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The Eagle Express

Mohr PTA's E-Newsletter

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Greetings Mohr Eagles!!

Important Dates

October 7: Walk and Roll to School Day

October 8: Food Allergies Forum 7-8:30 pm, Amador Library

October 16: Family Fun Fair

October 17: Bon Appetit

October 19-22: Fall Book Fair

October 19-23: Red Ribbon Week

October 21: Pillars of the Tri-Valley

October 28: PTA Meeting

October 29: Halloween Parade 8:30 am

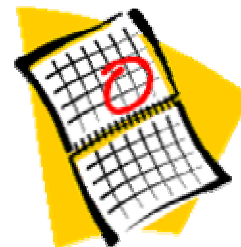
October 29: Minimum Day-Teacher work day in the afternoon

October 29: Afternoon Kindergarten on AM schedule

October 29: Flu Shot Clinic 1-6:30pm Fairlands MPR

October 30: NO SCHOOL- Staff Development Day

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



[Birthday Marquee](#)

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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!](#)

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

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Food Allergies and Your Child

Join us for an evening of discussion concerning food allergies and the effects on our youth in the school setting. Guest speakers will include an allergy specialist and school district personnel knowledgeable about these health issues.

Co-sponsored with Pleasanton PTA

Where: Amador Valley High School Library
When: Thursday, October 8 - 7:00 -8:30 p.m.
Course Fee: Free

For more information, please call Amador Valley Adult School: 426-4280



Pleasanton Partnerships in Education

Pleasanton Partnerships In Education (PPIE) Foundation welcomes students, parents and staff back to what is sure to be another great year of learning and exploration. PPIE programs and activities have already begun! Here are the latest updates:

PPIE Foundation Student Grant applications are now being accepted for the first cycle of funding. Funding is available in amounts up to \$500 per project/per year for extracurricular or co-curricular PUSD student projects. All applications must be authored by a student. Teachers and parents have an advisory role only. See the application packet for complete details. Application packets may be obtained from the PPIE Foundation website, <http://www.ppie.org/grants.html>. **Application deadline for cycle #1 is October 13, 2009.** Contact the PPIE office (925-846-5620) if you have any questions.



Tickets now on sale for "Bon Appetit - Toasts & Tastes of Fall." October 17th, 6:30-10:30pm at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, Pleasanton. This festive cocktail party will feature fifteen groups, each consisting of a corporate/community sponsor, Each Pleasanton School Principal, and a local Bay Area Chef partnered to form culinary teams. Each team will be offering their signature culinary sample. The evening also offers exquisite paired wines, martini bar, live entertainment, and a drawing for some incredible prizes! **Come support Mohr School Principal Robin Sehr!** There will be a cash prize awarded to the Parent Club at the school site that sells the most tickets! To purchase tickets (\$60 each), please contact your PPIE Ambassador (praveenhari@yahoo.com), or by visiting www.ppie.org, or contact the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620 or mail@ppie.org. Proceeds will assist in funding programs PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton Unified School District. **Last year, Bon Appetit raised over \$80,000 for our schools!**

[Prepayment](#)

[Click here for more information about this event.](#)

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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.

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

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. 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 begin in late January and finish in late February. The test will be administered at each school on different days during this period.

Fall Fun Fair October 16!

Come join Mohr families on October 16th from 5-7PM for an evening filled with fun and excitement. Join friends to play carnival games, eat food, win prizes, and have lots of fun. Tickets will be presold after school on October 14 and 15 by the flagpole, and will also be available at the event.



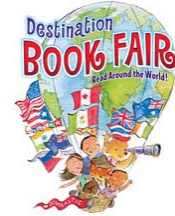
There will be NO Friday Ice Cream Sales this week. Come join us at

the Family Fun Fair!

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Scholastic Book Fair October 19-22!

The whole school is excited about our upcoming Book Fair. Each child will visit the Fair with his/her class and will have the opportunity to purchase books.



Mark your calendar for our Family Night Event where you can shop and enjoy refreshments. And, you can select books for your child's teacher to help build their classroom library.

Don't miss the opportunity to light up a child's face with the excitement of reading a good book!

When: October 19-22

Where: Mohr Library

Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday OPEN 8am-4pm

Wednesday OPEN 9am-4pm

Special Family Shopping Night, Tuesday 6-8pm

See you at the Book Fair!

[Visit our Book Fair Website for more details and/or to volunteer!](#)

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Let's Celebrate Red Ribbon Week!

October 19th- 23rd

MONDAY: Make pledge poster keeping "hands" off Drugs. Drugs give you the BLUES...wear all BLUE to school.

TUESDAY: Show team spirit by wearing your favorite athletic or School T-shirt. "I CAN, You CAN, We All CAN Say NO to Drugs" by bringing a CAN of healthy food to school to donate to a local charity. Random drawing for prizes!

WEDNESDAY: Wear ALL Red to school. Flag Salute- Wristband hand out. Walk or Roll to school EARLY (9AM) to help tie a Red Ribbon on the Kindergarten fence.

THURSDAY: Follow your dreams...don't do Drugs...wear Pj's to school. Bookmark hand out for each student as a reminder to demonstrate Eagle Pride by being Drug free.

FRIDAY: Put a CAP on drugs by wearing your favorite Hat! Life is a HOLE lot better Drug free - donut hole giveaway at lunch. Meet Pleasanton Police Officers and K-9 unit!

