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The Eagle Express

Mohr PTA's E-Newsletter

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Greetings, Mohr Eagles!!

Important Dates

February 5: Coffee with the Principal, 8:30AM Topic: Budget

February 5: Bingo Night

February 6: Science Garden Work Party

February 8: PTA Executive Board Meeting

February 9: PUSD School Board Meeting and Budget Workshop

February 11: Six Flags "Read to Succeed" Reading Logs Due

February 12: Aluminum can/Recycling Drive

February 15: NO SCHOOL

February 22: NO SCHOOL

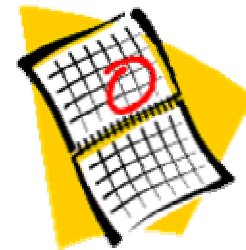
February 24: PTA Meeting 6:30pm Library

March 2: Read Across America Day/Dr. Seuss' Birthday

March 9: PPIE Student Grant Application deadline

April 20: PPIE Education Grant Application deadline

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



SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

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(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!](#)

Do you enjoy shopping and pricing? Would you like to lead a program that is tremendously fulfilling and also provides an essential service and fundraising opportunity for our school? You may be just the person we need. We are looking for a new chairperson or co-chairpersons for our school supply kit program. Our program provides 85% of our classrooms' school supplies. Our children, parents, and teachers are so grateful for this help.



Pre-sale of supply kits for next year will start this Spring, so it is important that we find a new chairperson or chairpersons as soon as possible!

Brad and Joyce Wong will be happy to mentor the new chair for the coming year. Please help keep this service alive! Please contact Beth Limesand **as soon as possible** if you are interested in leading this exceptionally beneficial program. (elimesand@comcast.net or 485-4962) Thank you so much!

Coffee with the Principal

Please Join Principal Robin Sehr on Friday, February 5 from 8:30-9:15 am for Coffee with the Principal. Everyone is welcome! Proposed topic of conversation will be the budget situation.



Bingo -- Save the Date!!

Hey Mohr families! Mark your calendars now so you don't miss Bingo Night. All the fun is set for **Friday, February 5th**. Food Sales start at 6:30pm, and Bingo starts at 7pm. Bring the whole family out to try your luck at Bingo or maybe win a Raffle Prize! We're sure to have a great time with friends and family! It's a perfect combination of Food, Fun & Prizes! Please join us if you can. If you would like to volunteer to work the event, please contact Randie Hill 417-1155.



Proudly sponsored by Mohr PTA.

HELP! Garden Project Needs Your Helping Hands - Let's Get Muddy!

Our top soil has arrived and we need some help getting it from the parking lot to the garden areas. If you can help out we will be working from 9:30 - 12:00 (12:30 if needed) on this coming **Saturday, Feb 6th**. Please bring a shovel, rake and a wheel barrow if you have one (we only have 2). Some volunteers have offered fertilizer which would be great to have on Sat as well. If anyone has a small rototiller we could fire that up as well and get as much done as possible.





PTA Members Get Discounts With Local Businesses

The Pleasanton PTA Council is joining with local businesses for *PTA Shops Ptown*. The program is an opportunity to support local businesses using your PTA membership. Just show your PTA card to receive discounts from participating downtown merchants. By buying in Pleasanton, not only are you helping the local economy, you are helping our town protect important city services. For example, by spending \$100 with a locally-owned business, \$68 stays here in town. With a retail chain, \$43 of that same \$100 stays in the area. For more information, click on the box above.

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

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I am also looking for an expert on a drip irrigation system. It is currently in place but many pieces of the line are broken or missing. If you have special knowledge of this type of system and can help we would love to hear from you.....Thanks to those that offered more help on our last work day. I hope many of you can make it this coming Sat. Sorry for the last minute notice but we had to make sure the soil was in fact being delivered this week.

Mikki Conley, Science Specialist

PUSD School Board Meeting / Budget Workshop Feb 9

There will be a School Board meeting/budget workshop on Tuesday, February 9, in the Amador Valley High School multipurpose room. The budget workshop will begin at 7pm.



Representatives will be on hand to share information with the School Board and community about our district's:

Elementary Music Specialists
Elementary PE Specialists
Elementary Science Specialists

All of these positions are in danger of being cut from next year's budget. Information regarding the impacts of budget cuts to our Elementary Schools, as well as the Middle and High Schools, will also be reviewed.

Questions concerning the budget may be sent to budgetinfo@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. Staff will try to address those received prior to noon on Tuesday at the meeting that evening.

Questions? Contact Myla Grasso at mgrasso@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

PARENT EDUCATION

Pleasanton Unified School District and Amador Valley Adult & Community Education
Present:



Understanding Autism: Parenting a Child with Autism/Asperger's Disorder -- Only \$19!

Parents will learn:

- Strategies and techniques for dealing with negative behavior at home, school, and in the community
- How to increase positive interactions, and to see greater possibilities for their child with peers, siblings, and themselves

electronic material displayed or provided. This information is provided for your convenience. Parents/guardians are responsible for determining the potential merits of such providers.

