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THE OBÈRT REPORT

Dear Mohr Community:

As many of you know, our school year started out with our main office being flooded. In the ensuing weeks we spent considerable time crammed into our school library. After over 2 months of waiting, and some "spit-and-polish", I am happy to announce that we have finally moved back in to our "digs" in the Mohr main office. No words can express my gratitude for those working "behind the scenes" to accommodate our situation. A HUGE thank-you goes out to our librarian Kathleen Geib for putting up with us invading her space, and a MASSIVE thank-you to our office staff, Janet Wolfinger, Karen Vifian, and Cyndi Snyder for moving the office and adapting to the cramped and difficult environment. Needless to say, we are happy to be back and welcome to you come see our newly refurbished facility!

Community of Character

For the month of November and December, Mohr will be focused on teaching the character trait of Compassion. We kicked off our efforts to teach compassion early this year by having our students participate in "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF." Students from Amador Valley High School's UNICEF club coordinated this program where Mohr students collected small change door-to-door as they trick-or-treated on Halloween. Their collection of this small change makes a big difference for children everywhere, helping UNICEF to provide nutrition, medicine, education and the things kids need to thrive. We have also participated in the PTA canned food drive, and our Friends Helping Friends Club collected over \$450 of relief money for the San Bruno fire victims through their dollar drive. We will continue to help instill compassion in our students through our upcoming coat drive, coin drive to adopt an acre of rainforest, PTA Book Fair's "1 for 1" program and other opportunities for

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If you haven't already, consider joining the Mohr Elementary PTA! Our PTA is an active organization that works hard to support the curriculum and activities at Mohr Elementary. It costs only \$12 to join! Even our new Superintendent has joined the Mohr Elementary School PTA. Please consider joining if

compassionate service.

Tutoring Club

In partnership with Amador Valley High School's TEACH club, Mohr Elementary is getting ready to launch a tutoring club. Tutoring will begin on Mondays and Wednesdays at 3:30pm and end at 4:30pm. Students would be picked up from school at the end of the day, and would need to be dropped off again at 3:30 to participate in the tutoring. All tutoring will be provided by trained tutors from Amador Valley High School. If you are interested in having your student participate in this tutoring program, please email Janet Wolfinger at jwolfinger@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. Interested individuals will receive an email when a start date is determined.

you have not already and enjoy the benefits of membership.

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Parent Book Club

As a parent myself, and as a practitioner of educational and behavioral pedagogy, I feel a great responsibility to share with you some of the research and writings that influence my work with your children. As such, we will be starting a Mohr Elementary School Parent Book Club dedicated to reading books that improve our skills. The first book we will be reading this year will be [NurtureShock: New Thinking About Children](#) by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman. This book is available in hardcover and paperback, or electronically through ibooks and kindle and is available as an audiobook. This book was an eye-opener for me as a parent, and has changed the way I interact with my own children as well as with your children here at Mohr. This book is a "must-read" for any parent, grandparent or teacher who is looking to improve their parenting skills, encourage success in children, and teach diversity.

Our first Book Club discussion will occur on Thursday December 9th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in Mohr School's Library. Be prepared to share a lively discussion and some treats with your fellow Mohr parents. Purchase your book online or at a bookstore near you.

Report Cards

Pleasanton Unified school district has updated and streamlined the report cards for students in grades K-5. The changes made in the report card are meant to make them more effective and user friendly. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday

the 10th of November. If you have questions or suggestions about the new format please let me know.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me anytime with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ben Fobert

Principal, Mohr Elementary