

news and events

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Principal's Message

Welcome Back! Another year has started. We are happy to have all of the wonderful students returning to school. The first days have gone smoothly with lots of smiles. This year promises to be an eventful and even better year in the life of Mohr School.

class will go to her once per week with 4th and 5th graders going twice each week. If you have considered volunteering at the school, but have not found the right use of your talents, you might consider volunteering in the Science Lab.

First of all, join with us in celebrating the 10th birthday of Mohr School. On September 3, 1997, the first children at Mohr attended for the first time. The ten years have seen this school grow into a model school in many ways. It has seen us receive two California Distinguished School Awards, and the National Blue Ribbon School Award. Our state scores are consistently among the top schools in California. Many of our teachers have distinguished themselves by being leaders in their fields of endeavor. Our celebration included a special assembly to sing a "Happy Birthday" song to Mohr School.



This year will be another year of good character at our school. In addition to our six character traits studied throughout the year, we are developing activities and an awareness of MANNERS. We will start by expecting students to increase their use of three terms, PLEASE, THANK YOU, and EXCUSE ME. Parents at home can assist by reminding students to remember their good manners when they are in public settings. We will be listening for and praising students when we hear those special words.

I look forward to again being the Principal of Mohr School and working with your students. I hope that you take the time to talk to us at school. Bring questions, compliments and concerns to our attention. We will respond.

-Joe Kettwig, Principal

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NEW STAFF WELCOMED



We welcome some new staff members to Mohr. Each year there are changes in the staff due to retirements, leaves of absence, and school growth. Sometimes teachers change grades for a fresh look at elementary education. Our new team members are:

Mr. Alex Ondi-5th grade. Mr. Ondi is a new teacher, having student taught at Mohr last year. He is joining the teaching profession after a long time in the tech world. He is excited to begin in his own classroom and bring energy and fresh ideas to the class and staff.

Mrs. MichalAnn Conley-Science Specialist. Mrs. Conley comes to us from the San Mateo-Foster City Schools, where she taught Science at all levels from elementary through high school. Her training includes degrees and certification in Science Education. She also served as a new teacher coach for the University of California, Santa Cruz, and has taught classes at Stanford University.

Mrs. Michelle Hayden-2nd grade. Mrs. Hayden joins us from the Los Altos School District where she taught elementary grades for 8 years. She recently moved to the Tri-Valley with her family. Her experience and positive attitude will add to the Mohr team.

Mrs. Patricia Lacey-3rd grade. Mrs. Lacey joins us from Donlon School where she has served as Reading Specialist. She will job share with Mrs. Whitworth. We are happy to add her expertise to the third grade team and the entire staff.

Mrs. Michelle Perkins-2nd grade. Mrs. Perkins joins us from Alisal School last year and the Livermore Schools prior to that. She brings a good level of experience to our school and a unique perspective to add to Mohr.

Mrs. Barbara Hourigan- Counselor. Mrs. Hourigan joins us from counseling work at Amador and Village High Schools. Her desire to work with smaller children brings her to Mohr. She replaces Mrs. Tangney who is reducing her full-time status and working at Walnut Grove.

Changes in assignment have occurred. **Mrs. Huggins** moved from 5th to 3rd grade. **Mrs. Hart** moved from 1st to 3rd grade. Each of these teachers looks forward to an exciting year for themselves and their students.

Coffee with the Principal



Please Join Principal Joe Kettwig on September 14, 2007 at 9:30 for Coffee with the Principal. Everyone is welcome! Please RSVP to Sue Lyon in the office by September 8th at 426-4256.

