



Addison Elementary School
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Addison eAdvisor

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Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Mon-Thurs, Oct 6-9	Walk & Roll to School Days
Mon-Thurs, Oct 6-9	Tasting Week
Mon, Oct 6	Bringing Up Bicyclists , 7-8:30pm, Ohlone MP Room
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
Tues, Oct 14	3rd Grade Bike Rodeo
Wed, Oct 15	Retake Picture Day
Thu, Oct 23	Unity Day
Sat, Oct 25	Addison Auction , 6-10:30 pm, Lucie Stern

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New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Addison School Site Council (SSC) met this past week to begin discussing our **2014-15 school plan**. Our school plan is due at the



beginning of November and will outline the focus areas for the year. The group looked at data from 2013-14 school year and created tentative goals in the areas of reading, writing, technology, and social/emotional

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support for students. I will share these tentative goals with the staff and meet with the SSC to finalize before November. If you have input regarding focus areas for Addison, feel free to share your insights and questions with our **SCC representatives: Cindy Ando, Carol Miller, Molly Naughton, Kelli Tomlinson, Kisa Young, Pat Gibbs, and Brandi Walters.** Thank you, to these individuals for serving on our 2014-15 SSC.

This **Friday, Oct. 10**, the Addison teachers and I will be participating in a **Staff Development Day** at Gunn High School: Powerful Practices 2.0. Approximately 700 elementary teachers, administrators, and special education aides will have the opportunity to sign up for three break out sessions throughout the day to learn more about Common Core pedagogy and practices, special education supports, and many other topics. There will be approximately 75 sessions to choose from, so it's sure to be an enlightening day!

Finally, our staff is preparing for a **Disaster Drill on October 14 at 9am.** The drill will last approximately an hour so our staff will have the opportunity to practice the necessary tasks and procedures in the case of a declared emergency. Students will be supervised by staff members on the field for approximately forty-five minutes that morning, so please send your child to school with a hat and sunscreen. The office and classrooms will be closed during that time. The staff will share this information with students ahead of time so they know what to expect. If you have any concerns or questions related to your child's participation, please feel free to contact me or inform your classroom teacher.

[Amanda Boyce](#)
Principal, Addison School

New! PTA Co-Presidents' Corner

Yes, this week is going to be a short week with October 10 being a No School Day, but it is not going to be short on excitement! **Walk and Roll Week starts tomorrow**, so please encourage your children to walk, bike, scooter or skate to school. Not only



PTA Co-Presidents:
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are we showing them ways to reduce our carbon footprint, we will also be teaching them ways to live a healthier life. This week is also a great time to remind children to practice basic safety skills such as looking both ways when crossing a street or wearing helmets when biking, scootering or skateboarding. As parents, we should also remember to take that extra second to watch out for little ones crossing the street, pedaling on a bike lane, or skateboarding on the sidewalk!



What's even more special about this week is that it coincides with **Tasting Week 2014**. This is the second year Addison is taking part in Tasting Week. There will be an A-Z Salad Bar available in the MP Room on October 9 for kids buying hot lunch and our 4th Graders are in for a special treat. Chef Beverlie Terra, will visit them on October 6th to share ideas and food with them.

Encouraging children to eat nutritious food is not easy but, it is getting easier with the introduction of programs such as Tasting Week and the positive changes made to school lunches by the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD). Please take moment to check out the new menu items in the [Meal Plan section of the PAUSD website](#).

Finally, on Tuesday, October 7, the PTA will hold a General Meeting in the Addison Library between 7-9pm. This is one of two meetings that are held in the evening to encourage parents to attend. Please come along and share your ideas with us, so together we can serve our school better.

Komey Vishakan

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

New! Walk and Roll Week

Monday-Thursday, October 6-9

Show your support and win the Golden Sneaker!

Let us pledge to reduce our carbon footprint by walking/rolling to school. It is a win-win situation; it is



good for the environment and good for your heart. It also builds life-long healthy habits.

