



Addison eAdvisor

August 31, 2014

Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

- Mon, Sept 1 **No School** for Labor Day Holiday
- Tues, Sept 2 **Addison 101**, 7-9pm, MP Room
- Thurs, Sept 4 **PTA Board Meeting**, 8:30-10am, AKC
- Mon, Sept 8 **Parent Ed. - Conversation with Amanda Boyce and Superintendent McGee**, 7-8:30pm, MP Room
- Wed, Sept 10 **Birthday Book Club**, 12-12:20pm (kinder), 1:15-1:45pm (grades 1-4), Library
- Thurs, Sep 18 **No Homework Day**
- Mon, Sep 22 - **Book Fair**, MP Room
- Fri, Sep 26
- Fri, Sep 26 **Hoedown**, 5:30-8:30pm

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Want to publish an article or event in the Addison newsletter? Send articles to the [Addison eAdvisor](#) by **4pm on Tuesday** for publication on Sunday.

New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Addison Families,

It was wonderful to see so many families at our Back to School Night this past week. I hope you gained valuable information and enjoyed the classroom visits. As a recap of what was shared at our general session in the courtyard, our Leadership Team and staff have discussed goals and focus areas for the 2014-15 school year. Our primary goals are focused on developing creative and skilled writers through a workshop model where teachers will teach mini lessons on a variety of writing skills and genres utilizing mentor texts and conferring with students often. Another goal is integrating technology in to the curriculum as we pushed approximately seventy-five iPads into the classrooms last week. One of our teachers, **Katie Bramlett**, will be released from the classroom one day per week this year to serve as a **technology support coach** to other teachers. Many of our teachers attended summer training in both instructional technology integration and writers



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workshop.

Our subgoals this year include teaching strategies to students to become confident mathematicians not only in the skills and foundations of mathematics but to also to develop the processes and proficiencies of strong mathematicians.

Finally, our staff would like to continue exploring how to teach social/emotional lessons through the content areas and the Project Cornerstone program.

This past month, our Leadership Team and staff also explored our beliefs about our collective work and agreed on some "simple rules" that will guide our practice. These "simple rules" include:

- Act with courage.
- Engage in joyful practice.
- Recognize and build on the assets of others.
- Stay open-minded and support each other.
- Respect the developmental range.
- Maintain or develop a growth mindset.
- Decisions should be based on beliefs, best practices, and school culture.

As we consider our practices, we plan to revisit our beliefs and "simple rules" to make sure we are supporting and bringing the best out in each other each day.

School Communication through Infinite Campus

It was brought to my attention that many families did not receive my email blasts through Infinite Campus (IC) these past couple weeks. I will be using both the PTA lists and Infinite Campus to send information. It's important that families change their account settings to receive email blasts through IC as that will be the quickest way for me to send information in the case of an emergency.

In order to check your account settings for email, please log in to your portal account and follow the steps below:

User Account > Contact Preferences > Check the boxes for email preference (see screenshot below).

Target will support Addison by donating up to 1% of your REDcard purchases at Target stores in the U.S and at Target.com. [Enroll today.](#) The Addison School ID is 34180.

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[Amanda Boyce](#)
Principal, Addison School

New! PTA Co-Presidents' Corner

And we are off! We want to thank all our teachers and of course our principal, for another seamless Back To School Night. If you are experiencing a ton of excitement but dreading all the paperwork, you are not alone. Although we can't help you fill out each and every form, we can save you from writing a whole bunch of checks with our **Single-Check Form**. That single check will cover all the major PTA events through the year -- Auction tickets, Hoedown dinner tickets, yearbooks, book fair, Addison logo wear and your PTA membership. While the PTA pays for school supplies for the teachers, PiE (Palo Alto Partners in Education) supports instructors for music, science and art. PiE donations will be matched until September 5, so **please donate** generously using the PiE form included in your Back To School packet or online www.papie.org.



If you're new to the school, be sure to attend **Addison 101** on Tuesday, September 2. From the safest route to Addison to after school activities, from the difference between PTA and PiE, this 2 hour event will get you up to speed with all things Addison.

Thank you for being such a wonderful community.

Nishita Kothary

[Nishita Kothary](#) & [Komey Vishakan](#)
PTA Co-Presidents

New! Arches of Addison

As the school year gets up and running, we want to welcome the new executive board and express our gratitude to the army of volunteers:

Thank you **Amy Wasson, Catherine Matterson, Dawn Sue,**



Ana Picazo, Wendie Karel, Sally Swank, Elena Chiu, Merritt Grooms, Dena Seki, Sally Collings and Susie Levine for volunteering to be on the executive board. And thank you **Ms Schweitzer** for being our teacher liaison.



Lunch breaks get even better with fun noon activities. Thank you **Joanna Finnis, Jenn Ibbotson-Brown and Jillian Maxim** for noon chorus; **Rikki Fakatou** for noon art; **Jyoti Nadhani, Beth Wang and Carrie Riggins** for noon yoga and **Neelam Amin and DiAnn Eisnor** for noon science.

