



Addison Elementary School
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Addison eAdvisor

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Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Now through Feb 12	Priority Registration for 2015/2016
Tue, Feb 10	Family Science Night , 6-8pm, MP Room
Wed, Feb 11	Jump Rope for Heart , 12:30-1:10pm
Wed, Feb 11	Birthday Book Club , 1:15-1:45pm, Library
Thu, Feb 12 - Feb 16	No School
Thu, Feb 19	PTA Board Meeting , 8:30-10am, AKC
Fri, Feb 20	Kindergarten Informational Meeting for 2015-16 , 8:30-10am, Library
Fri, Feb 20	Heritage Dinner , 6-8pm, MP Room
Tue, Feb 24	No Homework Night
Wed, Feb 25	Ice Skating Party, K-2nd grade , 5:30-7:30pm, Winter Lodge, Palo Alto

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New! Principal Thoughts

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After the holiday break, I mentioned that our teachers began working on the schedule for our upcoming Smarter Balance assessments for 3rd-5th graders. The Smarter Balance Assessment (SBAC) is replacing the CST/ STAR assessments. We have completed the schedule, so please note your children(s) test dates and ensure that they are at school each of those days:

- Grade 3- 4/22, 4/24, 5/5, 5/8
- Grade 4- 4/27, 4/29, 5/4, 5/7
- Grade 5-4/20, 4/23, 4/28, 4/30

The tests will begin at 8:20am and run until recess at



Article?

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10am. Since the tests are untimed, students who need extra time will be accommodated during the period between recess and lunch (10:20-11:45am). Any students that still have not completed the test, or are absent during their assigned test date, will have the opportunity to continue their work during the week of May 11.

During the morning block of testing, students that do not have special accommodations (as outlined on an IEP or 504) for a special test setting, will take the test in their classroom on a laptop. If a student needs more time, he/she will continue taking the test in the computer lab. Students can log on and off the test as needed and pick up where he/she left off. If a student has a special test setting as outlined on an IEP or 504, he/she will take the test in room 21.

There will be more information to follow regarding the SBAC, but I wanted to send the dates out as early as possible to ensure that every effort will be made to allow students to attend school on these dates.

I considered sending these dates to only 3rd-5th grade parents, but I believe it's important for the entire Addison community to be aware of these dates for a couple reasons. Joy Frick, clerk, and I will be supporting teachers and classrooms during these dates and times, as we want to ensure successful use of the technology and address unique circumstances. Therefore, my availability during this time will be limited and we will have a substitute clerk during these testing blocks. Finally, since it's the first time all CA public schools will be administering the full assessment, I think it is important for all parents to be aware of the dates in order to support (through words of encouragement and patience) our staff and students.

[Amanda Boyce](#)
Principal, Addison School

New! PTA Co-Presidents' Corner

The term "Aladdison" can be heard everywhere at Addison! About seventy 3rd through 5th graders took part in the play, **Aladdin**, directed by **Nancy Sauder** of the Children's Theater, as part of their outreach program. The children were in charge of all aspects of the show from acting and singing, to tech support and sound effects. The shows were simply mesmerizing! We thank children who took part, Director **Nancy Sauder** and her team from the Children's Theater, **Laura Sturino**, **Valerie Vincent** and all the other parent volunteers for tirelessly working to put together this fantastic production.

Target REDcard

Do you have a Target Red 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.

This week we have another amazing event to look forward to. **Family Science Night** is on Tuesday, February 10 from 6-8pm. This year's Science Night will feature five exciting hands-on science stations to tinker with.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for **Addison's Heritage Night** on February 20. In addition to Addison's Second Nations of the World Parade, there will be some delightful cultural performances. If your child is interested in taking part, please sign them up using the sign up sheets in front of class rooms.

Finally, if you are interested in being part of the PTA Executive Board, or in a non-board position for next year, please get in touch with a member of the nominating committee. Please see below for more details.

Komey Vishakan

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

NEW! Arches of Addison

We thank our nominating committee consisting of **Susie Levine, Dena Seki, Monica Davisson, Jen Ko, Dawn Sue** and **Gita Singh**, for working hard to fill the PTA Volunteer Slate for the year 2015/2016.