Important Dates

Teacher's Luncheon	September 6
Parent Communication Council, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Bernal Room, PUSD	September 6
Last chance to purchase Mohr T-shirts. Forms in office	September 7
Aluminum Can Drive	September 7
Friday After School Ice Cream sales start this week. All items \$1, cash only	September 7
Room Parent Meeting, Multi Purpose Room, 8:30 am	September 11
Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins	September 12
Coffee with the Principal	September 14
PTA Executive Board meeting, 12:15pm in 11B	September 17
Ice Cream Social, 7:00 - 8:00 pm	September 18
Picture Day	September 19
Eagle Express Articles Due	September 24
First PTA Meeting, 7 pm Social, 7:30 pm Business, Library	September 25
Gift Wrap Fundraiser Ends	September 26
Fall Parent Potluck	September 28
The next edition of the Eagle Express will be distributed October 3	

Office Check-In Procedures

Mohr parents are wonderful supporters of the educational process. They volunteer in fabulous numbers each year. We ask that all volunteers and visitors to Mohr check in at the Office before going out on campus.



Even though you may be a familiar face to many of us, our new staff members may not know you. PLEASE WEAR A BADGE.

A computer and label printer is located next to the Health Clerk's Office. It is a simple process to type your name and purpose in being at school and a label will be printed automatically. This system will also allow us to track students being checked out for appointments.

Contacting Your Child at School



If you need to contact your child during the day, we ask that you follow our procedures. When calling to give the student a message, please be aware that we will relay messages only during breaks in instruction.

If you bring forgotten items from home for your child, they will be held in the office until a break. Students should learn to be responsible for their belongings. Please inform them of all pertinent information before leaving home in the morning so that in-class interruptions are kept to a minimum.

Books! Books! Books!



Our new teachers are in need of books for their classroom libraries. If your children are beyond books on your bookshelves and you're ready to make room for more challenging titles, please send gently used

books our way.

Our biggest need is for very early books, with limited vocabulary and great pictures. Series such as Henry and Mudge, Mr. Putter and Tabby, and Frog and Toad would be most appreciated. We're also looking for Hello Reader, Beginner Books and Step Into Reading books. We can always use Magic Treehouse, Nate the Great, Cam Jansen, Dragon Slayer's Academy and The Boxcar Children series.

Authors teachers really treasure include: Dr. Seuss, Matt Christopher, Jane Yolen, Cynthia Rylant, Dick King Smith, Lemony Snickett, Jonathan London, Louis Sachar and Eve Bunting. Please drop off any donated books in the office and we'll see that they get to the appropriate classrooms.

Thanks!

Gail Crawford, Mohr Reading Specialist

News from the Cafeteria



This year we will not be serving seconds, especially pizza. A couple reasons are because of all the new state laws pertaining to food sold on school grounds and the calorie counting we are doing. We will be having a lot more healthy choices.

Our new Pizza on campus will be Papa John's of Dublin.

Thank You and Let's Have a Healthy Year

Pamela Boggs CNS Lead

The Epidemic of Inactivity: Our Children at Risk



If you have not seen the statewide results of the 2006 California Physical Fitness Test you may be surprised when you do ... well, maybe not surprised, but certainly concerned. The results confirmed that 73% of the students tested in grades 5, 7 and 9 were unable to meet the MINIMUM fitness standards to be considered physically fit. These and other data demonstrate that for the vast majority of children and youth, the amount and type of physical activity that they get in their lives is insufficient to promote fitness and health.

And regrettably, most of California's children are not participating in physical education programs. Quality PE programs go well beyond promoting the fitness levels of students by making important contributions to their social, emotional and mental development. As a committed professional who cares about the current and future health and well being of our youth, I find this trend extremely disturbing. We need to take immediate action to promote a healthy lifestyle that includes more physical activity and a better diet. In addition, we need to consistently model this behavior for children.

Consider the following:

- The percent of overweight children and youth in the U.S. has nearly tripled in the past 35 years. About 17% of young people are seriously overweight.
- After tobacco, obesity is the second leading cause of preventable death in the U.S.
- Obese children and adolescents are more likely to become obese adults and incur increased disease and premature death.
- The most effective way to combat obesity is by physical activity and diet.
- Quality PE programs can facilitate students' adoption of attitudes, skills and behaviors that lead to active lifestyles throughout adulthood.
- Children who are healthy, including physically fit, have lower rates of absenteeism and perform better on standardized tests than unhealthy students.
- Physical activity is essential in moderating the effects of depression and other mood disorders.
- A person's health status, and their ability to learn, is inextricably linked.
- A child who is well educated physically is more likely to be academically motivated, alert and successful.

