



## Addison eAdvisor

January 11, 2015

### Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Now through Feb 12	<b>Priority Registration</b> for 2015/2016
Mon, Jan 12	<b>No Homework Night</b>
Wed, Jan 14	<b>Birthday Book Club</b> , 1:15-1:45pm, Library
Thurs, Jan 15	<b>PTA Board Meeting</b> , 8:30-10am, AKC
Mon, Jan 19	<b>No School</b> , MLK Holiday
Thu, Feb 5	<b>4th Grade Coloma Bake Sale</b> , Time and Details TBD
Thu, Feb 5	<b>PTA Board Meeting</b> , 8:30-10am, AKC
Thu, Feb 5 through Feb 7	<b>Children's Theater Outreach Program</b> , Time and Details TBD

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#### New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The new year is off to a great start and even though I've been talking to my daughters and the students about setting goals, resolutions, etc., I was recently reminded that some of the best lessons learned have been from NOT accomplishing particular goals. We all experience failure at one time or another and can often learn just as much, if not more, from those failures as we do from our successes. For that reason, I'd like to share the highlights of an article I enjoyed reading as both a parent and educator; **Learning to Learn from Failure.**

The article states that "teachers (and parents) can better support student learning by embracing, encouraging, and supporting failure in the classroom. Our best learning can come from our mistakes, by encouraging our students/children to:



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- Embrace metacognition; encouraging 'thinking about your thinking'. Consider why and how a project/assignment/test was incorrect. If one is unwilling to consider how or why something was marked wrong, one misses a further learning opportunity.
- Ask for help. Well targeted questions allow parents and teachers to know what the child knows and doesn't know, so we can be deliberate and specific in our support.
- Explore alternative paths to success. There are so many tools and strategies specific to various learning modalities, so knowing how you learn best and asking for additional support in those areas will lead to greater success."

In summary, and to quote one blogger; "Students will struggle, they will stumble, and they will fail at something now and again - we all did. If we can teach them to take whatever lesson they need to from that, and move forward full of heart and spirit knowing that they'll likely do better next time, then we've given them and ourselves one of the greatest gifts any educator could give to a child... a way to find belief in themselves".

To view the complete article, go to:

<http://www.onlineuniversities.com/blog/2012/10/learning-learn-failure/>

[Amanda Boyce](#)

Principal, Addison School

## New! Birthday Book Club

*Wed, Jan 14, 1:15-1:45pm, Addison Library*

**Wednesday, January 14 is Birthday Book Club** day. If your student has a birthday in July, August, September, October, November, December or January, please join us in the **Addison Library from 1:15-1:45pm**.

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 [Addison website](#) for the dates of all BBC events.

We look forward to seeing you and your children on Wednesday the 14th!

Yoanna Federici, Sharon Hoffman, and Karleen Lykken

## **Community Announcements**

### **After School Activities**

#### **Palo Alto Soccer Club Youth Development Program Winter Session**

Do you have a budding young soccer player, ready to learn the game and improve their soccer skills? Then join Palo Alto Soccer Club's Youth Development Program (YDP) for kids 4-9 years old. We focus on developing good soccer skills and habits in a fun, positive environment. We now offer boys and girls only programs. Coach Ken and his team of professional coaches run the program. Winter 2015 season: 9-week program, plus 5 Saturday play dates, starts the week of January 12. Click [here](#) to get more info or [sign up](#) directly on the registration page.

#### **After-School Digital Education Programs**

The Institute for Education Management (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. Insted's 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](mailto:boyd@insted.org) and view our website: [www.insted.org](http://www.insted.org).

#### **After-School Tennis Winter & Spring Sessions Registration Is Open**

Euro School of Tennis offers after-school tennis at Addison on Fridays, 2:20-3:20pm. 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. For more information and online sign up, click [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!**

*Registration ongoing through Jan 14*

Palo Alto Little League offers baseball leagues for boys and girls 5-13 years of age. Kindergarten students can sign-up for Tee Ball! New and returning players can sign-up online at <http://registration.pabaseball.org>. For more information, including walk-in registration, visit <http://pabaseball.org/registration/index.php>.

#### **Ragazzi Boys Chorus Free SingFest Minicamp**

*Sat, Jan 17, 9:30am - 1pm, Redwood City*

Let your 7-10 year old boy test-drive this 'best choir of the Peninsula' for himself at a free half-day SingFest minicamp. Low-key, no-obligation auditions are integrated

into the morning; no previous singing experience needed. Boys offered Ragazzi membership start rehearsing the week of January 19. Beginning groups meet once a week for choral singing and theory instruction. Ragazzi offers a complete music education that progresses through a proven, award-winning performance-based educational program. Ragazzi performs its own concert series, sings the National Anthem at a spring SF Giants game, tours domestically and internationally, and collaborates with other prestigious Bay Area arts organizations. Contact: [ragazzi@ragazzi.org](mailto:ragazzi@ragazzi.org) or 650-342-8785. SingFest is free, but advance registration is required at <http://ragazzi.org/join-us/singfest/>. Can't make it to SingFest but want to audition? Go to <http://ragazzi.org/join-us/book-audition/>.

### **Sign up for Palo Alto Girls Softball Spring Softball League**

*Registration ongoing through Jan 20*

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>.

### **Ragazzi Boys Chorus' Music & Movement Class**

*Mondays, Feb 2 through May 11, 4:15-5pm, 178 Clinton St, Redwood City*

Ragazzi Boys Chorus' engaging Orff-Schulwerk-based class for active young boys is now open. It's a great option for boys not quite old enough for Ragazzi's main program. This class is tailored for boys ages 5-7 with little or no previous musical experience. A child-developmental approach fosters boys' creativity and curiosity. Students explore rhythm games, channel their energy through music learning and learn concepts they can apply in any musical setting. Early-bird and sibling discounts available. Contact [ragazzi@ragazzi.org](mailto:ragazzi@ragazzi.org) or 650-342-8785. Register & more info at <http://ragazzi.org/program/music-movement/>.

### **Community Events & Opportunities**

#### **Exhibition Explores the Artistic Power & Resonance of Sound**

*Jan 17 through Apr 12, Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd*

The exhibition will present works by five contemporary artists who employ the power of sound in artworks that explore perception, the passage of time, and nostalgia. Visitors will be immersed in sonic experiences by artists such as Oakland based Kate Lee Short, who creates monumental sculptures comprised of stacks of salvaged speakers, and Chris Duncan, also of Oakland, who invites visitors to make sounds on his door-sized string instrument. The exhibition is free to the public. For more info, visit <http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter>.

#### **Annual LEGO Holiday Extravaganza**

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

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](http://www.moah.org).

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

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

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

### **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**

*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](#).

### **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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