If you are riding, please wear a helmet, and if you must drive, please try to carpool. If carpooling is not an option, consider parking 3-4 blocks away and still participate.

If saving the earth is not motivation enough, walk/roll for the coveted "golden sneaker" award. The police traffic safety "moto cops" may be in attendance again this year to award the golden sneaker (yet to be confirmed). The first three classes that meet this sustainability challenge will be awarded prizes, so run for them.

If you have any questions please contact [Seema Arora](#) or [Peter Phillips](#).

New! Auction Update

A 1001 Addison Nights Auction update and Ticket Sales!

The Addison Auction is Saturday, October 25. The donation deadline has officially passed, and we are so excited about all the amazing items that will be offered up this year. The Cricket Tournament is back. There will be a Kickball party and a Fireside Storytelling party just for kids-date night anyone? And SO much more...

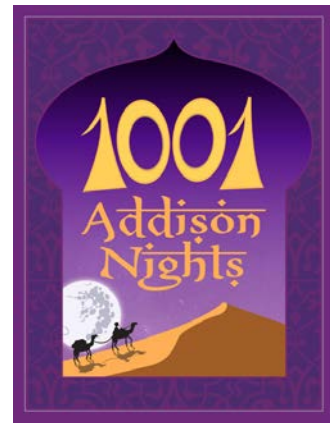
The Auction promises to be a fabulous night, where we will transport you to a magical evening of **auction fun, music, food, wine and dancing**. Most of all, you will have the opportunity to bid on many parties, events and services that will keep the magic alive throughout the year.

Tickets are still on sale for \$35/person through Friday, October 17. Ticket forms are in the school office. After October 17, tickets will need to be purchased at the door the night of the Auction for \$40/person. All pre-paid attendees will be on a list at the door, so no paper tickets will be issued.

Some folks are starting to plan their outfits for the evening. Remember, anything goes! Characters from the 1001 Arabian Nights stories can be a great source of inspiration-think Aladdin, Ali Baba, Sinbad the Sailor, Scheherazade, Jasmine, Genie-you get the idea!

Getting excited? We sure are!

Hilary & Catherine



New! Birthday Book Club



Wednesday, October 8, is Birthday Book Club day.

If your student has a birthday in July, August, September, or October, please join us in the Addison Library from:

- Noon-12:20pm for Kindergartners
- 1:15-1:45pm for 1st through 5th graders

During monthly Birthday Book Club (BBC) celebrations, birthday students select a new book or an old favorite that has already been purchased by the library. This book is then dedicated to the student using a specially designed Birthday Book Club book plate and spine. Students check out their birthday book and return it to the library when they are finished reading it so it can be enjoyed by others for years to come. Every child is welcome to participate during his/her birthday month. Parents are welcome to come with their children to help them select their book. Please check the [calendar on the Addison website](#) for the dates of all BBC events.

Looking forward to seeing you/your children on Wednesday.

Yoanna Federici, Sharon Hoffman, and Karleen Lykken
(plus BBC alumni Annette Shelby and Jeanese Snyder)
Birthday Book Club Coordinators.

New! Tasting Week

Get your taste buds ready, Tasting Week is Coming to Palo Alto

Tasting Week is about:

- Education of children's sense of taste and appreciation of flavors
- Transparency and educational information on products and their origin and their mode of production
- Transmission of skills
- Encouraging behaviors around food consumption as part of a healthier lifestyle



October 9: A to Z Salad Bars will be served in the MP Room at lunchtime. For those of you who don't know what it is, it is a salad bar with each letter of the alphabet represented by a different fruit or vegetable (e.g. A for Apple, B for broccoli, C for cauliflower, etc.). It is available to everyone who purchases hot lunch, so remember to give your student money or put money in their hot lunch account by going to the sendmoneytoschool.com website.

