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# The Eagle Express

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### Season's Greetings Mohr Eagles!!

#### Important Dates

**December 16:** Final PTA Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic, 4-8 pm, Alisal

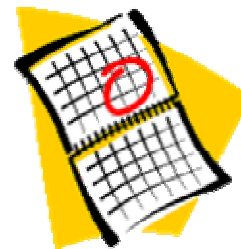
**December 14:** PTA Board/Chairs Holiday Potluck

**December 18:** Minimum Day for Grades 1-5, Kindergartens on AM schedule

**December 18:** Kindergarten Sing-Along Concert

**December 21-January 1:** NO SCHOOL -- Holiday Break

**January 4:** School Resumes



To view the full Mohr PTA calendar for the year, [click here](#)

#### Gift Card Drive

The District Office campus is sponsoring a holiday collection of gift cards for students in need at Village High School.

Currently, there are 29 students on the list. These are kids at risk of not having enough food to eat over the holiday break, and in need of warm clothing for the winter, so more general purpose grocery/Walmart/Target type gift cards are preferred.

Unlike other Pleasanton schools, Village does not have a parent club for support.

The gift cards can be sent/brought to the district office, c/o [Myla](#)



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Mohr  
Attendance Line



(925) 426-4256

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Innisbrook Wraps -  
- it's not too late!



The at-school sale has ended, but you can still purchase gift wrap and other items and the order will be delivered right to your house!

**And every purchase earns money for our school. Our school number is 102844. Out of town relatives can participate too!**

[Click here to order!](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

[Grasso](#). They will be distributed during the week of school before the Winter break.

Thank you for your support! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## Food Pantry

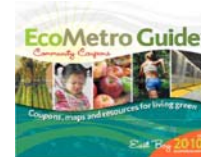
Food Pantry at Valley Bible Church  
7106 Johnson Drive  
Pleasanton 94588  
(next to Club Sport, off Wheels Route 3)  
open to those who need a little extra help feeding their families  
every Thursday from 6:30 to 8pm



Holiday hours - closed Christmas Eve and New Years Eve  
Open Sunday Dec 20th and Sunday Dec 27 from 1 to 2:30pm

## SUPPORT OUR SCIENCE LAB GARDEN PROJECT

The Go Green Initiative Committee is launching an **EcoMetro Guide** fundraiser to raise money for the Science Lab Edible Garden Project.



EcoMetro Guide is a one-of-a-kind resource - a coupon book, a directory, a source of ideas and inspiration. The new edition of EcoMetro Guide has over 300 coupons and resources for exploring our community and supporting local, sustainable businesses. Find hundreds of dollars in everyday savings with offers for Walnut Creek Farmers' Market, AC Transit, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Cartridge World, REI, Ace Hardware, Sunrise Bistro and many, many more! To see a complete list please visit: [www.ecometro.com](http://www.ecometro.com).

The books are sold for \$20 and 50% per book will go to the garden project! Save money and support our community with EcoMetro Guide, all while helping us reach our fundraiser goal.

Remember, EcoMetro Guide has something for everyone! It makes a great gift so pick up copies for you and a friend. You can also order similar guides at the same price through your school for your friends and family in Portland OR, Seattle WA, Minneapolis/St. Paul MN, Denver CO and San Jose/Santa Cruz CA (please allow time for delivery).

[To order, return the bottom portion of this flier](#) to the office with \$20 cash or check made out to Neeraja Havaligi. **Orders must be received by December 16 in order to deliver before the break.**

Questions? Email Neeraja at [neeshan@gmail.com](mailto:neeshan@gmail.com)



District Info  
Check out the  
Community Events,  
after-school  
opportunities, and  
sporting team sign-ups  
as publicized by PUSD.

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School District](#)

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Disclaimer:

Pleasanton Unified does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the content of any written or electronic material displayed or provided. This information is provided for your convenience. Parents/guardians are responsible for determining the potential merits of such providers.

## Your Recyclables Needed for the Science Lab

Instead of recycling your plastic deli containers and disposable camera you can help the science lab. These items are needed for upcoming labs. You can help.



Plastic - we need clear containers, washed free of food, plastic deli containers like the ones that cover deli trays or hold those dozens of cookies. The more flat surface area the better.

Disposable cameras- we need used (film already out) disposable cameras that have a flash. Some photo processing places will save these for you to pick up if you bring them a bag with your name and "SAVE FOR" These are getting harder and harder to find these but with the holidays perhaps we can gather what we need.

Just drop these by the lab or leave in the office with my name. Thanks so much for any help you can give.....Ms. Conley

## Parent's Night Out!

*Go Shopping! Get it all done kid-free!  
Go out for dinner! Eat in peace and quiet!  
Go to a Movie together! Enjoy watching it!*

Sponsored as a Fundraiser -for Donations only -  
by Senior Girl Scout Troop 30986

A dedicated, responsible group of High School aged Girl Scouts (Supervised by CPR Trained, Registered Girl Scout Adults) Willing to keep your precious children safe and happy.

