



## Addison eAdvisor

November 23, 2014

### Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

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| Mon, Nov 24         | <b>Passport to California</b> (4th grade)                            |
| Mon-Tues, Nov 24-25 | <b>No Homework Days</b>  |
| Wed-Fri, Nov 26-28  | <b>No School</b> , Thanksgiving Holiday                              |
| Mon, Dec 1          | <b>Books Inc. Night</b> , 5-8pm, Town & Country Village              |
| Tue, Dec 2          | <b>Parent Ed: Mindful Parenting with Jenny Ward</b> , 7-9pm, MP Room |
| Tue, Dec 9          | <b>Noon Chorus Concert</b> , 6:30-9:00pm, MP Room                    |

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#### Want to Publish an Article?

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:**  
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#### New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, I want to share the many things I am grateful for this year. I am thankful for working with 465 unique, spirited, curious, energetic, and thoughtful students. I am thankful for working with 24 committed, innovative, and caring teachers. I am thankful for our front office staff, custodians, aides, campus supervisors, and student attendants who work tirelessly "behind the scenes" every day to make sure the daily operations of the school runs smoothly and the students are supported. I am thankful for the strong parent involvement that helps shape the culture and practices of the school through your support, feedback, insights, and time.



It's hard to believe four months have passed since I started at Addison and I am grateful to work with this dynamic community. As our Thanksgiving break approaches, I look forward to spending time with my husband and daughters who have always supported me in my professional endeavors and offer me the "life lessons" that help me gain perspective in my work as a principal.

I hope that during the next week, you have time to relax,

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spend time with loved ones, and share your appreciation with those who mean the most to you. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

[Amanda Boyce](#)

Principal, Addison School

### Mark your calendars for Addison BOOKS INC. NIGHT!

*Monday, December 1, 5-8pm, Town & Country Village*



Join us at Books Inc. on Monday, **December 1** in support of our local independent bookstore and PTA. It's a great opportunity to take care of your holiday shopping list and mingle with friends from the Addison community. Spread the word among family, neighbors and friends. **Books Inc. donates 20% of all proceeds earned this evening to the Addison PTA.** Please note that this event is being held on the Monday evening following Thanksgiving break. We look forward to greeting you at the store with treats in hand!

Books Inc. Night Coordinators

[Catherine Bannon](#) & [Melissa Toteda](#)

### New! Parent Ed Event: Mindful Parenting

*Tuesday, December 2, 7-9pm, Addison MP Room*

Mindfulness and compassion are the buzzwords these days, but what do they mean for busy parents? In this workshop, you'll explore creative strategies for strengthening self-compassion, humor, connection and peace in difficult circumstances. Topics will include self-reflection, play modalities, meditation and practical tools for self-care, wellness and parenting. Perfect ideas to explore as we launch into the busy holiday season!

**Speaker: Jenny Ward**, MFA, RYT and licensed mediator. Jenny is the founder of [Playward.com](#), and is an author, parent educator and director of "**Peace and Play**" programs in educational settings across the country.

This is an interactive session that will include movement and fun. Please dress comfortably.

Hope to see you there.

Addison Parent Ed Team

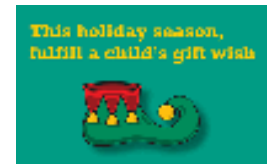
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### **New! Family Giving Tree Holiday Wish Drive**

Addison is hosting a Family Giving Tree Holiday Wish Drive this season. Gift tags have been posted in the front office. Please assist your child in taking a gift tag (or send a note allowing them to take a gift tag) to purchase a gift for a child in need.



Gifts should be returned to the main office by **Friday, December 5**. Gifts should be unwrapped and the gift tag should be securely taped to the gift so it can easily be identified. If you would like to help deliver the gifts to the Family Giving Tree Warehouse, please contact [Ana Picazo](#).

### **Private School Applications**



For those 5th graders (or other students) who are applying to private school for next year, please have the **transcript and principal recommendation requests** turned in to the office by **December 1**, so we can ensure all the needed documents meet the application deadline.

Teachers would appreciate requests by that time as well so they have time to adequately prepare recommendations.

### **Headsets Needed for Each Student at Addison**



**All students need a headset** to maximize the technology we have available during the school day. In the interests of comfort, health and safety, we are asking parents to send to a school a headset for their student(s) in a **plastic baggy with the child's name on it**. It can be earbuds, an over-the-ear version, or on-the-ear version, whichever you have available and the child will find comfortable.

Please send it to your class by **November 25**, before the Thanksgiving holidays. Contact the [office](#) if there are any questions.

### **Community Announcements**

#### **After School Activities**

#### **Palo Alto Children's Theater: Registration for Winter 2015**

*Dec 5: Reg for PA Residents*

*Dec 12: Reg for Non-Residents*

Click [here](#) to download the winter 2015 brochure. Winter classes include theatre, dance, improvisation, film production and private vocal instruction for youth ages 3 and up!

#### **Join a Club Soccer Team**

The Cyclones, a girls U11 Stanford Soccer Club team, are looking to expand their roster (and also start a sister team) for the Spring 2015 season. Prospective players should ideally be born between 7/31/03 - 7/31/04. Come build skills, confidence and friendships with the Cyclones, two-time league champions. For more information, contact [Mike Koehler](#) or [Todd Erickson](#).