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Pillars of the Tri-Valley

Dear PTA & community members - I would like to encourage you to attend Pillars of the Tri-Valley this **October 21st from 4:00 - 7:00 pm** at the Carr America Center in Pleasanton.



This event offers a wonderful opportunity to find a nonprofit organization with a mission that matches your passion. Similar to a traditional job fair, dozens of local nonprofits will provide information on their role in the community, and their staff & board leadership will be on-hand to discuss opportunities to participate.

Also referred to as a "public-benefit corporation", the nonprofit sector is a vital part of the Pleasanton community, delivering critical services, improving local quality of life, and generating significant economic impact.

Why consider nonprofit board service and other volunteer opportunities?

- *Satisfaction:* a unique way to meaningfully contribute to your community by giving your most valuable assets: time and experience.

- *Recognition:* In the world at large and at work, you will be recognized as making a valuable and significant contribution to an organization that benefits the community.

- *Experience:* Nonprofits are diverse and you will interact with people from a variety of backgrounds, giving you the opportunity to practice new ways of working towards a common goal. You will also gain a fresh perspective on the community in which you live and work. The event is free to attend, so register now at: <http://trivalleypillars.org/>

I look forward to seeing you there!
Joan Laursen, President
Pleasanton PTA Council



REQUEST INFORMATION PACKET TO ENTER THE MOHR PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM!

Mohr PTA REFLECTIONS program gives your children the opportunity to express their creative talents in art, photography, music, writing and/or Dance choreography and Film/video production! They choose the media they enjoy and create an original piece that fits the theme: "Beauty Is...."

EVERY ENTRANT TO THE MOHR PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM WILL:

Receive a Certificate at a special evening ceremony!
 Be recognized at a school Flag Salute!
 Have their work displayed for the entire student body to view!
 Have their entry judged for possible advancement to the Council,
 District, State and national PTA levels of judging.

Entries will be collected for two age groups in each category listed at the bottom of this page. Primary group: Grades K-2 and Intermediate group: Grades 3-5

IF your child is interested in entering the PTA Reflections Program, please email Reflections Chair Sucheta Patil at sucheta@comcast.net and receive the Reflections packet via email. As we are going GREEN this year, no paper packets will be sent to students. The packets will be sent as electronic documents to the requesting students. The packet will give specific rules for each category. The deadline to submit the artwork is November 4, 2009. You can request the packet anytime before this date. For Questions call Sucheta Patil at 398-8089 or email sucheta@comcast.net.

[Please view this flier to see what information is required when requesting the packet.](#)

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Let's Fight Flu Together! Pleasanton PTA Council Hosts Vaccination Clinic Flu Shot Clinic



Influenza season is fast approaching, and receiving an annual vaccination is the best defense against this serious disease.¹ This year, Pleasanton PTA Council is urging children, their families, school district staff and members of the community to get vaccinated against seasonal influenza.*

Pleasanton PTA Council is hosting a vaccination clinic at:
 Fairlands Elementary School MPR
 4151 W. Las Positas Blvd
 October 29th, 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Make your appointment today at <https://secure.flubusters.com/home.aspx>. You will search for our clinic under "School" and "October 29th" to schedule your appointment online, or you can call Flu Busters directly at (866) 782-3014 to make an appointment over the phone.

Seasonal flu shots cost \$25 and the nasal spray will cost \$30. Appointments MUST be made in advance in order to receive the nasal spray; walk-in's will be able to get the shot, but it will cost an additional \$2. Medicare Part B will be accepted from those who are eligible, or you will be issued a receipt that you can submit to your personal insurance provider for reimbursement. Flu Busters donates a small portion of the proceeds back to the PTA.

Don't miss this chance to help protect yourself and your loved ones this

influenza season. To "sweeten" the deal, we'll have candy and a prize drawing!

For more information, visit www.flubusters.com/pta or www.pleasantonpta.org

*Influenza vaccines are not currently approved for children under six months of age and may not prevent the disease in 100 percent of individuals. Persons should consult their healthcare providers to determine if they have a condition that precludes them from receiving the vaccine. All vaccines have side effects. The most common side effects of influenza vaccines include local reactions and mild general symptoms.

1. Learn all about Seasonal Influenza & the vaccines at: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/keyfacts.htm>

[Visit the Pleasanton PTA Website for more information.](#)

Has the turbulence of the state budget got you wondering whether there is a better way to fund schools and districts?



A new EdSource report sheds light on that question. As the single largest expenditure in California's budget, K-12 education funding (and consequently the very ability of school districts and schools to operate) has been mired in the chaos that has characterized California's budget process in recent years.

School districts have endured deep cuts in state funding with little recourse, since California law severely limits their revenue-raising authority, leaving the K-12 education system vulnerable to economic volatility and Sacramento politics.

Concise and easy to read, *Local Revenues for Schools: Limits and Options in California* paints a comprehensive picture of how school funding got to be the way it is and the challenges and opportunities for changing it.

[Best of all, you can download it free from the EdSource website.](#)

[Another download about California's Challenge in light of new Federal Education Policies.](#)

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](#)

[Foreign Language Instruction](#)



[Cub Scouts Pack 934](#)

Other activities approved by the district offered at other locations:

[Bon Appetit](#)

[2-1-1](#)

[E.nopi Pleasanton Learning Center](#)

[West Coast Olympic Gymnastics Academy](#)

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