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The Eagle Express

Mohr PTA's E-Newsletter

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Greetings, Mohr Eagles!!

The following is a news release from the district:

Governor's proposal increases PUSD's budget challenges

Following is a short summary of the District's initial analysis of the Governor's budget proposal from last Friday.

While the Governor has stated that he is protecting education funding in his proposal, when we look at the details, we believe that PUSD will experience a loss of real dollars for the 10/11 school year. The statement that Proposition 98 will be "fully funded" still means that PUSD will receive fewer dollars because state-wide tax collections continue to decrease. This translates to a reduction of an additional \$201 per student or a total decrease of \$2.9 million in ongoing revenue limit funding for our District. In addition, the estimated COLA is a negative number (-0.38%). When the Governor "fully funds" this, it means a decrease of about \$400,000 in revenue limit, Special Education, and other categorical programs.

In total, as a result of the Governor's proposed budget, PUSD may be looking at the necessity for spending reductions of \$3.3 million in addition to the \$3.6 million estimated as of our First Interim budget report (details available on our website). **Therefore, spending reductions that may need to be considered for next year total \$6.9 million.**

Please remember that this analysis is based on the best information we have available today. Additional details will be forthcoming over the next several days and weeks. The Governor's budget proposal is the first step in a lengthy process to develop a state budget. The proposal contains risky assumptions which must be analyzed and

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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!

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negotiated. Changes in these assumptions and their potential savings, along with other actions that the Legislature might take, will have an impact on our budget challenges. It is possible that this is not the worst case scenario, and we can state with certainty that the above numbers will change.

Important Dates

January 14: Superintendent Search Community Workshop, 7PM, Board Room, PUSD District Office.

January 15: Kindergarten Articulation Day -- all K on AM schedule (8:10-11:30am)

January 16: Science Garden Work Party 9:30-12:30pm

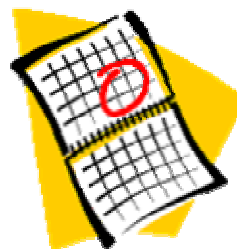
January 18: NO SCHOOL -- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 19: Community Forum on Budget for 2010-11 school year, 7-9 PM location TBA

January 19: Peralta District (Alameda County) Reflections Ceremony

January 27: PTA Meeting, 6:30pm, Library

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



Superintendent Search Community Workshop

On **Thursday, January 14, at 7 p.m.**, the consulting firm of Hazard, Young, and Attea & Associates, LTD (HYA) will be holding a second community workshop regarding the selection of a new superintendent to succeed Dr. John Casey who will be retiring on June 30. The purpose of the workshop is to solicit input from members of the community in order to identify the characteristics HYA will be seeking in potential candidates.

This is your opportunity to share your input regarding what qualities are important to you in YOUR School Superintendent. The workshop will be held in the Board Room at the PUSD District Offices, 4665 Bernal Avenue.

Additionally, input can be provided via the Leadership Profile Assessment located on the [PUSD homepage](#).

Questions may be directed to Myla Grasso at (925) 426-4304.

Science Garden Work Party



We need your tools and talents as we break ground for the new Mohr Garden Project. **On Sat Jan 16 from 9:30 - 12:30**, three different areas will be excavated and made ready for planting. Any students attending must have an adult present to participate.



Please stop by and lend a hand for any time that you can. "Many hands make light work" and there is much work to be done.

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

We only have a small selection of tools so please bring your favorite hoe, spade, rake or shovel...and don't forget the water and garden gloves.

This should be a very productive morning and we would love for you to be a part of this from the very start. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Conley at mconley@pleasanton.k12.ca us.

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Community Forum -- 2010/11 School Budget

PUSD has scheduled a second Community Forum about the budget for **Tuesday, January 19, from 7-9pm**, in the Amador High School Multipurpose Room. The format will be as follows: first an overview of the budget situation will be presented, followed by discussion of proposed cuts to programs/staff, followed by questions, comments and input from the audience.

[Click here for the "Budget Challenges 2010/11 and Beyond" report, as updated 1/7/10.](#) See also the 1/11/10 News Release from the district analyzing the latest information from the Governor's office -- at the top of this email.

The first Community Forum was attended by approximately 180 people, and resulted in a valuable exchange of ideas and information that was characterized by respectful presentation of many divergent ideas from staff and audience.

District members were encouraged by the respectful and supportive manner in which many different opinions and ideas were expressed and would like to continue the discussion.

Information from January 5, 2010 Community Forum

Handouts and other information from the forum held on January 5 are available by clicking on the links below:

[Jan. 5 PowerPoint presentation](#)
[Basics of California's School Finance System](#)
[Revenue Limits](#)
[School District Budget Process](#)
[Local Revenues for Schools](#)

The above links as well as further budget information can also be found at: [PUSD Budget page](#)

See also: [Impact of Budget Cuts All Grades Combined](#)

SIX FLAGS READ TO SUCCEED - WILD ABOUT READING

For the third year, Mohr Elementary is participating in the six hour reading club through Six Flags theme parks. Each K-5 child who completes six hours of recreational reading (not including reading for homework or class work) and turns in a completed Student Reading Log to their teacher **before February 11, 2010** will each earn a ticket good for one free admission valid at participating Six Flags theme parks. Teachers have recently sent home the bright green Student Reading Logs.



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

\$2,600,000

What does this amount refer to? It is the amount of money that Pleasanton Unified School District, PUSD, has lost due to all absences in the 2008/2009 school year. **The cost for ONE elective absence to the district is \$51.54.**



Now let us first be absolutely clear, when your child is sick they are to stay home and recuperate. PUSD in no way advocates sending sick children to school.

[Please click here to read the PUSD Budget Advisory Committee's information about Missing School, Elective Absences and the ADA, Contracted/Independent Study, and Reimbursement to the District.](#)

The Budget Advisory Committee's goal is to educate families as to the importance of attendance and to urge them to, further, think twice about taking elective absences. Fewer elective absences equal more money for our district and more opportunities for our children.

Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) Foundation wishes students, parents and staff a Very Happy New Year.

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.

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:

[Young Ivy Academy](#)

[E.nopi Pleasanton Learning Center](#)

[West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy](#)

[Private Tutoring](#)

[Sports](#)



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