Dan Maslana, Mohr PE Specialist

Greetings From the New Science Lab



My name is Mikki Conley and I am the new science specialist at Mohr. I am so excited to get started and meet the children and families. I hear nothing but wonderful things about you all.

This year each child will be with me once each week (grades 1-3) and twice each week (grades 4-5.) I will be working closely with your child's classroom teacher to make sure that the work we do in the lab will align with and enhance the science done in class. Plans have already started and there will be much to do and learn. Together with the classroom teachers I am confident this new program will be a great addition.

All grade levels will begin by looking at what it means to "be a scientist" including working on those skills necessary to do science investigations. Each grade level will also have three strands of learning that align with the California Standards in Life, Physical and Earth Science. Classes will be spending time with science inquiry as well as developing scientific processing and writing skills. All of this while having what I hope will be lasting science experiences.

I have had the pleasure of working with some outstanding staffs, most recently in the San Mateo Foster City School District. I am confident that the Mohr "family" will be another great experience. Teaching science is such a wonderful opportunity to help children get excited about the magic and discoveries of the world we live in. There will be more information coming home as we proceed. I will be happy to discuss the program more as the weeks go by and can always be reached by email or voice mail. (a written note works also). Thank you for such a warm welcome. This will be a busy and exciting time so ... here is to an incredible year.

Ms. Conley, mconley@pleasanton.k12.ca.us, Ext 2127

Pleasanton USD E-Connection



We are pleased to offer Pleasanton families an easy way to stay connected with what's happening in our local public schools. School and district information will be sent to

"subscribers" weekly (or more often, in times of crisis) during the school year.

To subscribe to a school/district list, go to <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/whathappening/econnection.html>, and click on the Mohr Elementary link.

GATE Testing

Nominations for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing in 2008 are being accepted now.



Parents may nominate their child for GATE testing by submitting a completed Parent Nomination / Questionnaire / Permission for GATE to the Special Projects Office by December 10, 2007. 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 [<http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us>]. Click on the Educational Services button, then the GATE button, and then the Identification button. There, parents can read the instructions and download the [<http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/pub/gate/Nomination05.pdf>] District GATE parent nomination form. Nomination forms are also available at each school site.

Noon Supervisors Needed

We are looking for parents who are interested in working as Noon Supervisors at Mohr Elementary.

11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Flexible days
\$12.15/hour



Being with our children is very rewarding and they love seeing you on the playground. For the safety of our children, this is a paid job. The district will do a background check, including fingerprinting. You will be required to pay for fingerprinting and will be reimbursed for this expense in your first paycheck.

Please Contact Robin Sehart or Sue Lyon at 426-4256 if interested.

Pleasanton is a Community of Character

This month, the Community of Character trait is Responsibility.

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

- Abraham Lincoln

PTA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to all returning and new families. I hope you all had a relaxing summer and geared up to a new exciting year!

There are many new faces within the Executive Board and Committee Chairs and they have all been busy and ready to go:

Thank you to our Registration Chairs, **Clavel Tambunting** and **Leah Bohn** for all their hard work preparing during the summer and for their hard work on registration day. Thank you to all the volunteer parents who helped out in making the registration packets and who helped at the registration day. Thank you to **Laura Yozzo** for all your labor over the summer preparing the supply kits and delivering them to the teachers. Thank you to **Leah Bohn** and **Clavel Tambunting** for coordinating food for the volunteers during Registration as well as refreshments for both Back to School nights!



Mohr PTA would not exist if it weren't for every parent who gets involved. Please take some time to fill out our membership form, if you have not joined PTA. Your voice matters to make positive changes. We are still looking for dedicated parents to chair the following Committees: **Go Green, Field Day, Science Fair and Spring Family BBQ.** If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at soniargupta@hotmail.com or 398.8449.