**Friday, December 11th**, and **Friday, December 18th** 5-9pm at Lydiksen Elementary.

[Details click here.](#)

## Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic

Due to popular demand, PTA Council will host a final seasonal flu shot clinic on **December 16th, 4:00-8:00 pm**, Alisal Elementary MPR. See all the details and make appointments at:

<http://www.pleasantonpta.org>

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**PTA**  
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## Family Holiday Celebration

A traditional Mexican "Posada", hosted by Pleasanton/Tulancingo Sister City Association  
**Friday, December 18th**, 7-9 pm.



[Details here.](#)

## NEW KINDERGARTEN STUDENT PARENT MEETINGS

Parents who are planning to register their children for kindergarten in the Pleasanton Unified School District (2010-2011 school year) are invited to attend any one of three meetings scheduled for your convenience from 6:00-7:00 PM in the school Multi-Use Room on:



- Thursday, February 18, 2010 at Vintage Hills Elementary School Multi-use Room
- Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at Hearst Elementary School Multi-use Room
- Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at Fairlands Elementary School Multi-use Room
- These meetings are intended for parents only.

Topics of discussion will be typical school day, kindergarten registration procedures and kindergarten round-up, required immunizations, getting your child ready to attend school, and the kindergarten parent handbook and registration booklets will be distributed. These meetings are intended for parents only.

[Click here for new Kindergarten Student Meetings flier.](#)

## KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP / REGISTRATION OF NEW ELEMENTARY STUDENTS IN GRADES 1-5

Kindergarten Round-up and registration will be held **March 17 and 18, 2010** in the Amador Valley High School Gym, 1155 Santa Rita Road, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. (Enrollment is not based on first-come first-served basis) [Click here to view Kindergarten Round-up flier.](#)



After Round-Up dates you may register at your resident school site.

Kindergarten registration is intended for current Pleasanton Unified School District residents only. Families anticipating a move into Pleasanton Unified School District boundaries need to know that registration procedures cannot be completed before the family moves into the district. School-district residents MUST provide two current and different utility bills.

During two days each spring, parents are encouraged to enroll kindergarten-age students in the district. The spring registration period is important for the district to determine the number of kindergarten classes necessary for the following school year. Children are eligible for kindergarten if they have reached 5 years of age on or before

December 2 of that school year. One of the following proof of age and residency is required:

- Certified copy of a birth record or a statement of the local registrar or county recorder certifying the date of birth, or
- Baptism certificate duly attested, or
- Passport, or
- Affidavit proving the age of the child.

### PTA Shops Ptown!

Pleasanton PTA Council is joining with local businesses to launch a new program called PTA Shops Ptown. The PTA Shops Ptown program's purpose is to support the local Pleasanton business community and offer a tangible benefit to Pleasanton PTA members. Participating businesses offer a discount to PTA members who show their PTA membership cards to receive the discount. In exchange, the Pleasanton PTA Council publicizes the participating businesses to the 5,000-plus Pleasanton PTA members on the Council website and through local PTA schools' member communications. Participating merchants are provided with a PTA Shops Ptown window cling to identify themselves as program participants to PTA members.



"We wanted to help our local businesses during these tough economic times," said Joan Laursen, Pleasanton PTA Council President. "While our members receive the benefit of the PTA Shops Ptown discounts, the discounts help our local businesses by encouraging our members to shop local, which in turn helps our overall community. Studies have shown that for every \$100 spent at a locally-owned merchant, \$68 stays in the local economy. When you spend \$100 at a chain store, only \$43 stays in the area. When you buy on-line, nothing stays local. Further, choosing to shop in Pleasanton helps our city by retaining sales tax revenue for our city services."

Debbie Weisberg-Fain, one of the owner's of Fusion 3 SalonSpa in Downtown Pleasanton, and Judi Morton, Pastry Chef and owner of Filigree Cakes and Pastries in Pleasanton's Mission Plaza, are Pleasanton PTA members and now PTA Shops Ptown participating merchants.

"Here at Fusion 3 Salon Spa we are focused on supporting local education as much as possible. The PTA program gives us a chance to reach out to our local community and share our passion for supporting education," said Debbie Weisberg-Fain.

"I am a very strong supporter of public education, and here in Pleasanton we have some of the best volunteers helping our schools," said Judi Morton. "Filigree Cakes and Pastries will do all that it can to support this organization. This program provides a way to help bring about PTA awareness as well as benefitting the local economy."

How a business can participate: In order to participate, the business owner or manager must be a PTA member at a Pleasanton PTA school. If they are already a paid 2009-2010 PTA member at a

Pleasanton school, there are no additional fees to join the PTA Shops Ptown program. If not already a member, the business owner or manager may join any Pleasanton school PTA of their choosing. PTA membership fees in Pleasanton range from \$10 to \$18 depending on the school.

