



Addison eAdvisor

September 28, 2014

Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Wed, Oct 1	CREAM Ice Cream Fundraiser , 4pm until close, CREAM, 440 University Ave
Mon-Fri, Oct 6-10	Walk & Roll to School Days
Tues, Oct 7	PTA Meeting , 7-9pm, Addison Library
Wed, Oct 8	Birthday Book Club , 12-12:20pm (kinders) & 1:15-1:45pm (grades 1-5), Addison Library
Fri, Oct 10	No School , Staff Development Day
Mon, Oct 13	Begin Kinder Late Day Schedule
Thu, Oct 23	Unity Day
Sat, Oct 25	Addison Auction , 6-10:30 pm, Lucie Stern

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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.

Editor of the Week:

New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,



The students and staff had a great time at the Book Fair this past week and were very excited to see many great titles from Books Inc. Thank you to both our Book Fair and Hoedown Committees for hosting these wonderful community-building events. I especially want to thank **Ana Picazo** for spending the past two weeks teaching the students line dancing at lunch in order to perform at the Hoedown. Students of all ages enjoyed learning the moves and performing for the audience on Friday evening.

I am also happy to share that we have started our **Project Cornerstone/ Life Skills program** this past week in order to highlight positive behavior traits and strategies to work through conflict. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who will be reading in the classrooms this year. This month, our 1st- 5th graders will be hearing Friends to the End for Kids and our Kindergarten students will hear Listen and Learn. At our

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Tuesday school-wide assembly, we introduced the Life Skill: Friendship. Mrs. Beck and Mrs. Hastings discussed what it meant to be a good friend and the related behaviors. The staff also received posters and classroom ideas to further explore friendship. Ask your child about his/her friends and the meaning of friendship over the next few weeks.

This upcoming week, we will be holding our first **School Site Council (SSC) meeting** of the 2014-15 school year. The SSC is comprised of parents, and staff members whose task is to create the 2014-15 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA), otherwise known as the school plan. We will create measurable goals for the site and allocate state funds towards those goals. Furthermore, we will work on parent and student surveys so your voices can be heard regarding the day-to-day operations of the site. All community members are welcome to attend the **SSC meeting on Monday, September 29, from 3-5pm** in the Library.

[Amanda Boyce](#)

Principal, Addison School

New! PTA Co-Presidents' Corner

In this digital age, more and more people are switching from printed books to electronic versions. And even though tablets and e-books make life easier, there is nothing quite as satisfying as reading a book, physically turning a page and reading it cover to cover. With that in mind, thank you to all who made our annual book fair a success again. Every year, Addison partners with our local favorite, Books Inc., to bring a wide variety of books. What you may not know, is that aside from it being a great opportunity to stock your child's library, **a portion of the proceeds go to Addison teachers**. It provides them a chance to stock their classroom libraries that your child enjoys every day!



For parents new to Addison, rumor has it that families at Addison really know how to celebrate and enjoy their community. For those who came to the Hoedown, you know what we mean! This fantastic event, orchestrated by the **Dads of Addison**, kicks off our year-long list of events that bring us together as a community. We all know that it takes a village to raise a child, so thank you again for your camaraderie. For those who couldn't make it, don't lose heart. The Auction and Halloween breakfast are around the corner, so make sure you mark your calendars.

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.

Nishita Kothary

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

New! Addison Screams CREAM! Ice Cream Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 1, 4pm until close, CREAM, 440 University Ave

CREAM Ice Cream at 440 University Ave is donating 10% of the proceeds from all items sold to Addison parents and friends the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, October 1. Please visit their downtown location from 4pm onwards and mention you are from Addison when purchasing a well-deserved yummy afternoon treat.

Milkshakes or ice cream sandwiches anyone? Think about taking your work colleagues out for a treat, or ordering CREAM's ice cream sandwich box for October birthdays! Please support Addison and increase your calcium intake!

Cheers,

[Catherine Matterson](#)

VP Events

New! Walk and Roll Week

Monday - Friday, October 6 - 10

Show your support and win the Golden Sneaker!

Join the entire Addison community in getting out of our cars and find a healthy alternative getting to and from school. Whether you walk, scooter, skateboard, bike or carpool-help reduce congestion making our streets safer; help reduce carbon emissions to make our environment and air cleaner; help our children become healthier and more attentive by using their own power to get to school and breath in some fresh air. All week classrooms will be tracking how they get to school and the winning classroom will get the coveted Golden Sneaker!

