



Addison eAdvisor

December 14, 2014

Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Fri, Dec 19 **Minimum Day**, 1:15 Dismissal

Mon, Dec 22 - Fri, Jan 2 **No School**, Winter Break

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New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,



I hope you're holding up well through this very busy holiday season and torrential rain! There are many exciting things happening around Addison including our noon chorus performances, Hour of Code programming, Children's Theater practice for our upcoming production of Aladdin (in 2015), CPR and Safety Care training for staff, and upcoming classroom holiday parties. Our 1st-5th grade students also participated in "Mix It Up Day" this past Wednesday when they had the opportunity to meet and talk with cross grade level students during the lunch period.

Something I'm continuing to work on is getting to know the students and families during my first year at Addison. We have a very diverse student population that adds richness to our community. It's exciting to see friendships formed and support across campus between all students. We are one community for which I have a great appreciation and a commitment to see all students thrive.

During the past few weeks, I've visited the **Boys and Girls Club** in East Palo Alto, and the various apartment complexes that feed into Addison. I was ecstatic to connect with the coordinators of the after school programs that serve the students who live in the apartments throughout our neighborhood. Addison is committed to closely collaborating with these community organizations to ensure all students grow and learn.

One of the coordinators, Anmol Teer, from the Opportunity Center has asked for my support in

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recruiting parent volunteers to tutor students that live there. Students attend daily from 3-5pm, five days per week. Therefore, if you are able to volunteer, please contact Anmol at ateer@ivsn.org. Older students are also welcome to volunteer as peer tutors. Feel free to also contact me regarding more information about volunteering at the various community organizations that serve Addison students.

Since this will be the last eAdvisor before our winter break, I wanted to wish all of you a wonderful, safe, and relaxing holiday season. I look forward to our continued journey together in 2015!

[Amanda Boyce](#)

Principal, Addison School

New! President's Corner

It's hard to believe that we have just a week left before the Winter break. Where did this year go? It feels like we picked up the packets and checked class allocations at packet pickup only yesterday, but since then we've enjoyed catching up with friends at Back to school coffee, finding out what's in store for our children at Back



to School Night, getting to know Principal Amanda Boyce and Superintendent McGee, saying goodbye to Melvin, buying carefully curated books at the BookFair, watching kids dance to "Cotton-eyed Joe" while enjoying a Southern feast at the Hoedown, walking and rolling to school, wearing orange on Unity Day, dancing under the crescent moon at the auction party that raised over \$100,000 for the PTA, enjoying a tale of math folklore at the Family Math Night, getting tips on parenting at the Parent Ed event and listening to children sing at Noon Chorus Concert.

Well, thanks to all the wonderful parent volunteers we have achieved a lot this year and I hope we can continue this fun in the new year as well.

Hope you have enjoyable and restful holidays!

Komey Vishakan

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NEW! Arches of Addison

Thank you to those parents who helped to organize 4th Grade's Passport to California: **Carrie Riggins, Rebecca Wolpinsky, Susie Levine, Kelli Tomlinson, Valerie Vincent, Brandi Walters, Andrea Helft, Labiba Boyd, Titi Liu, Sarah Gibbs, Karen Lee, Elena Chiu, Kyoko Matsumoto, Lisa Daly, Veronica Saleh, Kaoru Ariyasu** and all those parents who brought food and helped to make the event a big success.



Thank you also to **Nicole Garratt** for organizing the awesome student assembly; **Catherine Bannon** and **Melissa Toteda** for organizing the fun Books Inc. night; the Parent Ed co-chairs **Missy Reller, Victoria Thorp** and **Liza Baskind** for organizing another valuable Parent Ed event; **Ana Picazo** for coordinating the Family Giving Tree efforts; **Laura Sturino** and **Valerie Vincent** for coordinating the auditions and rehearsals for Aladdin; and **Jillian Maxim, Jennifer Ibbotson-Brown** and **Joanna Finnis** for organizing and leading Noon chorus.

Community Announcements

PAUSD Announcements

NEW! PAUSD Honored as Part of SCCOE Board Meeting Celebrating Biliteracy and Pathway Awards

Palo Alto Unified was honored at the Dec 10 Santa Clara County Board of Education meeting for their successful implementation of the Biliteracy Seal program. PAUSD implemented this program in the 2013-2014 school year and put seals on 251 senior diplomas and transcripts last May. Gunn gave out sixty-two seals with six students having three languages. Paly gave out 189 seals. More info: <http://news.pausd.org/post.cfm/palo-alto-unified-recognized-at-santa-clara-county-board-of-education-meeting-for-biliteracy-awards>

After School Activities

NEW! After-School & Winter Break Digital Education Programs

The Institute for Education Management (Insted), a 501(c)(3) non profit organization, was started by parents and visionary educators. InstEd provides an after school, academic program that serves schools, parents and children who want to learn in a world class environment powered by premier educational technology. Our goal is to assist Addison teachers and provide an extra school space where children can have more time to excel. In creating this integrated Computer Programming, Robotics, Math and Language Arts program we are making use of digital education technology developed by Stanford University. You can enroll by emailing: boyd@insted.org and view our website: www.insted.org.

