

Addison eAdvisor

September 1, 2019

Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

Mon, Sept 2	No School, Labor Day Holiday
Tue, Sept 10	PTA General & Exec Meeting, 6:30pm-8pm in the Library
Thu, Sept 12	Bike Rodeo - 3rd Grade, 8am
Fri, Sept 13	Principal's Coffee, 8:30-10am in the Library
Wed, Sept 18	Site Council Meeting, 3-5pm in the Library
Fri, Sept 27	Addison Hoedown, 5-7:30pm

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NEW! Principal's Message



Dear Addison Families,

I hope you're having a wonderful Labor Day Weekend! The students and classrooms are in full swing as they have immersed themselves in creating community, establishing routines, and learning the core curriculum. If you have not already seen our updated [Parent Handbook](#) regarding contacts, schedules, and policies, please check it out. **Hard copies are also in the office.**

This past Wednesday, we had **two special visitors** at Addison: our Superintendent, **Dr. Don Austin, and Board Member, Melissa Baten Caswell!** We visited many classrooms between 8:30-9:30am. It was wonderful to see so many of the classrooms using the Responsive Classroom strategies including a morning meeting, greeting, and activity in order to build community at the start of the day. Other classrooms were doing Readers Workshop and math. Dr. Austin had a great time in Room 7 building number sense with our 1st graders as they counted and traded base ten blocks! Each school is designated a Board Member liaison so Ms. Baten Caswell will be our liaison at Addison for the 2019-20 school year.



Some students have been asking when the **AKC play structure** will be open. The construction crew is finishing the landscaping around the play structure since the base

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has been raised and we hope to **open it in the next couple weeks**. In other playground news, the students have been doing a great job demonstrating responsibility checking in and out balls from our new ball stations! All balls have been returned at the end of recess and lunch since the first day of school. I'm also happy to share that we had many applicants for the Playworks Jr. Coach program so confirmation of their positions and upcoming trainings will be sent out next week.

Finally, I'll be **meeting with all the classroom teachers** on September 4th and 5th to discuss their **professional goals** for the year. This is a great time for us to **collaborate** and create short and long term goals for the year. I'm always so grateful for their thoughtful reflection and focus on supporting all students!

Fondly,
[Amanda Boyce](#)
Addison Principal

NEW! One Payment Form Deadline - Friday, September 13



Complete your **One Payment Form** for event registration & tickets, yearbook orders (prices go up after Sept), spirit wear (only chance to order this school year) and other important items by **Friday, September 13th**. Contact addisonptafunds@gmail.com for more information.

NEW! It's Time For the Bike Rodeo! Thursday, September 12 at 8am



It's time for the **Bike Rodeo - Thursday, Sept 12**. This bike safety program is an Addison tradition which all 3rd grade students participate in each year. Whether you are a Bike Rodeo veteran or just interested in helping out, **volunteers are needed to keep this program going!** Please contact Sarah Gibbs sarahangibbs@yahoo.com for information.

NEW! Eat Tacos, Help Raise \$\$\$ For Addison at Tacolicious



In September, Addison's favorite taco place at 532 Emerson Street - **Tacolicious** - will donate **15% of Monday's proceeds all month** to Addison and one other elementary school in Palo Alto. Just dine in or order "Pick-Up" directly and our school will benefit. Last year Tacolicious presented **a check for \$2,300+ to Addison** as part of the [School Project](#). Spread the word and tell your friends! If you have any large catering orders that you can place on Mondays, those count too! Contact addisonschoolpta@gmail.com for more details on how to include large orders in the program.

NEW! Yeeeeee Hawwww! The Addison Hoedown, Friday Sept 27th



Come one, come all, come to the best tradition of the Fall - it's Addison Hoedown Time! The annual community event takes place **Friday, September 27th from 5:00-7:30 at Addison**. We'll have plenty of great food, terrific music, a dance performance by the students you don't want to miss - and a 4th Grade bake sale filled with treats that you won't forget! This is a **fun event for family members of all ages!** Bring your own picnic or food tickets (\$15 per person) can be purchased using the [One Payment Form](#). Tickets purchased at the door are \$20. Scholarships are available, please contact [Nancy](#) in the School Office for information.

After School Programs - Schedule & Registration Online now!



After School Programs at Addison information for the Fall is **now available** on the [PTA website](#). A **number of new programs** have been added for Fall, including French, Mandarin, Trendy Crafts, Piano Keyboard and Wizbots Robotics. All program information, registration forms and payment options are available [online](#). Questions? Contact: addisonafterschool@gmail.com

Double Your PiE Donations - Now through 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 papie.org/donate/

Community Announcements

NEW! Reusables for PAUSD Food Services!

After Labor Day 2019, PAUSD Food Services will switch to reusable dishware and cutlery at elementary school sites. This is part of a multi-phase plan to move all sites to reusable food service items, and will keep PAUSD in alignment with the City of Palo Alto's zero waste goals. Students will return their reusable food service items (metal sporks, plastic clamshells and baskets) to rolling carts with red bins located near the three sort stations at their campuses. PAUSD anticipates significant waste reduction as a result of this move. Questions? Contact mnavarro@pausd.org.

