

Addison eAdvisor

September 15, 2019

Calendar: Upcoming Addison Events

- Wed, Sept 18 **Site Council Meeting**, 3-5pm in the Library
- Fri, Sept 27 **Addison Hoedown**, Addison Play Field 5-7:30pm
- Mon, Oct 7 **Full Day Kindergarten Begins**
- Tue, Oct 8 **PTA Meeting**, 8:20-9:30am in the AKC Classroom
- Fri, Oct 11 **No School**, Staff Development Day

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NEW! Principal's Message



Dear Addison Families,

As the first month of school wraps up, the staff and I have been busy implementing our programs and routines. Related to our social/emotional programs across campus, we had a **large number of applicants for the Playworks Junior Coach program** and the 3rd-5th grade student applicants are in the process of being trained as equipment managers and game leaders. Our **Project Cornerstone** volunteers also recently held their first **parent readers** training, so the teachers have begun collaborating with these guest readers to explore various life skills through literature.

Our classroom teachers have been busy **assessing students in the core subjects** so they have a baseline regarding the various skills and strengths each child brings and how to differentiate instruction. The teachers went to Walter Hays School this past Wednesday to analyze and score writing samples in grade level teams, which was a great opportunity to work with cross grade level colleagues at another site. Also, our Tier 2 interventions began after Labor Day for students who may need a little extra support in reading for grades K-5, and math in grades 1-2. We are currently planning for math intervention in grades 3-5 which should start in October. Letters will be sent home if your child is invited to any of these boost programs. Also, results of the beginning of the year assessments will be shared at the **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences**.

I held the first **Principal's Coffee** this past Friday and focused on **reading growth and achievement**. I shared with the families that I participated in a training this past summer by the Senior Deputy Director of Columbia University Teacher's College Reading Writing Project. We focused mostly on classroom instruction but I also handed out a **summary and resources that might be interesting**

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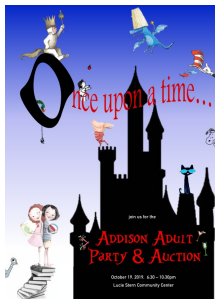
and useful for parents. Teachers will be able to share your child's reading level at conferences and the resources include recommended book series at that level and comprehension question stems. Please note that in the guidelines of how many books a child should read each week, the number of books reduce when children begin reading chapter books. Shared reading between a child and guardian is also highly encouraged if a child is interested in hearing a story above their reading level!

I've mentioned this many times before but it's our community building and events that make Addison unique and special. We have **two great events coming up** this Fall that I hope you can attend with me - the **Hoedown** on September 27 and the **Addison Adult Party & Auction** on October 19. **It's a great way to connect with other families and support your school community!**

Finally, our **5th grade** overnight field trips are underway as room 15 left today for the **Age of Sail** program in San Francisco. Students will participate in a historical reenactment and learn critical thinking, team work, leadership and perseverance while living the life of a sailor. Bon voyage!

Fondly,
[Amanda Boyce](#)

NEW! Save the Date! ADDISON'S BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR!



On October 19th, from 6:30-10:30 pm, our PTA is hosting the annual **Addison Adult Party & Auction** at Lucie Stern Community Center. Come enjoy music, cocktails, food and dancing. All proceeds go directly to the school. If you have any goods or services you'd like to contribute, contact Julia Moran and Lisa Bertelsen-Kivett at addisonauction@gmail.com. This year, tickets are free. Yes, you heard right-free. (But if you make a donation to the school, we welcome any amount, big or small.) To reserve your tickets, go to <https://handbid.app.link/Addison>. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

NEW Update from Coach Kessler - Tall Tree Wrestling Club



Last year Coach Kessler helped start a youth wrestling program for elementary aged students, **Tall Tree Wrestling Club**, and it was a big hit! The **club meets every Tuesday & Thursday** from 5:30-7pm in the Wrestling Room (Peery Family Center) at Palo Alto High School. Practices run from Sept 10-Nov 19 and **enrollment is open** through the entire season. Try one practice before making the commitment. Please contact [Coach Kessler](#) with any questions.

Yeeeeee Hawwww! The Addison Hoedown - Friday, September 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 (\$20 at the door) can be purchased. Scholarships are available, please contact [Nancy](#) in the School Office for information.

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.

Community Announcements

NEW! EACH FRIDAY! Superintendent's Weekly Board Update

Read Dr. Don Austin's Weekly Board Update, published new each Friday <https://www.pausd.org/news>

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](mailto:Kristen.Podulka).

NEW! PTA Council Open Positions - Join Us!

The PTA Council is currently seeking individuals in the community who have a passion for improving the educational experience of all students and who would like to learn more about becoming a member of the PTA Council Executive Board and Collaborative Committees. We have openings for the following positions: VP Health and Wellness; Co-Treasurer; Membership Chair; (SEL) Social Emotional Learning Committee Chair; Chinese Parent Representative; Arts Coordinator. Talk to us about stepping into a leadership role or how you can participate on a committee. Contact us at: evp@paloaltopta.org

NEW! New Parent Engagement Calendar

A brand new "Parent Engagement Calendar" will be available soon to PAUSD parents! It will list all the parent education events organized by the PTAs and PTSAs from different schools in our district. The calendar will inform parents what event is happening at which PAUSD school during the school year. This practice will maximize event attendance, save volunteer efforts and PTA or PTSA money that is donated by the parents. The PTAC also wants to thank all the PTAs and PTSAs that organize parent education events in their school(s), and open up the events to the other schools.

NEW! PTA Council Developing Convention Resolution on Vaping

The PTA Council Board has established a committee to develop a Convention Resolution on Vaping. The purpose is to give State PTA the authority and the tools it needs to advocate on the subject and to take positions on proposed legislation. Interested in participating? Want more info? Contact Jade Chao, ptacpresident@paloaltopta.org, or Erwin Morton, erwin@morton.net.

NEW! Workshop on IEP (Individual Education Plan) for Special Education & 504 Plan

Sat, Oct 5th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, JLS Middle School Cafetorium, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

FREE. This workshop covers the basics of the IEP/ 504 plan including some common problems, complications, solutions and suggestions. There will be a discussion about common accommodations and parental rights, and a Q & A session during this workshop. Organized by Palo Alto CAC (cacpaloalto.org), presented by H.E.A.L. ([Hospital Educational Advocacy Liaisons Program from Stanford Children's Health](#)), and co-sponsored by PTAC. Please [use this form](#) to let us know if you are coming, especially if you would like childcare or Spanish translation.

Taller sobre IEP (Plan de Educación Individual) de Educación Especial & Plan 504

Sábado, Oct 5, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Cafetería JLS Middle School, 480 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto

GRATIS. Este taller cubre los conceptos básicos del plan IEP / 504, incluidos algunos problemas / complicaciones comunes y soluciones / sugerencias. Incluye adaptaciones comunes y derechos parentales. Habrá una sesión de preguntas y respuestas durante este taller. Organizado por CAC Palo Alto (cacpaloalto.org), presentado por H.E.A.L. ([Programa de Stanford Children's Health](#)), y co-patrocinado por PTAC. Por favor utilice [este formulario](#) para dejarnos saber si asistirá, especialmente si necesita ayuda con su hijo o un traductor al español.

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