Jump Rope for Heart

The Addison Student Council is working hard on the annual **Jump Rope for Heart event on February 11 from 12:30- 1:10pm**. All Addison students have the opportunity to earn money for the **American Heart Association** by getting donations from family, friends and neighbors. Kids earn prizes for the money they collect. The first \$5 donation (cash or check) can be turned in right away to Ms. Wright in room 7 and your child will receive the Splatter Quacky Duck and lanyard! There are lots of prize options, but the really important message Student Council wants to spread is that of being Heart Healthy.



As a parent, you can help shape your child's attitudes and behaviors toward physical activity. The following guidelines are a great place to start. Encourage young people to be physically active for one hour or more each day, with activities ranging from informal, active play to organized sports.

Here are some ways you can do this:

- Set a positive example by leading an active lifestyle yourself.
- Make physical activity part of your family's daily routine by taking family walks or playing active games together.
- Give your children equipment that encourages physical activity.
- Take young people to places where they can be active, such as public parks,

- community baseball fields or basketball courts.
- Be positive about the physical activities in which your child participates and encourage them to be interested in new activities.
 - Make physical activity fun. Fun activities can be anything your child enjoys, either structured or non-structured. Activities can range from team sports or individual sports to recreational activities such as walking, running, skating, bicycling, swimming, playground activities or free-time play.
 - Instead of watching television after dinner, encourage your child to find fun activities to do on their own or with friends and family, such as walking, playing chase or riding bikes.

NEW! Valentine's Day with eScrip

Are you buying flowers or candy for Valentine's Day? Remember to use the **eScrip Online Mall**, where you can access **Proflowers, 1-800-flowers** and **See's Candies** and earn up to 12% for Addison!



Here's how to buy & earn:

You can follow this link: <https://shopping.escrip.com> to begin your shopping or you can just click on the eScrip Online Mall logo on the Addison web page to shop for your Valentines and earn for Addison.

Enjoy your Valentine's Day and Addison will enjoy the earnings!

Lisa Daly and **Susie Levine**

NEW! Volunteer for the 2015/2016 PTA

Calling all volunteers - ADDISON wants YOU!

Hello Addison Parents,

It takes an army to run this school - a wonderful, creative army of parents who organize lunch-time activities, after-school activities, community-building activities and fundraisers of all kinds. It's a great way to meet people, get to know the Addison community, have fun, and even learn new skills, all while making a real difference in the overall educational experience for our children.



We still have open positions to fill and we invite you to join as one of the following:

PTA Board Opportunities

- **Executive Vice President** - Or, President-in-training. This person will shadow the 2015-16 President, Amy Wasson, for 1 year before taking on the role as President of Addison in 2016-17.
- **Treasurer** - Do you have a head for numbers? An accounting or finance background? Or, do you like to balance your checkbook every month? These are all signs that you're qualified for this position. Responsibilities include keeping the books using a software package, tracking expenses to budget, writing checks, keeping accurate records, reconciling bank accounts and monthly and annual financial reporting.

- **VP Safety & Education** - Be instrumental in educating the Addison community. This person will oversee activities such as Addison 101, grade-level information sessions, and parent education and outreach to new families as well as external groups.
- **VP Communications** - This person acts as the conduit between the PTA leadership and the school community by integrating various communication channels at Addison. Responsibilities include overseeing the Addison Advisor, email lists, school directory, back to school packets, and Addison school website.

PTA Non-Board Opportunities

- Addison eAdvisor Editor
- Ice Skating Parties Coordinator
- Costume Bank Coordinator
- eScrip Coordinator
- Room Parent Coordinator
- May Fete Float Coordinator
- Stone Soup Coordinator
- Student Directory
- Monday Office Volunteer
- Back-to-School Packet Coordinator
- Bike Safety Coordinator
- After School Programs Coordinator

If you're interested in any of these positions, or know of someone who would be the perfect match, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee; **Monica Davisson, Jen Ko, Dena Seki, Dawn Sue, Susie Levine**. Remember, it's okay to find a partner and team up for any position.

[Dena Seki](#), [Monica Davisson](#), [Jen Ko](#), [Gita Singh](#), [Dawn Sue](#) and [Susie Levine](#).

New! Birthday Book Club

Wed, Feb 11, 1:15 - 1:45pm, Addison Library

Wednesday, February 11 is **Birthday Book Club day**. If your student has a birthday in July, August, September, October, November, December, January or February, 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.

Looking forward to seeing you and your children on Wednesday the 11th!