NEW! Oppose Proposed School Meal Cuts: Tap twice on your iPhones

The federal government proposes to reduce family eligibility for free-and-reduced cost meals. This could impact 2 million children in CA qualifying for free and reduced school meals, including 10% of our PAUSD students and 111,000 children in Santa Clara County. Low-income children face enough challenges - hunger should not be one of them. To oppose these cuts: download (or update) the Click My Cause app in the app store; select "Palo Alto PTA Council", "allow" notifications. An "act now" button is waiting for you. Android users: email address and sample message is on the PTAC website. **Deadline to speak up: Sept. 23, 2019**

NEW! Interested in Cub Scouts for your Kindergarten - 5th grader?

Pack 57 is holding a Parent Information Night for new families on Thursday, Sept. 5, from 7:00-8:00 p.m, at the Boy Scout House in the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd. Pack leaders will be available to answer questions and provide registration material. *Pack 57 includes Cub Scouts from both Walter Hays and Addison Elementary.* For more information, please contact Ryan Helft, Addison Rep (rhelft@gmail.com) or Susan Choquette, Pack Committee Chair (susan@choquette.org).

NEW! Kids Under Pressure & What We Can Do About It: Challenge Success Parent Ed

Fri Sept 27 7-8:30P Memorial Auditorium, 551 Serra Mall, Stanford

Join Challenge Success for an evening of education with best-selling author and psychologist Lisa Damour and Challenge Success Co-Founders Madeline Levine and Denise Pope to learn more about the value of healthy stress, the risks of unhealthy stress, and practical solutions for how families and schools can support kids to have balanced and fulfilling lives. Students, parents, and educators are welcome to attend. Get info and purchase \$10 tickets [here](#).

NEW! A Creative Workshop for Parents (with Childcare)

Palo Alto Art Center Sun, Sept 15 and 22, 1-4P Sun, Oct 6 and 13, 1-4P Mitchell Park Library Sat, Nov 2 and 9, 10:30A-1:30P

Join artist Jill Miller for a hands on workshop about parenting and art making. All parents have a story about taking an object away from their child in order to protect them.

Participants bring in an object, share the story, and then remake the original in a safe material. For more details, contact: selene.foster@cityofpaloalto.org Application deadline is Sept 13. Apply online: <https://bit.ly/2Seb1yr> This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council.

NEW! Bike Palo Alto

Sunday, September 29, 1-3pm, Fairmeadow Elementary, 500 East Meadow Drive
10th annual, family-friendly event encourages everyone to bike more places more often, and kicks off Walk & Roll to School Week. Choose one of three bike-friendly routes and explore. Enjoy free treats and activities along the way! Routes and treat stops are open until 4pm. Start at Fairmeadow and find helmet fitting, quick bike checkups, Safe Routes to School info, and more! All riders need a waiver, so if your student is riding without you, please print out, sign, and send one with him/her. Details atbikepaloalto.org.

NEW! Volunteer Opportunity for Parents & Grandparents at Palo Alto Art Center!

September 2019 Palo Alto Art Center (1313 Newell Road) Training will take place September 3, 6, and 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Docents help lead school tours for the Project Look program. Project Look serves k-5th graders and includes an interactive tour of our galleries and hands-on art activities. Please click here for more info and contact grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org, Director of Volunteer Engagement, to sign up.

NEW! Cantabile Youth Singers music classes and choir for kids PreK-Grade 7

Register/audition in September in Los Altos Community youth chorus has openings now for grades Pre-K - 7. Students experience: the joy of singing with artistry and mastery; fun, friends and community; comprehensive music program nurturing personal growth, creativity, leadership and health; world-class faculty; collaborations with professional artists. Tuition varies by class/choir. Visit cantabile.org for more information. Singers in grades 5-7: email or call info@cantabile.org | 650.424.1410 today to arrange an audition. Singers in grades K-4: register for a class now by visiting cantabile.org

The Palo Alto PTA Council Takes Up Anti-Vaping Resolution - Committee Forming; Volunteers Needed; Palo Alto PTA Council will be advocating for Anti-Vaping Resolution to educate and help our children stay healthy. If you would like to serve on the PTAC Anti-Vaping Committee (PTA members and nonmembers welcome), please contact: president@paloaltopta.org. First draft of PTA Resolution due Nov 1.

After School Art Classes at Pacific Art League 668 Ramona St, Palo Alto

PAL has been serving Palo Alto for 98 years, providing the community with top level art instructors and classes for all ages and levels. This fall we have fine art classes for youth ages 5 - 18 with classes such as: Art Works Studio, Drawing & More, Intro to Comics & Zine, Teen Painting and more! No experience necessary, just a love for creativity. For more information or to register please visit our website: <https://www.pacificartleague.org>. Email Linda at linda@pacificartleague.org with any questions.

2019 Palo Alto Black & White Ball

Friday Oct 4, 7pm-12am, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto
Book your babysitter now and get tickets for the party-of-the-year. Enjoy live music and dancing from Super Diamond, China Cats, DJ Celeste and more. Plus food from 20+ local restaurants, wine-tasting and a Silent Disco. Black tie optional. Please visit our website 2019 Black & White Ball to buy tickets. **Use code: PAUSD10 to save \$10.** The 2019 Black & White Ball is a celebration of City of Palo Alto's 125th Birthday, Palo Alto Weekly's 40th Anniversary, and PAUSD's 125th Anniversary. **All proceeds support the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation.** The event is open to everyone over the age of 21. Any Questions? Email: Kristen Podulka at kristen_podulka@yahoo.com