Please refer to your school calendar for important dates/events. **Coffee with the Principal, Ice Cream Social, Gift-Wrap Sale, Room Parent Meeting, Ice Cream Social, Aluminum Can Drive and our Semi-Annual Parent Potluck** is just around the corner.

Please join us at our first PTA Meeting of the school year on **Tuesday, September 25th** at 7:00p.m for social, 7:30p.m for business in library.

everychild.onevoice.

-- Sonia Gupta, PTA President

We All Scream For Ice Cream



Welcome back to school everyone. We are getting ready for our annual Ice Cream Social –Welcome Back To School Night on **Tuesday, September 18th** from 7:00 – 8:00pm. All Mohr students and their families are invited.

You can build an amazing ice cream sundae! This event is so much fun you won't want to miss it!

We are looking forward to another fantastic year at Mohr and hope everyone can make it to this great school spirit event.

If you are interested in volunteering please call Randie Hill at 417-1155. Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, September 18th!

Your 2007—2008 PTA Executive Officers

President	Sonia Gupta
Executive VP	Mia Kodama
Secretary	Laurie Park
Treasurer	Doris Lem
Financial Secretary	Ann Gushurst
VP Membership	Clavel Tambunting
VP Programs and Services	Deirdre Carrick
VP Legislation	Beth Limesand
Parliamentarian	Laura Ashizawa

The full list of all the PTA chairpersons and their contact information can be found at <http://www.mohrpta.org>. Click on "Meet Your PTA."

The Eagle Express is generously provided by the PTA. Your comments and/or suggestions are always welcome. Please submit articles for the October publication to theeagleexpress@comcast.net by September 24th, 2007. Mohr Elementary is a **Go Green Initiative** school. Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading it.

MORE FOR MOHR

THANK YOU to all the families who have participated and shown their support for the More for Mohr program. As this newsletter goes to press, Mohr PTA has collected close to **\$30,000** to fund programs for our students! We are more than half way to our goal and it's not too late to turn your family's donation to "More for Mohr" into the school office.

We developed this program to take the pressure off of yearly fundraising so that we could make sure the funds were in place to pay for the \$45,000 in programs and services our Mohr students have come to depend on. Most schools in the district are now offering similar programs because the great thing about a cash donation is that 100% of the money goes directly to the school and your donation is 100% tax deductible.

With the continued success of this program, it means that during the school year PTA will be able to do minimal fundraising and instead focus on sponsoring fun family events. If you have not done so already, please help us guarantee that education-enriching programs are kept in place for our students! Please contact Sonia Gupta at soniargupta@hotmail.com with any questions.



GOAL: \$45,000
 More for Mohr Funds these Programs:
Classroom Support \$20,300
Technology \$10,000
Assemblies \$3,500
Pizza with the Principal \$1,500
All other programs* \$5,000

(*Programs include Art Show, FAME, Field Day, Geography Challenge, 80-Mile Club, Red Ribbon Week, Reflections & Science Fair)

Recycling Drive!



Save those empties! Our next Aluminum Can and Plastics Recycling Drive will be held on **Friday, September 7th** during the morning drop off. It is appreciated when Aluminum Cans are rinsed and crushed.

Afternoon Kindergartners can drop off their recyclables on Thursday afternoon.

All aluminum cans and plastics collected will be recycled for cash. All proceeds will be allocated to classroom support!

Health and Wellness Corner

September is America on the Move Month.

Current research suggests that 13% of American children aged 6-11 and 14% of adolescents aged 12-19 are overweight, a statistic that has nearly tripled in the past 20 years. America On the Move (AOM) Foundation is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to improve health and quality of life by promoting healthful eating and active living among individuals, families, communities and society. AOM is preparing for *September*, a month-long campaign to promote healthy lifestyles.



AOM's own research has shown that small, specific changes in food and physical activity behaviors can have a positive effect on health and effectively stop weight gain. By just increasing physical activity by 2000 steps per day, the average yearly weight gain increase of 1-2 pounds seen in the US population could be prevented.

