

Addison eAdvisor

August 18, 2019

Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Tue, Aug 20	Back To School Night, 6-8pm
Fri, Aug 23	Picture Day
Fri, Aug 30	Minimum Day/Early Dismissal, Gr 1-5 1:15pm, Kinder 12pm
Mon, Sept 2	No School, Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Sept 13	Principal's Coffee, 8:30-10am in the Library

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NEW! Principal's Message



Dear Addison Families,

On August 14th, we opened the 2019-20 school year by welcoming **385 students** in eighteen classrooms. We have three classes at each grade level and countless years of teaching experience in those classrooms. Congratulations to Ms. Ando and Ms. Rudd who are celebrating their 20th year! Once again, thank you to the hard work of our **PTA** who spent hours helping me to prepare for the new school year. They hosted both back to school events on August 9 & 14 and are one of the many reasons our school is so strong.

We have two new teachers this year at Addison. **Heidi Deveau** will be a job share with Ms. Kageyama on Fridays and **Kathy Roddy** was hired as a half-time Educational Specialist to support students with IEPs. This year we are also welcoming **62 new families**. If you were able to attend the Back to School Coffee, you heard from both myself and our PTA President, Lauren Williams, to get involved early! Addison is truly a special place. Some of the closest friendships are made at Addison through the volunteer opportunities and the connections made in you children's classrooms.

If you have been away from Addison during the summer, hopefully you were pleasantly surprised seeing the amazing progress that took place with our construction project! Our **two-story administrative/ library/ flex classrooms** building is projected to be completed by December so our office staff and library are anticipating moving in to the new building during the Winter Break. Once we move in, our **next phase** includes remodeling the interior of our current office and library in to four classrooms which is projected to be completed by June 2020. Concurrent with the redesign of that building, **the MP room** is projected to be completed by March 2020 and will serve as a space for students to eat lunch every day and for us to gather for school wide events and assemblies. Next summer, we

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should be able to relocate the teachers in the portables and remove the portables. Finally, our entire outdoor space including the field, blacktop, and playground will be upgraded. After five years of planning this remodel, is it so exciting to anticipate the many changes in store this year!

I plan to share more information about the District and Site goals at our **Back to School Night** which is this **Tuesday, August 20**. Grade 3-5 families will report to their child's classroom at 6pm. Next we will have the K-5 family gathering in the Courtyard at 6:50pm and then Grade K-2 families will report to their child's class at 7:15pm. It will be a very informative night and I know the teachers are eager to meet you. Please note that the Back to School Night presentations are for Parents/ Guardians only; if your child comes to Addison, please make sure he/she is supervised outside. Finally, mark your calendars for **Picture Day** which is **Friday, August 23!**

I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday and the great year ahead!

Fondly,
[Amanda Boyce](#)
Addison Principal

NEW! Back to School Information & One-Payment Form



Back to School Information is available on the PTA Website under "Back To School" - <https://addison.paloaltopta.org/bts-overview/>. Please take time to review the information and complete your **One-Payment Form** to register for events and school activities.

NEW! Double Your PiE Donation - Now thru Sept 3



The PiE 2019-2020 fundraising campaign is happening now. Your support makes a huge difference to our school community. PiE funds go to every PAUSD school and help principals to staff programs that deliver a well-rounded education. PiE's funding provides enrichment and support in the areas of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), the Arts, and Wellness and Support. PiE-funded staff make a positive impact on our kids every day.

At Addison, this year PiE funding will provide general classroom aides, Bill the Science Guy, Spectra Art, intervention & classroom support staff and full-time counseling support.

Double your impact: Between now and Sept 3, gifts and pledges will be matched by a \$500,000 Back-To-School Challenge Grant. Please donate today at <http://papie.org/donate/>

NEW! Back to School Night - Tuesday, August 20th



Welcome back to the families that are returning to school and a warm welcome to the new families! My name is **Claudia Quiroga** and I'm the **Student and Family Engagement Specialist (SaFE)** at Addison. Part of my job is to help some families to navigate in the PAUSD system and to clarify communications from the school and from the district. Soon, you will receive more details about my role at Addison School. I would like to encourage you to attend the first event of the school year: **Back-To-School-Night** on **Tuesday, August 20th** from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a great time to meet your child's teacher, talk with her/him about what the children will learn this school year, learn about homework, field trips, etc. I hope you can come. Your attendance is

important.