We are looking for volunteers in each classroom to celebrate Tasting Week in your own way. Here are some ideas for parents and teachers:

- Invite a parent volunteer to give a presentation on the four tastes (sweet, salty, sour and bitter). If you are really savvy, you can even introduce the fifth taste, umami.
- Ask everyone in your classroom to bring a food of a different color every day of the week. We suggest red, green, yellow, orange and white.

Tasting Week Workshop.

On Monday, October 6, our 4th graders will receive a visit by a great chef, Beverlie Terra.

Tasting Week is an association that invites chefs to schools to meet children and together discover, enjoy and share new tastes and food. Tasting Week was created by a group of parents from Palo Alto who believe that educating children about taste is the best way to get them to love food and at the same time fight obesity.

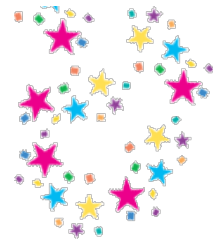
The Taste Lesson is an intervention by professionals in the culinary industry. These professionals share their passion with students who are discovering the pleasure of taste and variety of flavors. Students, professionals and teaching staff live a moment of conviviality and sharing.

If you like Tasting Week, like us on [our Facebook page](#).

Thank you to the volunteers helping with the Tasting Week Workshop, Sumita Vasudeva and Carrie Riggins.

New Addison All-Stars

Has your child raised money for charity? Delivered meals to the homeless? Planted flowers at a park? **Addison wants to recognize students for the good deeds they do!** The Addison All-Stars program honors students who have provided community service outside of school with a mention at the weekly assembly and a star on the All-Stars bulletin board. If your child has performed a service to the community, please contact Ana Picazo with a description of what your child did, whom he/she did it with, and when it was done.



New! Retake Picture Day



October 15

If your child was absent, you didn't like the picture or you forgot to order, have your child look their best on October 15.

Please return your picture packet if you want replacement pictures. New order forms are in the office. If you have questions, contact



[Heslin Photography.](#)

Keep Calm and Smile!

New! Arches of Addison

*Thank
You!*

The Book Fair, Hoedown and 4th Grade Bake Sale were hugely popular and successful due to the hard work of Addison parent volunteers. We thank them all for their dedication and hard work.

A big thank you to our Book Fair volunteers, **Monica Davisson, Jen Ko** and **Sally Collings**, for continuously giving us the best Book Fair experience.

Our deepest gratitude to the hardworking Book Fair Committee for handling all things Book Fair (including teacher staff tea, decorations, publicity, gift certificates): **Mirvat Robinson, Marina Correggia, Kathleen Hart, Donna Hokama, Kristy Frey, Yulia Shore, Elena Chiu and Ms. Ohanian.**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered to work the trenches (including set up, work the floor, assist with line up, man cash registers, break down): **Yulie Law, Dawn Um, Christina Raes, Michelle Arden, Lidia Rodriguez, Lisa Daly, Wendie Karel, Laura Sturino, Linda Forrester, Irene Wong, Anja Svetina Nabergoj, Susie Levine, Mahooya Dinda, Shae Hill, Karen Lee, Tracy Zhu, Meredith Ackley and Vi Zehr.**

A heart felt thank you to our Hoedown organizers: **Buzz Frahn, Kully Kooner, Jim Migdal, Frank Klein, Steve Bates, Doug Hagan, Jeff Wasson, John Sturino, Paul Hopkins, Chris Ernst, Katie Woodworth, and Grainger Marberg.** Thank you to **Celeste Bates, Anne Frahn and Amy Wasson** for helping at the event. Also a big thank you to our custodian, **Eric Pascual**, for helping from start to finish.

A big thank you to **Frank Klein** for organizing the food. Thank you to **Chef Chad Newton** for cooking up a storm and serving the tastiest barbecue west of the Mississippi.

Thanks to the Noon Chorus kids for melting our hearts with their adorable rendition of Achy Breaky Heart and, thanks to **Joanna Finnis, Jillian Maxim and Jenn Ibbotson-Brown** for organizing it.