Any Pleasanton business interested in participating in the program can read more about the program and find enrollment instructions and forms by clicking the PTA Shops Ptown link at the Pleasanton PTA Council website at <http://www.pleasantonpta.org>.

As a nonprofit organization, PTA can't ask members to buy products, make qualitative judgments about products or endorse any business or product. However, PTA communications and the Pleasanton PTA Council website will include the participating business' name, logo, address, telephone number, web and/or email address, business/product description, and discount offered to PTA members.

How an individual gets the discount: Any Pleasanton community member is eligible to join a Pleasanton PTA and receive the PTA Shops Ptown discounts. Parents can join their children's school PTA. For community members or parents of children at non-PTA schools, the PTA Council has created a Councilwide Membership Form that can also be found on our website at [www.pleasantonpta.org](http://www.pleasantonpta.org). Membership cards needed to receive the discounts will be mailed after membership applications are processed.

*About PTA*

*Nationally, PTA comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education. Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education, health, and welfare of children and youth.*

To read more about the program, please click here for the [Program Facts](#).

If your business would like to enroll in the PTA Shops Ptown program, please click here for the [Enrollment Form](#) (pdf).

For the list of participating businesses and the discounts offered, [please click here](#). Please note: The Pleasanton PTA Council and the Pleasanton schools' PTAs, do not endorse, warrant or recommend any product or business.

If you are not currently a member of a Pleasanton PTA, but would like to join to be eligible to receive the PTA Shops Ptown discounts, [please click here](#) (pdf) for the Councilwide Membership Form. Any Pleasanton community member is eligible to join a Pleasanton school PTA.

Any questions about the program, please contact Jodie Vashistha, Pleasanton Council VP of Membership, at [jodiepta@vashistha.com](mailto:jodiepta@vashistha.com).

## Foreign Language Instruction offered at Mohr

**IES Language Foundation** is offering the following classes:

**Spanish** for Grades K-5, Class Begins: 1/7/10  
Thursdays, 3:05-4:05 PM(adding to an ongoing class)

**Mandarin Chinese** for Grades K-5,  
Class Begins: 1/7/10, Thursdays, 3:05-4:05 PM

**French** for Grades K-5, Class Begins: 1/5/10  
Tuesdays, 3:05-4:05 PM (adding to an ongoing class)

Deadline to register is December 31, 2009.

[Click here for details and enrollment](#)

### Private Tutoring Offered

Professional, credentialed tutor, with experience working  
with ELD students



[Click here for details](#)

### Fliers for After School/Other Activities at Mohr

The following are extra-curricular activities currently available at Mohr  
either before or after school:

[Art Experience Classes: Nirmitee Arts](#)

[Chess Classes: US Chessmates](#)

[Learn Hindi: HindiforUS](#)

[IES Language Foundation](#) -- Spanish, French and  
Mandarin -- **New Flier this week**

[Cub Scouts Pack 934](#) -- **New Website**

[Girl Scouts](#)

[Spectrum of Science](#)

Other activities approved by the district offered at other locations:

[Young Ivy Academy](#)

[E.nopi Pleasanton Learning Center](#)

[West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy](#)

[Private Tutoring](#) -- **New flier this week**

[Sports](#)

[Community Recreation/Activities Guide](#)

[2-1-1 Confidential Services](#)



## Nominations for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing are being accepted now

GATE nominations are being accepted until **December 10, 2009**. Schools in Pleasanton are preparing for the annual Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing period.



The purpose of GATE services is to address the needs of students who need challenges beyond what the general education program can offer. The district works with school staffs to provide high quality differentiated opportunities for learning that meet students' particular abilities and talents and to focus on the areas of need.

Every student in Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) is offered the opportunity to be tested at least once for GATE identification. Students may be tested several times, as often as every other year.

Students in grades 4 to 11 must be nominated by a teacher, parent, or other school staff to be tested for GATE services. Parents may nominate their child by submitting a completed Parent Nomination / Questionnaire / Permission for GATE to the Special Projects Office. Parents wishing to nominate their child are encouraged to talk with their child's teacher about the benefits and implications of GATE testing. The Parent Nomination for GATE form can be found on the district web site [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us). Click on the Educational Services button, the GATE button and then the Identification button. There, parents can read the instructions and download the District GATE parent nomination form. Nomination forms are also available at each school site.

Students are not eligible to be nominated if they took the CogAT test last year. Third grade students are not eligible to be nominated if they were in 2nd grade in Pleasanton Unified last year.

Students will be tested during the school day at their own school. A letter notifying parents/guardians of the testing dates and other information will be sent home mid January. Testing will be begin in late January and finish in late February. The test will be administered at each school on different days during this period.

Stay Warm,

Beth Limesand  
President, Mohr PTA  
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