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Addison eAdvisor

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Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Now through Feb 12	Priority Registration for 2015/2016
Mon, Jan 19	No School , MLK Holiday
Fri, Jan 23	Library/Literacy Coffee , 8:20am-9:00am, Library
Thu, Feb 5	4th Grade Coloma Bake Sale , Time and Details TBD
Thu, Feb 5 through Feb 7	Aladdin Productions , Thu, Feb 05 at 4:30pm, Fri, Feb 06 at 7:00pm; Sat, Feb 07 at 2:00pm; Addison MP Room
Thu, Feb 19	PTA Board Meeting , 8:30-10am, AKC

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New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,



I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Principal Coffee on Jan. 9. We had thoughtful dialogue regarding homework, academic differentiation, lunch schedules, student safety, and the upcoming **Smarter Balance Assessment (SBAC)** in grades 3-5. Most questions were focused on the SBAC, so I shared with the group that I am finalizing the testing schedule with 3rd-5th grade teachers this week; once confirmed, it will be shared with the community. There are many unknowns this year in terms of student feedback and reporting but, as soon as I acquire that information, I will be sure to share it with the community. As you know, all tests will be taken on a computer, so all of our 3rd-5th grade students use a type-to-learn program at Addison. Log on information (to continue to practice at home)

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should have been sent home for 3rd-5th graders. One question arose regarding appropriate typing speeds by grade level, so please see the following linked PDF document that was sent to me by our Director of Assessment: [KeyboardingStandards.pdf](#).

Besides the Principal Coffees, I encourage you to attend our monthly **School Site Council (SSC) meetings** where parents, teachers, classified staff, and I discuss the daily operations of the site and prioritize funding for site initiatives. Our next SSC meeting is Monday, Jan. 26, from 3-5pm in the Library. We will also be hosting a Library/Literacy meeting for parents on 1/23; please see below for more information.

This month, **our Lifeskill is Self-Awareness** as this aligns with our Project Cornerstone books. We will be encouraging students to identify, acknowledge, and express feelings in a safe, positive, and healthy way. Furthermore, students are learning to be in charge of their feelings and strategies for staying calm when feeling upset and angry.

Finally, you may have noticed many of our staff members wearing Addison fleece vests in the new year in order to show our unity and appreciation of our wonderful school! Our staff has agreed that we would like to show our school pride by wearing either blue (school color) or Addison clothing every Friday. We will be running a **non-profit spirit-wear campaign** if you or your children are interested in purchasing Addison clothing; stay tuned for more information!

[Amanda Boyce](#)

Principal, Addison School

New! Aladdin Performance



The Aladdin performances are coming up. We are very excited that tickets can be bought online and printed at home. Please invite family, friends, visitors and neighbors to see this amazing and fun show at Addison. Seating is limited and since we have

Vendors
include Amazon!

a very large cast we urge you all to buy tickets before we run out.

Target REDcard

Do you
have a
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Card?



Target will support Addison by 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.

Here is the link to [buy the tickets online.](#)

Performance dates and times:

Thursday, Feb 05 at 4:30pm

Friday, Feb 06 at 7:00pm

Saturday, Feb 07 at 2:00pm

Thank you!

Laura Sturino and Valerie Vincent

New! Aladdin Poster Challenge

Calling all Addison Student Artist

Use the theme from "Aladdin" to create graphic images that best capture the essence of the story.

Rules:

- Use standard copy paper, 8 1/2" x 11"
- Medium: **Use colored pencils or colored ink pens.** Do not use pencil, chalk or paint.
- Fill the whole page with your images, and make sure to use dense, vibrant colors.
- Do not write any text on your entry: i.e., name of the production, production dates, etc. Just focus on the artwork.
- Art work must be the original work of the student entering the contest.
- On the back of the entry, please write legibly the following:
 1. Your name; first and last
 2. Your grade
 3. The name and email address of one of your parents.