#### **Green Apples Education Presents: Computer Classes for Kids**

*Open enrollment all year round after school*

Green Apples Education is a non-profit organization working with Computer Science Internship Programs from local universities to teach computer science courses, such as game design, Java programming, web design and mobile app design. Beginner from ages 5 to 12, advanced from 13 to 18 years. For more info, visit [www.greenappleseducation.org](http://www.greenappleseducation.org).

## **Community Events & Opportunities**

### **Family Holiday Volunteering**

*Ongoing through January (various dates & times for all ages)*

If you're looking for a way to get your family into the holiday spirit by helping others, visit <http://familyholidayhelpers.org>, a non-profit web site created by a mom of two PAUSD students to help parents find volunteering opportunities during the holiday season with their children in the San Francisco Bay Area. There are a variety of local opportunities for families, such as making colorful handmade cards for seniors or working a shift at the San Francisco Food Bank. Happy volunteering!

### **4th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting**

*Sat, Nov 29, 4-7pm, Lytton Plaza, University Ave & Emerson St*

Kick off the holiday season with fun at Lytton Plaza. Bring the whole family, and listen to live bands, bell ringers and carols. Decorate your own tree ornament and visit with the elves. Goodies from Whole Foods Palo Alto and Cafe Venezia will keep you warm as Mayor Nancy Shepherd and generous sponsor Stanford Federal Credit Union light the tree. This event will be held rain or shine.

### **The 2014-2015 Ten Minute Playwriting Contest**

*Ongoing through Dec 5: Submissions accepted*

*Feb 25, 2015, 6:30pm: Contest showcase*

Students grades 3-12 may submit original work in three categories: 1) Elementary School (3rd-5th grade), 2) Middle School (6th-8th grade) and 3) High School (9th-12th grade). For questions or more information, contact [Christopher Luciani](#).

### **New! Registration for Winter 2015**

*Registration for PA Residents starts Dec 5; Registration for Non-Residents starts Dec 12, Palo Alto Children's Theater*

Classes Coming Soon! Click [here](#) to download the winter 2015 brochure. Winter classes include theater, dance, improvisation, film production private vocal instruction for youth ages 3 and up!

### **Mitchell Park Library & Community Center Grand Opening!**

*Sat, Dec 6, 11am-4pm, 3800 Middlefield Rd*

Activities, performances and demo's for all ages! Bilingual story times will be offered, and other activities include art projects with the Art Center, Meet the JMZ animals, basketball clinics with Skyhawks, dance demonstrations with Children's Theatre, Cat in the Hat, Jump House, and more! For more info, visit: [www.cityofpaloalto.org/mymitchell](http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/mymitchell).

### **The Palo Alto Philharmonic Association**

*Sat, Dec 6, 8pm (Pre-Concert 7:30pm), Cubberley Theatre, 4000 Middlefield Rd*

This concert features a major work for solo soprano and orchestra by Puerto Rican composer Roberto Sierra. Beyond the Silence of Sorrow features soprano soloist Jouvanca Jean-Baptiste. The orchestra opens the program with the stirring Manfred Overture of Robert Schumann, one of the great romantic composers of the 19th century. Tickets: Gen admission: \$22; Seniors \$18; Student \$10. Tickets are

available in advance at [www.paphil.org](http://www.paphil.org) or at the door.

### 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

*Sat, Dec 6, 4pm; Dec 7, 13 & 14, 1 & 4pm, Woodside Performing Arts Center*  
Presented by Dancers Repertory Theatre and Menlo Park Academy of Dance and reviewed as a "charming alternative to the Nutcracker." In the spirit of the holidays, Dancers Repertory Theatre has partnered with Bay Area Firefighters Toys for Kids Drive to provide toys and gifts to children in need through our local communities. We hope each audience member will bring a new, unwrapped toy to a performance to help make another child's holiday a little brighter! Click here for [Tickets and more information](#) or call 650-323-5292. Addison school dancers include Henry Harding and Sara Matsumoto.

### Concerto Movement Competition for Bay Area Youth

*Wed, Dec 31: Due date for submissions* Concerto Movement Competition open to school-aged music students, both instrumentalists and vocalists. The purpose of the competition is to recognize outstanding talent and provide an invaluable learning and performing experience. It is underwritten by J.W. & H.M. Goodman. Applicants must be students from the greater Bay Area who are 18 years of age or younger, and who have not yet graduated from high school as of December 31, 2014. Each applicant should submit an unedited and unaccompanied CD of his or her performance of a movement from a concerto or concert piece for soloist and orchestra, with a duration of approximately 5 to 15 minutes. For more info: visit the Palo Alto Philharmonic online at [www.paphil.org](http://www.paphil.org), email [Geri Actor](mailto:Geri Actor), or call (408) 395-2911.

### Spanish-Immersion Summer Program in Costa Rica: all Spanish Levels Welcome

*Pre-Registration ends Jan 17, 2015*

La Amistad Summer Camp 2015 is now open for pre-registration for Bay Area kids who are currently in 5th through 8th grades. Campers will enjoy traditional summer camp activities while interacting and practicing Spanish with Costa Rican kids on a daily basis. All Spanish levels are welcome, even beginners. Choose from two one-week sessions or attend for both weeks. Dates are: Session 1 (July 25 to August 1) or Session 2 (August 2 to August 9). Students from Escondido School in Palo Alto have enjoyed their class trips to this camp for the past three years. For more information, click [here](#).

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