¡Bienvenida a las familias que están regresando a la escuela y una cordial bienvenida a las nuevas familias! Mi nombre es **Claudia Quiroga** y soy la **Especialista en Participación Familiar y del Estudiante (SaFE por sus siglas en ingles)** en Addison. Parte de mi trabajo es ayudar a algunas familias a navegar en el Sistema de educación del PAUSD y con las comunicaciones de los eventos a nivel de la escuela y a nivel del distrito. Pronto recibirán más detalles acerca de mi rol en la escuela de Addison. Ahora, me gustaría invitarlos al primer evento de la escuela: **Noche de Regreso a la Escuela el Martes 20 de agosto** de 6:00pm a 8:00pm. Este es un buen momento para conocer al profesor(a) de su niño(a), conversar con el/ella acerca de lo que aprenderán este año, sobre tareas, viajes de estudios, etc. Espero que pueda venir. Su presencia es importante.

NEW! Picture Day - Friday, August 23



Picture Day is here! Student & class photos will be taken on **Friday, August 23**. Order forms went home with students this week & copies are available in the school office. **Interested volunteering on Picture Day?** Volunteers are given **free photo packages** as a "Thank you"! Various shifts are available - please contact [Lauren Williams](#) if you can help!

Community Announcements

NEW! Superintendent's Welcome & Weekly Message

PTAC welcomes PAUSD Superintendent, Dr. Don Austin in his second year as our District Leader. All parents in our district should have received an email from Dr. Austin on Monday (8/12/19). The highlights of the email were the PAUSD Promise (Strategic Plan Year One) and safeguarding our children while they are at school. Campus Safety is top priority. Please discuss with your student safety getting to/from school (using Safe Routes to School MAP) and while on school campus. Click here: <https://Promise.PAUSD.org>.

NEW! Parent Ed Class at the Palo Alto Adult School for PAUSD Parents

Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept 4 - Oct 14, 7-8:30P, Greendell School, Room P-4
Palo Alto Adult School is offering a free class, Engaging in Your Child's Education, specifically for families with English as a Second Language who have children in the Palo Alto Unified School District. This is an INTERACTIVE class with topics that include: Absence Reporting, Schoology, Infinite Campus (IC) account set-up, conducting parent-teacher/counselor conferences. ****Families with intermediate English proficiency preferred****. Free childcare will be provided to children who are potty trained. Mandatory ESL testing. Please call 650-494-2326 to sign up for testing. Prerequisite: Children must be enrolled at PAUSD.

NEW! Palo Alto PTA Council (PTAC) Welcomes New & Returning Students & Families to 2019-2020 School Year

The 2019-2020 School Year has begun. We are glad you are here. Palo Alto PTA Council, a member of 6th District PTA and California PTA, held its first Executive Board Meeting this week. Welcome all new Executive Board members and Key Volunteers. PTA Council member schools are the 17 PAUSD schools (12 Elementary PTA, 3 Middle School PTAs, and 2 High School PTSA). Join your school's PTA or PTSA and be a well-informed and vibrant part of our school community. Go to: www.paloaltopta.org.

NEW! PTAC Advocacy: PTA Advocates for FULL MITIGATION on Stanford General Use Permit: Update at our General Association Meeting, Aug 28 (Wed) 9 am. PAUSD District Office

Last year (2018-2019), we successfully advocated for Full Mitigation on Stanford General Use Permit. Over the summer, we continued to monitor the progress of GUP hearings at the County of Santa Clara. Final decisions will be made soon. Any PTA member who would like to learn more, please join us at our first PTA Council General Association Meeting on Aug 28 (Wed) at 9 am. at 25 Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA. For more, please visit: www.paloaltopta.org.

NEW! Palo Alto PTAs Advocates for School Lunches for All Students

This week, the PTA Council Executive Board voted unanimously to pass a resolution consistent with our State PTA. Same resolution will be voted on at our first General Association Meeting on August 28 (Wed) at 9 am. at 25 Churchill Ave. Palo Alto, CA. For more, please visit: www.paloaltopta.org.

WHEREAS PTA was founded to alleviate childhood hunger (among other critical student issues); WHEREAS the California PTA recognizes that student hunger continues to be a barrier to student learning; WHEREAS the California PTA urges local PTA councils and units to advocate to reduce student hunger, WHEREAS the proposed federal program cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has the potential to harm 2 million children in California, including 111,000 in Santa Clara County, BE IT RESOLVED, the Palo Alto PTA Council opposes the federal proposal to restrict the number of families eligible for SNAP and will advocate consistent with this resolution.

NEW! Fundraising: PTAC Welcomes New CBO and Continuing Joint Efforts with PiE PTA Council welcomes our new PAUSD Chief Business Officer, Ms. Carolyn Chow. Recently, members of PTA and PiE met with Superintendent, Dr. Don Austin, and Ms. Chow, as well as School Principals to discuss ways to clarify the messaging around your donation dollars and your generous giving to your schools via PTA and PiE. We are grateful to a generous community. PTAC will be working with PAUSD and PiE to provide you with more information in the coming weeks. Thank you \$\$\$. For more please visit: www.papie.org.

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