Eligibility: Addison 1st-5th graders as well as cast members may submit an entry.

Deadline for Entries: Fri, Jan 23, 2:30pm. Please turn your entry in to the Addison Front Office.

Rewards:

- Selected artwork will be used to create the posters and the program for the play.
- Artists whose work is selected will receive recognition in the program.

Questions: christopher.luciani@cityofpaloalto.org

New! Literacy Coffee

The library is hosting a Literacy Coffee for parents.

This is a great time to come and see some of the new books that were purchased for the library. Learn about the library's programs and ask questions of Patricia Ohanian, our Teacher-Librarian and Leslie White, our Reading Specialist.



What: Literacy Coffee and Open House

When: Friday, Jan 23, 8:20-9:00am

Where: Addison Library

Who: Addison parents and other care providers

Why: Because we love books and reading!

Hosted by: [Patricia Ohanian](#), Teacher-Librarian and [Leslie White](#), Reading Specialist

New! Arches of Addison

Thank you to **Catherine Matterson, Elena Chiu, Ricky Chiu, Marc Stoksik, Wendie Karel, Nishita Kothary, Sally Collings and Sally Swank** for making the 3-5th grade ice skating party special.

Thank you to **Kelli Tomlinson** for organizing the wonderful principal coffee.

Community Announcements**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. [Read more.](#)

After School Activities

Come to Friday Night at the Art Center!

Jan 23, 7-10pm; Palo Alto Art Center

Get in on the fun at "Friday Night at the Art Center".to celebrate the opening of Hear This! with delicious food, live performances, hands-on art and sound-making projects and an opportunity to meet the artists! Don't miss the open mic lounge and curated cocktail at the cash bar (members receive two free drinks). In the Glass Gallery, will also be featured the new Lift/Heft exhibition created by artists-in-residence May Wilson and Lauren DiCiccio.

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 and view our website: 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.

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 or 650-342-8785. Register & more info at <http://ragazzi.org/program/music-movement/>.

Community Events & Opportunities

Fifth Annual MLK Jr. Family Day of Service

Co-sponsored by Youth Community Service (YCS), the City of Palo Alto and Project Safety Net *Mon, Jan 19, 11am-2pm; King Plaza at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave., Palo Alto* To celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and his teachings of community and service, join YCS and its partners for activity tables, speakers, music, and an open mic featuring community artists. Bring a non-perishable canned food item or a warm jacket to support other local organizations. For more information check out the [YCS website](#). or call 650-858-8019.

Unique pairing of Daugherty, Berlioz for Redwood Symphony

Sat, Feb 14, 8pm; Main Theater, Cañada College, 4200 Farm Hill Blvd, Redwood City The West Coast premiere of an electric guitar concerto by the hippest composer in classical music and Berlioz's Fantastic Symphony, one of the most revolutionary musical works of all time, will headline the Valentine's Day program for Redwood Symphony. Tickets from \$10-\$25 are available RedwoodSymphony.org, children under 18, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free. Parking at Cañada College is ample & free.

The 19th Annual Juana Run Registration is Open

Early reg discounts: 1/10-1/20; Race Day: Feb 28; 4100 Orme St., Palo Alto This year's is the usual 8K, a 5K fun run, 1-mile race, and kids races, all through the streets of Barron Park neighborhood. Proceeds go to the West Valley Track Club, Gunn High School Sports Boosters; Juana Briones, Barron Park, and Terman PTAs. For \$5 off any 5K or 8K registration (or combo of both races), use code EARLY2015 now thru Jan 10th. For \$2 off any kids or 1-mile race use KIDS2015 now thru Jan 20th. [Click here for online registration](#). Or visit the website at juanarun.org.

Hear This! Exhibition to Explore the Power of Sound

Now 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>.

The 2014-2015 Ten Minute Playwriting Contest

Contest Showcase: Feb 25, 6:30pm

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

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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