- About early intervention strategies and resources
- To build Family Support and Self-esteem assets in their child

Class Meets: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location : Pleasanton Middle School, Room 507

Instructor: Christopher Brown

Course Fee: \$19 - Registration required!

5 Ways Parents Disconnect From Their Kids....And What To Do About It -- Only \$19!

"Staying connected" to our kids is an essential element in successful parenting. Due to factors like self esteem struggles and pressures from the peer group, kids "act out" and parents "disconnect". We will explore the common ways we as parents disconnect, creating a big struggle in our parenting efforts and consider effective and practical tools to keep us connected!

Where: Walnut Grove Elementary School Library

When: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Instructor: George Papageorge

Course Fee: \$19.00 Pre-registration is required!

Please register with Amador Valley Adult School: 426-4280 or online at <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted>

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED REMINDER

Just a reminder that the Read to Succeed program's last day is fast approaching. You still have time to read six recreational hours and fill out your Student Reading Log in order to earn a ticket good for one free admission valid at participating Six Flags theme parks. Please turn in your completed Student reading log to your teacher no later than **Thursday, February 11, 2010** to qualify for your free Six Flags ticket.



For more details, see Mrs. Thomson in the library. Have fun reading!

Elective Absences Cost Classrooms

Maybe you want to get a head start on your trip to the snow, go to Disneyland for your own long weekend, or take a few days to visit family. So you pull your child from school for a day or two. That elective absence, however, will cost more than missed school work - it could impact the cost of your student's education.

The PUSD lost **\$2.6 million due to absences during the 2008-09 school year**. The reason: The state pays the district based on "Average Daily Attendance" or ADA. The PUSD receives \$51.54 a

day per child. While that doesn't seem like a lot for one child missing one day, the cost of many thousands of absences can mean millions to the district budget.

Sick Students Stay Home

Regardless of ADA, students who are sick must stay home. District policy states that children who have a fever or are vomiting will be sent home. Students must be fever free, without medication, for 24 hours before returning to school. Also, if a child has vomited in the morning or the night before a school day, they must stay home.

Pay To "Play"

PUSD is following the lead of other districts and implementing a program, which encourages parents to reimburse schools for elective absence days. The program is voluntary, but in this age of budget cutbacks, we are looking to parents who want to travel during the school year to help cover the costs for missed days or reconsider taking elective absences.

[For more information, Click here.](#)

Mohr Student's Reflections Entry Advances to the State Level

The PTA Peralta (Alameda County) District Reflections award ceremony was held January 19th and our Pleasanton students made us proud. Out of all the entries that advanced to the State level of judging - six of them are from the Pleasanton PTA Council! They will be judged against the winners from 30 other PTA districts.



Out of the six local winners, **one** of the advancing students attends Mohr!

Congratulations to **Calla Li** for her advancing entry in the Intermediate Literature Category! Good luck in the State competition!

Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) Student and Education Grant Deadlines Approaching

PPIE Foundation Student Grant applications are now being accepted for the second cycle of funding. Funding is available in amounts up to \$500 per project/per year for extracurricular or co-curricular PUSD student projects. Remember, all applications must be student authored. See the application packet for complete details. Application packets may be obtained from the



PPIE Foundation website, <http://www.ppie.org/grants.html> or Mohr PPIE Parent Ambassador (Praveen Hari, praveenhari@yahoo.com), or by contacting the PPIE office at mail@ppie.org or (925) 846-5620. Application deadline for cycle #2 is **March 9, 2010**.

PPIE Foundation Education Grant application packets may be obtained from the PPIE website, <http://www.ppie.org/grants.html>. This year's deadline for Education Grant applications is **April 20, 2010**. Education Grants are available to teachers and faculty of PUSD and fund in amounts up to \$2500. For more information, contact Mohr PPIE Parent Ambassador, or contact the PPIE office at mail@ppie.org or (925) 846-5620.

Getting Ready for 2010-11 School Year 6th Grade Parent Information Nights

	Harvest Park	Pleasanton Middle	Hart
6 th grade Parent info night	March 2 A-L 6PM M-Z 7:30PM Harvest Park MP	March 2, 7PM PMS-MP	February 23 7PM Hart -MP
Laptop info night	March 9, 6PM Harvest Park MP	Feb 25, 7PM PMS- MP	February 25, 7PM Hart MP
GATE info	March9, 7PM Harvest Park MP		

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.](#)

Cheerleading Clinic K-8th Grade

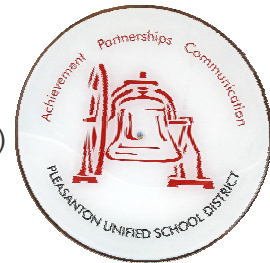
Amador Valley High School Cheerleading Clinic,
Saturday March 6, 2010, 10am-3:30p.

[For details click here!](#)



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.

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

[Cub Scouts Pack 934](#)

[Girl Scouts](#)

[Spectrum of Science](#)

Other activities approved by the district offered at other locations:

[EDU Escalate Academy](#)

[Young Ivy Academy](#)

[E.nopi Pleasanton Learning Center](#)

[West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy](#)

[Private Tutoring](#)

[Sports](#)

[Community Recreation/Activities Guide](#)

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