Thank you **Jen Ko, Monica Davisson and Sally Collings** for recruiting library volunteers to help our wonderful librarian, **Ms. Ohanian**. And thank you **Sharon Hofmann, and Karleen Lykken** for helping celebrate our kids' birthdays with the birthday book club.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to be a room parent. You are every teacher's BFF.

Last week's advisor missed Claire Hallahan's contribution to getting the directory up and running, so thank you BOTH **Molly Naughton AND Claire Hallahan!**

Over the next few editions of the eAdvisor, we will continue to thank all the volunteers that help run the school smoothly. From those who get our emergency backpacks ready, to those who make sure our kids are safe, from those who serve on the site council to those who volunteer for Project Cornerstone. Please stay tuned, as we thank this army of volunteers who make Addison the wonderful place it is.

PiE Matching Grant Available Until September 5!

PiE Welcomes You Back to School!

During the craziness that is Back to School, please consider making a donation to Partners in Education (PiE). PiE is a non-profit foundation that raises funds to directly impact the educational excellence of Palo Alto schools. Your donation to PiE provides nearly 100,000 hours of additional adult support and enrichment to our students that would otherwise be missing.



To see your PiE dollars at work, take a peek inside your child's classroom. The teacher aides who facilitate small group work in the classroom; our wonderful "Bill the Science Guy" who helps Addison students develop a lifelong curiosity about how things work through hands-on lessons in science; our Spectra Art teachers; our reading specialist; and our counseling intern are all funded by PiE donations. These caring adults enrich our classrooms for all of our children in Palo Alto.

Every dollar matters and we welcome gifts of any size. By giving now, you can take advantage of the **PiE Back to School Challenge Grant** offered by generous PiE supporters. **New this year: every donation and pledge will be matched - up to \$500,000 - between now and September 5.** For more info, or to donate online, visit <https://papie.org/donate/>.

Questions? Please email your Addison PiE chairs: Nicole Garratt, Lesley Phillips, Laura Sturino, Kelli Tomlinson and Amy Wasson at addison@papie.org.

Community Announcements

Parent Information

For Parents New to Special Ed & Special Needs

Wed, Sept 17, 7-9pm (hospitality 6:45pm), MP, Covington Elementary, 205 Covington, Los Altos

New to special ed? Not so new, but still have lots of questions? Come meet Dr. Trena Sutcliffe, a local developmental and behavioral pediatrician. She is an expert in over 18 different conditions, including anxiety, autism, ADHD, behavioral disorders, CP and other developmental disabilities. We'll be talking about navigating your way through the path of education, family life, testing and more. This event is free and open to all. No registration is needed. Sponsored by SELPA 1 CAC.

New! Challenge Success Fall Parent Ed Event: "Success By Design: Is It Possible?"

Fri Sep 26, 7p.m., Memorial Auditorium, Stanford

An interactive discussion about the meaning of success and the common beliefs about success that we convey to kids in our overly scheduled & competitive society. Great speakers: Wendy Mogel (author: *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*), Madeline Levine (author: *The Price of Privilege*), Dave Evans (co-founder, Electronic Arts), & Denise Clark Pope (author: *Doing School*). Admission \$10. Free for 18 and under. High-schoolers are welcome. Details & registration, <http://challengesuccess.org>. Challenge Success was created at Stanford's Graduate School of Education.

New! Ask the Superintendent! Live TV Show

Wed, Oct 8 on Channel 28

Have a question that you would like to ask our new superintendent, Max McGee? We are collecting questions to use during Dr. McGee's first live TV show on Wednesday, October 8 on Channel 28. The time of the show is still pending, but we will share it at a later time. This will be a live, call-in TV show, and we will also use the questions we receive prior to the show to inform our community.

Students, parents, and community members are welcome to send questions to: Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley, Communications Coordinator, PAUSD, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94306 or via email at thurley@pausd.org. Questions must be received by October 1. Questions may be blended if a prominent theme emerges. Depending on volume, we may not be able to ask all the questions we receive. Please contact Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley at the email address above, if you have any questions.

New!

Host a Foreign Exchange Student

AFS (American Field Service) is looking for host families for high school foreign exchange students for this school year. AFS has students awaiting news of their host family in our area, and needs to quickly identify hosts and secure school spots. If you have ever considered the rewarding experience of hosting an exchange student, please step up now to welcome these students.

To learn more and review a list of students and their profiles, click here (<http://www.afsusa.org/host-family/>) and enter your zip code to see the students who will be coming to the Bay Area.

All AFS exchange students are honors students who have been selected for the program based on their academic success, responsibility, adaptability and optimism. Host families provide a bedroom (they can share a room with a child of

the same gender), meals, and transportation to/from school and activities. The student's family pays for their travel and other expenses.