Yoanna Federici, Sharon Hoffman, and Karleen Lykken

New! Annual Heritage Dinner and NATIONS OF THE WORLD Parade

Fri, Feb 20, 6-8pm, MP Room



The Addison Heritage Dinner is right around the corner! Remember all the special dishes your family grew up with? Your grandmother's secret recipe? The smells and flavors of your favorite meal?

Here is the perfect opportunity to share your culinary treasures with the Addison community. On Friday evening, February 20, Addison will hold its annual Heritage Dinner in the MP Room from 6-8 PM. At the Heritage Dinner each family brings a family-sized portion of a dish from their culture. It could be an appetizer, side dish, main course, or dessert...and everyone gets to taste! Please label your dish, noting its name, where it is from, and the key ingredients so that those with dietary restrictions can eat wisely. The Addison PTA will supply plates, utensils, and drinks.

How many nations make up the Addison Community? Let's find out! Once again, we will be holding a **NATIONS OF THE WORLD** parade and cultural performances during the dinner. Everyone is welcome to join in, or just come along to the event dressed in something that represents your chosen country or culture. Wear your saris, kimonos, serapes, lederhosen, cheong sams, hanbok, kilts, flamenco dresses, gauchos, Pashtun dress, cowboy garb, Hawaiian shirts, leprechaun suits, kangaroo costumes...It's going to be a fashion show of global proportions! If you would like to participate, please email [Komey Vishakan](mailto:Komey.Vishakan) with your name or child's name and the country you are representing.

Community Announcements

After-School Activities

New! Spring 2015 U11 Girls Soccer Tryouts

Sat, Feb 7, 10am, JLS

Two U11 Stanford Soccer Club teams, the Cyclones and Eclipse, are looking to expand their rosters for the Spring 2015 season. The Cyclones are two-time league champions and winners of the District Cup last fall. Prospective players should ideally be born between 7/31/03 - 7/31/04. Come build skills, confidence, and friendships! For more information, contact [Jeff Brown](mailto:Jeff.Brown) or [Todd Erickson](mailto:Todd.Erickson).

After-School Drama Classes at OFJCC

Drama Classes Begin: Feb 3

Choir Classes Begin: Feb 10

New at the OFJCC campus: the School for the Performing Arts will offer drama and choir classes for grades K-12 between the hours of 4-7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Registration is now open for all students through the month of February! For more info: <http://palooaltojcc.org/Cultural-Arts/School-for-the-Performing-Arts>.

After-School Digital Education Programs at Addison

Classes Begin: Feb 2, Mondays 3-6pm & Wednesdays 1:30-6pm

Join our nonprofit academic after-school program in programming, robotics, and science, and mathematics and language arts. We have created an educational space that balances fun and learning to master concepts. Learn with top teachers from the Stanford graduate community. In math, students on average finished two complete grade levels above their current chronological grade. Results in language arts had similar results. Online digital education software supplements classroom learning,

for use at home, 24x7. This program was developed in alliance with Redbird Advanced Learning and the Educational Program for Gifted Youth "EPGY" developed by Stanford University. Additional hours or days may be scheduled. Class time is flexible for each student. Download a [brochure](#), enroll by emailing boyd@insted.org, and view our website: www.insted.org.

Summer Camps

Going forward, non-profit summer camps which submit articles to the eAdvisor will be posted in this section.

Community Events & Opportunities

PTAC Honorary Service Awards

Each year the Palo Alto Council of PTAs may bestow one of several California State PTA Honorary Service Awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding service to children and youth in our community. The individuals or organization nominated must make far-reaching, notable contributions. The PTA Council HSA Committee selects persons or groups who have benefited children and youth on a district-wide or Palo Alto community level. If you know of someone or an organization that deserves to be honored at this level, please indicate their name so that they may be put into nomination when the committee meets to choose this year's recipients. The chosen recipients will be announced at our Honorary Service Award Breakfast May 8th, 2015. Form: <http://goo.gl/hn2R7p>.

2015-2016 Jordan Incoming 6th Grade Parents, PTA volunteers

Are you wondering what your child's next year at Jordan will be like? What great memories and friendships will be made? Would you like to stay involved in your child's school? Your leadership and involvement is needed with the Jordan programs next year, so please join the Jordan PTA. There are positions available participating on the Executive Board, Parent Networks, Back to School packets, fun teacher appreciation activities, science fair, and the BBQ, to name a few. Whether you like to plan an event, show teachers your appreciation or geek out with the website or an excel spreadsheet, there is a job for you! The Jordan PTA job descriptions are available for your review, and are located on the [Jordan PTA website](#). More specifics on what positions are open will be coming soon. These parents are looking forward to talking with you: [Sandi Dobrowsky](#), Jordan Parliamentarian, [Gabrielle Conway](#) and [Susan Meade](#).