New! Arches of Addison



Field trips are fun but accidents and emergencies can happen. Every year, parent volunteers ensure that each classroom and all the common areas have adequately stocked emergency backpacks. Thank you **Mirvat Robinson** for organizing our



emergency back pack check for the year and thank you **Kristy Frey, Lauren Williams, Kim Blanding, Jen Cambouris, Donna Hokama, Monica Davisson, Marilyn Uzan, Gretchen Harding, Candice Csaky, Lisa Peery, Michelle Johnson, Betty Lee, Brandi Walters, Trinity Klein, Alison Hagan, Amy Wasson, Valerie Vincent, Melvin Dumas** and **Nancy Panayides** for helping.

Please stay tuned as we gather the names of all the volunteers who helped with the Book fair and the Hoedown.

Community Announcements

PAUSD Information

PAUSD Primary Language Tutoring Jobs Available

PAUSD is looking for tutors who speak:

- Mandarin
- Korean
- Spanish
- Russian
- Dutch

Tutors work 15 hours per week and have flexible hours; the rate is \$18/hr. If you are interested, please email Judy Argumedo, English Language Learner Coordinator, at jargumedo@pausd.org.

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.

Community Events

Just for Girls: Support for Coping with Challenges of Pre-Adolescence

Starting in Sept, Morrissey-Compton Educational Center

Pre-adolescence can be a very stressful and challenging time for girls. This group will address many of the social, emotional and physical changes that come with adolescence, with a focus on building self-esteem, confidence and self-advocacy. For more info, please contact Sue.garber@morrcomp.org or 650-322-5910.

Social Skills: Making and Keeping Friends

Starting in Sept, Morrissey-Compton Educational Center

This group is for children who have difficulty navigating the social dynamics involved in peer relationships. Topics include active listening, perspective taking, reading social cues, noticing feelings in themselves and others, understanding how their

behavior affects others and problem solving with peers. For more info, please contact Sue.garber@morrcomp.org or 650-322-5910.

Impulse Control: Learning to Slow Down and Think

Starting in Sept, Morrissey-Compton Educational Center

Some children need extra support to improve self-control, recognize emotions in themselves and others, and understand how their behavior affects their peers. Through fun activities, children will practice skills to help them slow down and think before acting, as well as get along better with others. For more info, please contact Sue.garber@morrcomp.org or 650-322-5910.

Conquering Anxiety and Worries

Starting in Sept, Morrissey-Compton Educational Center

This group will help children identify their fears and understand how to manage anxiety. Children will learn to recognize the situations that trigger their worried feelings, and will practice strategies to help decrease their anxiety. For more info, please contact Sue.garber@morrcomp.org or 650-322-5910.

What Will Our Education System Look Like in 20 years?

*RSVP by Tues, Sept 23 (*Note that the RSVP deadline has passed)*

Event on Tues, Sept 30, 6-9pm, University Club, Palo Alto

Join Dartmouth Silicon Valley for a discussion with State Board of Education President Dr. Michael Kirst, PAUSD Superintendent Dr. Max McGee, Seth Rosenblatt former President of the San Mateo County School Boards Association, and PAUSD teacher Elizabeth Fee. RSVP by Sept 23 to amjhooper@gmail.com. \$20 per person includes program, reception and hors d'oeuvres.

New! Donate to Goodwill at Gunn

Sat, Oct 18 & Sun, Oct 19, 9am-4pm, Gunn High School

Doing some fall cleaning? Donate your items to Goodwill & money raised will benefit the Gunn Boys Lacrosse team! Thank you for contributing to Goodwill, your community and the Boys Lacrosse Team! The truck will be located near Gunn's main office to provide easy access for you to drop off your items. If you have any items weighing over 50 lbs., contact Cassandra Gencarella mginx@sbcglobal.net and we can arrange a Goodwill truck to come to your home.