To learn more about hosting, please contact Troy Henri at thenri@afsusa.org or 646-381-3289

After School Activities

iSing for Girls

305 N California Ave, Palo Alto

iSing is a nonprofit arts organization committed to the music education of girls in grades 2-12. We believe that singing teaches young people to strive for excellence, work collaboratively with others, and become passionate members of their communities. iSing is just for girls because we want to encourage girls to develop their potential as leaders, creators and performers through music. Singing is empowering. Register now for an audition at <http://www.isingsv.com/auditions/>. Learn more at <http://www.isingsv.com/>.

Silicon Valley Boychoir Auditions

Rehearsals begin week of Aug 25

Audition times may be added through Sept 5, 600 Homer Ave

Small-group auditions. Open to boys ages 7-12. The multi-level choir is held after school in Palo Alto. Boys attend one rehearsal & one musicianship class a week. Older boys with experience may audition for upper levels. SVB provides a personalized approach to teaching singing, music theory and sight-singing, and provides flexible scheduling for busy families. We perform locally in December & May.

New! K-1 Fall Social Skills Group: "The Super Problem Solvers Club"

Thursdays 3:30-5:00 at the First Five Family Resource Center, 748 Mercy Street, Mountain View

Former Social and Emotional Learning Teacher from the Nueva School for Gifted Children is teaching an 8-week, play-based social skills group from September 4th through October 23rd, 2014. This group is designed for students who could use a little extra support with shyness, handling overwhelming emotions, negotiating conflict or self-regulating their energy level in class and at home. For more <http://bit.ly/1rU8J6f> or call Melissa at 650-380-8405

New! Fun Science Classes at the JMZ!

Registration is open now for hands-on science enrichment classes at the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo beginning September 16. We offer interactive, age-appropriate classes for preschoolers through 5th graders. Classes for K-5 are held after school at the museum. Our fall topics include: Zoo Engineers, Locomotion, Dinosaurs, Electricity & Magnetism, and many more. Register at www.cityofpaloalto.org/enjoy

Ragazzi's Music & Movement for Boys

Register now; class begins Mon, Sept 22, 178 Clinton St, Redwood City

Ragazzi Boys Chorus class for active young boys ages 5 to 7 is now open. The class is tailored for boys with little or no previous musical experience. Child-developmental approach fosters boys' creativity and curiosity. Students explore rhythm games, channel their energy through music learning, and are exposed to concepts they can apply in any musical setting. Cost is \$200 per 10-week session; early-bird and sibling discounts available. For more info, contact

ragazzi@ragazzi.org or call 650-342-8785. Registration and more info available at j.mp/1415RagMM.

Ragazzi Boys Chorus Auditions

By appointment through Sept, 178 Clinton St, Redwood City

Ragazzi Boys Chorus, a CBS news "best choir of the Peninsula" will teach your boy to sing! Call to schedule a fun group audition for boys ages 7 to 10; no previous singing experience or prepared piece required. Boys offered membership begin in September and perform during the 2014-15 season, which aligns with Bay Area school calendars. Beginning singers meet one evening per week for choral singing and theory instruction. Ragazzi offers a complete music education which progresses through a proven, award-winning choral program. Ragazzi performs its own concert series, sings the National Anthem at a spring Giants game, tours domestically and internationally, and collaborates with other prestigious Bay Area arts organizations. For appointments, visit www.ragazzi.org/Interested.htm or contact ragazzi@ragazzi.org. For more info, visit www.ragazzi.org, www.ragazzi.org/WhyRagazziFY13.pdf or www.youtube.com/user/RagazziBoys?feature=watch.

Community Activities

Papermaking Workshop

Sat, Sep 6, 9am - 4pm; & Sun, Sep 7, 12-3pm, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd

Turn military uniforms into handmade paper! This free two-day workshop covers the process of hand papermaking. Working with Drew Cameron, you will cut uniforms into small pieces, beat the rag into a pulp, and then form the pulp into sheets of paper. Open to all ages, this workshop is drop-in. Come for an hour or the entire time, and be sure to wear clothes that can get messy! To reserve your space, email artcenter@cityofpaloalto.org or call 329-2366.

Community Day at the Palo Alto Art Center

Sun, Sep 7, 12-4pm, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd.

Community Day is free at the Palo Alto Art Center. For more info on Community Day and other events at the Art Center, visit <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter>.

Community Volunteer or Donation Opportunities

New! The Environmental Volunteers

Application Deadline is Wednesday, September 10.

The Environmental Volunteers is accepting applications for motivated 9-12 grade students to participate in the EnPowered: Environmental Science & Leadership Club. EnPowered will meet after school once a month, from September 2014 - May 2015. Students who are accepted to the club will gain valuable leadership skills, learn about environmental science and conservation, and engage in unique service projects. Students must be able to attend ALL meetings, and upon successful completion of the program, each student can earn an education stipend or earn volunteer hours. To learn more, or to apply, please contact Rodrigo Alfaro at Rodrigo@EVols.org or call (650)493-8000 ext. 343

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