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The Eagle Express

Mohr PTA's E-Newsletter

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Greetings Mohr Eagles!!

Wow! Has it already been over a month since school started? How time flies when you're having fun!

It was wonderful to see all of the parents and students enjoying our first PTA sponsored family event of the year, the Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to **Randie Hill** and **Tenne Rogers** for organizing this fun event! And many thanks to their hardworking volunteers, the parents and teachers who were scooping the ice cream and doling out the toppings. It was a great time as usual!

Thank you so much to **Kim Visscher**, **Cheryl Lawer** and their team of volunteers for organizing and serving a delicious Staff Luncheon to welcome back the teachers and staff.

Thank you to **Laura Murdock** and **Paula Bursley** and their team for their hard work coordinating School Picture Day. Smiles all around!

I'd like to thank all the parents who attended our September PTA meeting. We had a very good turn out -- lots of new faces! Thank you for your commitment to be involved in our school.

September 25th marked the end of our Innisbrook Gift Wrap Sale. Thank you to **Doris Lem** and **Clavel Tambunting** for all of their hard work and for providing us with beautiful wrapping paper just in time for the holidays!

But don't fret if you missed the school site sale deadline --product can be purchased from the Innisbrook website all year long and the profits will go to Mohr PTA! Click on the "Innisbrook" link on the left side of this email, and get started shopping!

The PTA sponsored Fall Parent Potluck was on September 25th, 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!

[Click here to order!](#)

Join Our Mailing List!

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

[Pleasanton Unified School District](#)[District Posted Flyers](#)

what a delicious time it was! It was so nice to see so many new faces, and nibble such tasty dishes! Thank you to **Joyce Hong** and her team of volunteers for organizing this community-bonding event.

I've gotten some requests for the recipe for the squash casserole I brought to the potluck, [so I've included a link to the recipe here.](#)

Important Dates

September 29-October 2: 5th Grade Outdoor Education

October 7: Walk and Roll to School Day

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

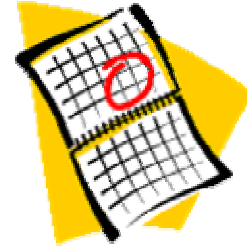
October 29: Minimum Day-Teacher work day in the afternoon

October 29: Afternoon Kindergarten on AM schedule

October 29: Flu Shot Clinic 1-7pm Fairlands MPR

October 30: NO SCHOOL- Staff Development Day

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



Walk and Roll to School Day!

Join in on the Fun! Wednesday, October 7, 2009!

Morning Celebration on the blacktop in back of the school from 8:45-9:15 a.m.

Join your classmates and neighbors on Wednesday, October 7th by walking or biking to school! This is Mohr's 9th year to participate in the Annual Walk to School Day!

Safe Walking & Rolling Tips:

- Encourage your child to help choose the safest place to cross the road.
- Practice stopping at the curb, looking left, right, left, listening for traffic and making eye contact with drivers.
- Find all the traffic signs and roadway markings on your route. Talk



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about what these words and symbols mean.

- Talk about ways your child can avoid or minimize dangers along the route, i.e., driveways, parked cars, strangers, etc.
- Observe people walking, biking, driving or riding in cars. Talk about the safe and unsafe things you see.
- Talk with your child about the buildings, people, animals, landscaping, etc. on your walk.
- Discuss the ways your walking & rolling trips benefit your health, safety and quality of life.

Refreshments:

Breakfast/Granola Bars, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Milk, Hot Chocolate, Coffee for parents

We're kicking off our monthlong Walk 'n' Roll to School campaign here at Mohr! Walking and 'rolling' to school is the way to go! [See the attached registration form for more information on how to participate!](#)

[Print this calendar to track the days you walk or roll to school.](#)

For more information, call: Mohr School Office at 426-4256 or Lisa Adamos, City of Pleasanton at 931-5039.

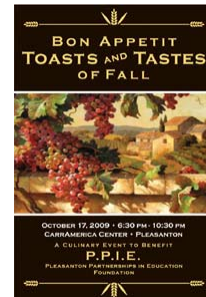
Pleasanton Partnerships in Education

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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!**

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

Science News

A GIANT thank you to all of the Mohr Families that have contributed to the Science Lab fundraising efforts so far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



The money donated will be directly used for materials and supplies necessary for ongoing hands on science in the lab. Consumables are a big part of the budget but are essential to provide the labs for each grade level. In addition we would love to be able to replace some of the older equipment. for example, presently we have 7 working light microscopes for classes of 34 students. It would be wonderful to add several more to provide more hands on time for each student.

In these times, more than ever, we are fortunate to have the generous support of our families. If you have already made a donation, again ... many thanks. It is not too late to send a family donation. We had originally suggested \$10.00 but any amount is helpful and appreciated. Please complete the form linked below and return to Ms. Conley's box in the office.

[Click here for donation form](#)

Cafeteria News

We have a new product called Sun Butter being featured as a menu component on October's menu. It is a "peanut butter-like product" but made from sunflower seeds and contains no allergens for students with sensitivities to peanuts and tree nuts. It is becoming popular at the secondary schools and we will start using it in the elementary schools beginning in October as part of a Sun Butter Lunchable. It is very tasty and superior nutritionally to peanut butter. I gave out hundreds of free samples last year to the PTA council to take back to their groups for feedback and got nothing but positive responses. I have attached product specs in case you need them. The new Sun Butter Lunchable will also replace the Egg Salad sandwich as a field trip selection as the Sun Butter is shelf stable.



[Click here for the product specs.](#)

Sincerely,
Frank Castro
Director, Child Nutrition Services
Pleasanton USD
Lively up!

[To Download October's Lunch Menu, click here!](#)

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.

Each year, all second grade students are offered the opportunity to take the test through permission forms that are sent home by the school.

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.

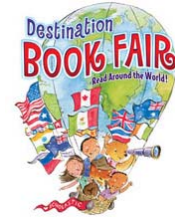
There will be NO Friday Ice Cream Sales this week. Come join us at the Family Fun Fair!

Sponsored by Mohr PTA

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!](#)

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!

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.](#)

Cub Scouts -- Muscle Men

See how much fun pulling for each other can be. Get stronger every day in Cub scouts.

Pack 934 recruitment night Friday, October 2 at 7pm, Mohr MPR.

[For more information, click here](#)



Pleasanton Civics Arts Presents: Charlotte's Web

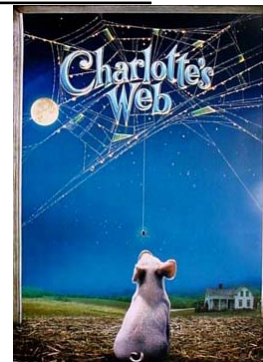
Performances:

October 2, 3, 9 & 10 at 7:30pm,

October 4 & 11 at 2pm.

Special "SaturYaY!" performance October 3, 2009 at 11am.

[See Flier for performance details and ticket information](#)



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](#)

Flu Shot Clinic

**Thursday, October 29 from 1-7pm in the Fairlands Elementary
MPR**



The Pleasanton PTA is sponsoring a Flu Shot Clinic. Flu vaccinations will be available for walk-ins between 1-7pm. Flu Mist vaccinations will be available for a slightly larger cost by appointment only.

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

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