New! Parent Education Talk: The (Progressive) Schools Our Children

Deserve

by Alfie Kohn

Thur, Oct 2, 7 pm, Oshman Family JCC, 3921 Fabian Way, Palo Alto, CA 94303

Our knowledge of how children learn - and how schools can help - has come a long way in the last few decades, and they still rely on grades, tests, homework, lectures, worksheets, competition, punishments, and rewards. Alfie Kohn explores the alternatives to each of these conventional practices, explaining why progressive education isn't just a realistic alternative but one that's far more likely to help kids become critical thinkers and lifelong learners. General Admission: \$20 before Sep 15; \$40 after September 15; \$50 at the door; Students \$10 with valid school/college ID. For more info www.eventsatfusion.com or contact asmita@runge.us

Teaching Children the Skills & Habits of Safe Biking: Class for Parents

Tues, Sept 30, 7-8:30pm, Library, Fairmeadow School

Mon, Oct 6, 7-8:30pm, MP Room, Ohlone Elementary School

There are differences in the physical and cognitive development of young children

that affect their ability to make traffic-related decisions. Teaching children the skills and habits they need to avoid the most common types of crashes results in a 70-80% reduction in crashes. This class teaches parents of children up to age 9 what they need to know to foster and judge development of their children's bicycling safety skills. The class is free and is open to parents from any Palo Alto school. Please do not bring children. For more information, contact SafeRoutes@cityofpaloalto.org.

New! BikeMobile - FREE Bike TuneUps!

Wed, Oct 1, 1 - 4pm, Addison field near room 21

Get your bikes in tip-top shape and ready to ride! If your bike or your child's bike is making one of those mystery sounds or collecting dust because it has a flat tire, bring it to Addison. BikeMobile can fix flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, and even replace broken or worn out parts like chains, seats and tires. The only thing it can't do is replace missing wheels or gears.

New! Bike Palo Alto! 5th Annual Tour of best bike routes around town

Sun, Oct 5, 1 - 4pm, El Carmelo (Bryant & Loma Verde)

Join us at El Carmelo to explore Palo Alto's network of great bike routes. Bike Palo Alto! is a free, family friendly event, no pre-registration necessary. Just bring your bike & helmet and be ready to have some fun!

For more info go to: www.pagreenteams.org/bikepaloalto

New! 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo - On-bike skills training for our children

Tues, Oct 14

All 3rd grade students will be going through multiple days of bike education/training to help them become safe, educated and skilled cyclists. In the afternoon of Oct 14, they will complete this training with on-bike, real-life intersection and street riding exercises. If your child has a bike that needs a tune-up to be ready for this important learning event, make sure to bring it to the free BikeMobile day on Wed, Oct 1.

Math Misplacement & Its Impact on Students of Color

Tues, Sept 30, 4-6pm, Costaño School & 49ers Academy, 2695 Fordham St, EPA

The California Legislative Black Caucus and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation invite you to this legislative informational briefing on a subject that is vital to our children's academic success. Free and open to the public. For questions & to RSVP, please contact Alana Troutt at alana.troutt@sen.ca.gov or 916-651-4026.

New! Meeting the Challenges of the Twice-Exceptional Child

Wed, Oct 15, 7 - 9 pm at Covington Elementary School Library, 205 Covington, Los Altos 94024

Do you have a gifted learner who also struggles with learning or social challenges? Ms. Weistart will discuss how to meet the academic and social needs of a gifted learner with special needs, how to parent your unique child, and how to find support for both of you. For more information, see www.selpa1cac.org.

Emergency Preparedness Training For Kids

Sat, Oct 18, 10-11am, Cubberley Community Center, Room A7, 4000 Middlefield Rd

This class is intended for children ages 6-10 years. Kids will learn, through a multitude of hands-on activities, some of the most essential information on how to become prepared for any sort of disaster (specifically fires and earthquakes). In addition, they will get the opportunity to meet Officer Bradley Young of the Palo Alto Police Department and his K-9 partner, Eddie! To sign-up for this training, please contact Divya Saini at s.divyasaini@gmail.com.

After School Activities

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, <http://www.ragazzi.org/WhyRagazziFY13.pdf> or [Ragazzi on youtube](#).

Volunteer Opportunities

Want to Improve the Futures of Local Children in 1-2 Hours a Week?

Help them learn to read by volunteering in a school library. A student living in poverty who cannot read at grade level by third grade is 13 times less likely to graduate high school on time. However, if children are proficient in reading, their graduation rate soars to 90%. School library volunteers are seriously needed to work with students in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park, for reading with children, helping them find books they love, checking-out books, and providing much-needed encouragement. To learn more and/or sign-up, please visit <http://ravenswoodef.org/readers-take-flight/> or email amy.arnold@yahoo.com.

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