Huge Used Book Sale Benefits Palo Alto Libraries

Sat, Feb 14, 10am-4pm & Sun, Feb 15, 11am-4pm, Cubberley, 4000 Middlefield Rd
Friends of the Palo Alto Library will hold their next monthly sale of over 50,000 adult and children's used books, CDs, and DVDs, all sorted by subject, very reasonably priced. The Children's Book Sale Room, featuring preschool through young adult books, puzzles, games and toys, is located in a portable building in the SW corner, adjacent to the Cubberley track. After the sale ends on Sunday, all books in the Bargain Room (Cubberley Room H-2) are available for free to teachers and nonprofit organizations. Info: <http://www.fopal.org>.

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.

Focusing on Executive Functioning for the Real World

Tue, Feb 17, 6:30-8pm, Palo Alto High School, SSRC in the library

The time for transition is now! This presentation is designed to address supportive ways to promote independence and success in school and beyond for families of children who receive special education services.

Resource Fair for Summer Camps & After-School Activities

Wed, Feb 18, 6:30-8:30pm, JLS Middle School Auditorium, 480 E Meadow Dr

Meet 20+ providers of summer camps, after-school activities who will present info about their program and be available to talk 1:1 with parents. All are providers that can accommodate some special needs kids, either in an inclusive environment or a special program, can discuss specific accommodations your child may need.

Information on financial assistance will be available, option to enroll on site, childcare, pizza/snacks for kids will be provided. RSVP for childcare:

palalocac@gmail.com. Organized by the Palo Alto Sub-Committee of SELPA 1 CAC, co-sponsored by Parent Advocates for Student Success (PASS), the Palo Alto Council of PTAs (PTAC). Info: www.cacpaloalto.org.

Parent Information Dates for Middle School: for 5th Grade only

Jordan: Feb 25, 6:30pm

JLS: Mar 18, 6-7:30pm (parent network 6-6:30pm)

Terman: Feb 26, 6-6:30 pm

Mark the dates for the middle school transition information for the middle school that your child will be attending.

11th Annual Sweetheart Awards: Calling for Nominations

Wed, Feb 25, 6:30pm Refreshments, 7-8pm Awards, Jordan Middle School, MP Rm

Is there a bus driver, friend, teacher, neighbor, aide, crossing guard, fellow student, therapist, physician, volunteer or relative that has done something (however large or small) for your special needs child that makes that person a sweetheart to your family? Are you a student who has experienced support and compassion from an unexpected source and would like to say thanks? Help honor those wonderful people in our community who have made a positive difference in the life of a child with special needs by nominating them for a CAC Sweetheart Award. You can nominate anyone and you can nominate up to three people or organizations. New this year: to nominate a sweetheart, go to <http://goo.gl/forms/iFXwHkBIQI> and complete the form. For more info, visit <http://cacpaloalto.org/events/11th-annual-sweetheart-awards/>.

The 19th Annual Juana Run Registration Is Open

Race Day: Sat, Feb 28, 4100 Orme St, Palo Alto

This year is the usual 8K, 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, and the Juana Briones, Barron Park and Terman PTAs. [Click here for online registration](#). Or visit the website at juanarun.org.

Mother's Symposium: Resilience in Motherhood, Pathways to Purpose

Sat, Mar 7, 8:30am-12pm, Cubberley Auditorium, Stanford University

Join in for a morning of inspirational speakers, guided conversations and opportunities to make meaningful connections as you explore how a deep sense of purpose helps tap into our resilience as women and mothers. Keynote speaker - Pat Christen and panelists Dr. Julie Good, Sherri Lassila and Sharon Murphy. For more info, visit www.motherssymposium.org.

Emily's Way Project

The goal is to help people of all ages "take ownership" of their health information. For young adults, "owning" your health information is an important step in the process of living independently. For parents of children under 18, having easy access to their children's health records can help them manage large amounts of information related to their children's health. Easy instructions and help:

OwnYourHealthInfo@gmail.com.

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