NEW! After-School Tennis Winter & Spring Sessions Registration Open

Euro School of Tennis will provide after school tennis at Addison on Fridays, 2:20-3:20pm, starting December 5. Children play with modified equipment (18ft portable net) to ensure they learn at their level. All equipment is provided: smaller racquets as well as low compression red balls to help your child learn the fundamentals. More information and online sign up [here](#) or call 510-491-3007. 10% discount available for enrolling more than one child. [Email](#) for the discount code.

Palo Alto Little League Registration is Open Now Through Jan 14!

Palo Alto Little League is a nonprofit organization with baseball leagues for boys and

girls 5-13 years of age. KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS: Sign-up for Tee Ball! New and returning players can sign-up online now at <http://registration.pabaseball.org>. League representatives will be available to assist you in person at Walk-in Registration to be held at the PALL Clubhouse (3672 Middlefield Rd.) on Saturday, January 11, 8am - noon and Sunday, January 12, 9am - 1pm. More information at <http://pabaseball.org/registration/index.php>.

Sign up for Palo Alto Girls Softball Spring Softball League

For girls age 5-15. Register now through January 20, 2015.

Everyone plays, and beginners are very welcome. We provide a safe, fun, well-supervised program at all ages and skill levels for girls 5-15 years old. Our youngest players begin with T-ball in a very relaxed environment; our oldest players compete in fast-pitch leagues. Palo Alto Girls Softball has operated in Palo Alto for more than 30 years and is affiliated with the American Softball Association. Softball is a great game for girls. Register now for the 2015 season! Register at <http://www.paloaltogirlssoftball.org>.

PSV Union FC Soccer Tryouts

Tryouts for girls and boys now through Dec 20.

PSV Union FC is a non profit soccer club whose philosophy is based on a long term approach that focuses on development and providing top level instruction. If you really enjoy the game, want to learn, and are committed to improving, then you are probably a PSV Union-type player. PSV Union looks for the correct attitude in a player FIRST as a pre-requisite to becoming a member of the club. See [tryout page](#) for contact details and tryouts contact: manager@psvunion.org.

Palo Alto Children's Theater: Registration for Winter 2015

Registration ongoing.

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.

Community Events & Opportunities

The Parent Project-a class for Parents of Adolescents Presented by PAPP, PAUSD & PA Adult Education

12 week course begins Jan 8

If you are the parent of a challenging adolescent, this class is for you. Learn not to argue with your teen anymore, improve school attendance and performance, prevent destructive behavior, and strengthen family unity and self-esteem. [Click here for more information](#) or contact [Det. DuJuan Green](#) 329-2274. Want to talk to a recent graduate from this class? Contact [Sigrid Pinsky](#)

Palo Alto Children's Theatre Presents Frog & Toad

Ongoing through Dec 21, Palo Alto Children's Theatre

Based on Arnold Lobel's well loved books, this whimsical musical tells the story of two great friends. Approximate running time: 70 mins. Call 463-4970.

NEW! Annual LEGO Holiday Extravaganza

Ongoing through Jan 18; Fri, Sat, Sun, 11am-3:30pm; MOAH, 351 Homer Avenue

The Museum of American Heritage (MOAH), The Bay Area LEGO® User Group (BayLUG) & Bay Area LEGO Train Club (BayLTC) are co-hosting the 2014/15 LEGO® Holiday Extravaganza at MOAH. Enjoy a variety of LEGO® creations made by members of the club, featuring train layouts, Bay Area landmarks, portraits, historic places, miniature cities, sculptures and more! Admission: \$2 per person (MOAH and BayLUG Members are Free) Info: 321-1004 or visit www.moah.org.

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!

The 2014-2015 Ten Minute Playwriting Contest

Contest Showcase: Feb 25, 2015, 6:30pm

For questions or more information, contact [Christopher Luciani](#).

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, email [Geri Actor](#), or call (408) 395-2911.

NEW! Stop Arguing and Win Cooperation with Your Kid

Tues, Jan 13; 7-9pm, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave

Learn how to direct your kids to do "undesirable tasks" without getting into an argument. It's simple when you set the stage for success with your new cooperation creating actions and words. Info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stop-arguing-and-win-cooperation-with-your-kids-9-14-years-registration-13934435271>.

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](#).

NEW! Building Your Child's Self-Esteem and Personal Power (9-14 Years)

Wed, Jan 29, 7-9pm, Parents Place, 200 Channing Ave

Your children's feelings of self-esteem and personal power are influenced by beliefs and actions that they learn from you. Explore ways to build children's self-esteem and avoid the unsuspecting parental communication blocks. With Cynthia Klein, BA certified parent educator. Info: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/building-your-childs-self-esteem-and-personal-power-9-14-years-registration-13788755539>.

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