 - 2:00-3:00 pm
email RooftopArtParent@gmail.com to volunteer!

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Sat. Nov. 10 - SF Opera Community Open House
10:30 am - 2:30 pm - War Memorial Opera House
Celebrate the Opera's 90th Anniversary with on-stage technical and musical demonstrations, art activities, and a free screening of the film Carmen: For Families. FREE with pre-registration at: tinyurl.com/bawcpd6

Sat. Nov. 17 - SF Jazz Family Matinee - 11:00 am
Herbst Theatre - Hosted by Marcus Shelby, this month's performance pays tribute to saxophonist Ornette Coleman and the Free Jazz movement of the 1960s. Marcus has reserved a block of complimentary tickets for Rooftop students and their immediate families. RSVP to RooftopArtParent@gmail.com to reserve tickets.