Thank you to the **Byron Street Band** for providing an evening of lively musical entertainment.

Thank you to **Ana Picazo** for teaching kids the country line dance routine to the popular tune, Cotton Eyed Joe; for getting kids to practice during lunch time for weeks; and for giving us the opportunity to witness the fine performance by the kids and some adults, including our Principal, staff and teachers.

Finally, a big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the 4th Grade Bake Sale, which managed to raise \$1200 towards the Coloma Field Trip.

Community Announcements

PAUSD Information

New! PTA Council hosts Focused School Board Candidate Forums

Wed, Oct 15, 7-9pm, Fairmeadow Elementary School

On Wednesday, Oct 15 the School Board Candidate Forum will focus on Elementary School Issues. Again, come meet the candidates and hear their priorities for elementary school education. Questions: susanlusman@gmail.com

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

Dr. McGee's first live TV show is 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. Please contact Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley at the email address above, if you have any questions.

New! FREE ESL classes for PAUSD parents

Parents of Palo Alto K-12 students - Do you need help learning English? Is it difficult communicating with your child's teacher? Free ESL classes are available to help you improve your English skills. Morning, afternoon and evening classes are available for all levels. To schedule an appointment for placement in a free class, please call 650-329-3752 and tell them that you are a PAUSD family member. More information: <http://PAAAdultSchool.org/classes/fall-session-esl-classes>.

Los padres de estudiantes en Palo Alto -

¿Necesita ayuda para aprender Inglés? ¿Es difícil comunicarse con el maestro de su hijo? Las clases de ESL son gratis y disponibles para ayudarlo a mejorar sus habilidades en inglés. Hay clases por la mañana, tarde y por la noche--están disponibles para todos los niveles. Para programar una cita para la colocación en una clase, por favor llame al 650-329-3752 y decirles que usted es un miembro de la familia PAUSD. Para obtener más información, visite: <http://PAAAdultSchool.org/classes/fall-session-esl-classes>.

柏拉阿圖的K-12學生的家長- 您是否需要幫助學習英語嗎? 是否與你的孩子的老師很難溝通? 免費ESL課程可以幫助你提高你的英語水平。我們有上午, 下午和晚上班適合於所有英語程度。如果你有興趣參加免費英語課, 請打電話到650-329-3752預約註冊, 並告訴他們, 你是柏拉阿圖學區 (PAUSD) 的家庭成員。欲了解更多信息, 請訪問: website: <http://PAAAdultSchool.org/classes/fall-session-esl-classes>.

Community Events

New! 4-hour Kidpower Full-Force Parent-Child Workshop for 6-12 year olds with their adults

Sat, Oct 18, 1:30-5:30pm, Palo Alto

Families practice personal safety skills together for handling every day emotional and physical safety problems and self-defense skills for stopping emergencies. Partial scholarships available. Pre-registration required. [Register here](#), call (800)467-6997 ext. 1, or email safety@kidpower.org

New! Starting Strong with Kidpower Workshop for 3-5 year olds with their adults

Sun, Nov 9, 9-9:50am, Palo Alto

Through puppets and fun, interactive stories, learn how to introduce People Safety Skills and to continue to practice them in your daily life. Register early to ensure your spot. Partial scholarships available. Pre-registration required. [Register here](#), call (800)467-6997 ext. 1, or email safety@kidpower.org.

New! 2-hour Kidpower Parent-Child Workshop for 5-8 year-olds with their adults

Sun, Nov 9, 10:30am-12:30pm, Palo Alto

Protect your child from harm and gain valuable tools for building better relationships. Register early to ensure your spot. Partial scholarships available. Pre-registration required. [Register here](#), or call (800)467-6997 ext. 1, or email safety@kidpower.org.

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](#) and we can arrange a Goodwill truck to come to your home.

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

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.

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.

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.

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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