In addition, a national survey conducted by Harris Interactive on behalf of AOM concluded that 1) Mothers were key to creating a healthier America. According to the survey, 7 in 10 kids look to their mothers for information about healthy living. Mothers, *more* than other adults, like teachers, doctors, coaches, or even the media, are who our kids look to for information on being healthy. Other conclusions from the study were that 2) Our children already know what to do. Many of the kids surveyed agree that to either lose weight or to stay a healthy weight, it is important that they eat healthy and get regular physical activity; and 3) Kids can be important motivators in helping remind parents of the importance of healthy eating and regular physical activity.

Here are some ideas to get us at Mohr "On the Move," not just in September, but throughout the year: *Whenever possible, walk short distances, rather than using your car. *When you drive, park a little farther away from the store. *At the mall or when running errands, use the stairs instead of the elevator or escalator. *Play games that your kids love (tag, Simon Says, Red Light- Green Light, Duck-Duck Goose). *Make the activity fun! For example, don't just run with a young child; run like a penguin or hop like a kangaroo! *Give pedometers and have a contest to see who takes the most steps in a given week. *Start a new tradition: take the whole family out for an after-dinner walk around the neighborhood or park. *Take on active chores as a family (gardening, raking leaves, or washing the car). *Spend the afternoon at the local playground. *Don't just watch your athlete; play/ practice the sport together (basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, touch football). *Dance to your favorite music. *Go for a family bike ride. *Take the dog for a long walk. *Get a head start on Mohr's 80-Mile Club. *Take active vacations (hiking, swimming, skiing).

For more information, go to <http://www.americaonthemove.org>

Eliza Lum, Health and Wellness Chair

PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

What a great way to start the year! Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and staff who joined MOHR PTA during Walk-Through Registration. Your endless support is what makes our PTA successful.

Please be aware: The PTA membership includes the school directory this year. The directory will not be available for purchase after September and can only be acquired by becoming a PTA member. The membership forms are in the office, on the Mohr PTA website (<http://www.mohrpta.org>). Please return form and membership fee to your child's teacher or to Sue and Karen in the office. **Checks may be made out to Mohr PTA.**

Our theme for our membership drive this year is **"Children First"**. The children's needs are first and foremost at Mohr Elementary School. You're invited to join this team of parents and educators working together to make a positive influence on behalf of our children.

We encourage all of you to attend our PTA meetings this year. There are many valuable issues and interesting topics discussed during these meetings. Together, we can support **all** our children by participating and being involved with their education. Our PTA is successful because of the many people that volunteer their time, commitment, talent, leadership, and skills. Your support is very much appreciated.



JOIN MOHR PTA
Children First

ROOM PARENT MEETING



A Room Parent Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 11, 2007** from 8:30-9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you have signed up to a Room Parent for your child's class, please attend this brief meeting.

We will discuss your roles and responsibilities.

If you have any questions or if you will be unable to attend, please contact Eliza Lum em3.lum@comcast.net or 485-4825.

**Academically Involved Parents =
Academically Successful Students!**

Join Mohr PTA today and help make this a great year for all Mohr students!

Friday Ice Cream Sales Return!

Friday, September 7 we will be officially starting our ice cream sales. Ice cream will be sold in the same two locations as last year: by the flag pole and in the back playground. The price is still \$1 per ice cream.



Due to a new law that began on July 1, 2007, we will be offering new healthier alternatives with lower fat, saturated fat and sugar. All the proceeds from the sales will go to the general PTA fund that supports our classrooms, technology, assemblies, FAME, Field Day and many other programs.

We will be selling every Friday after school for 30 minutes thru November or until the weather cools and will resume again in February or March. If you are interested in helping with the ice cream sales, please call Doris Lem at 846-8079 or email to meljoez@comcast.net.

WALK-THROUGH REGISTRATION

Hooray for another successful Registration Day! Thanks to the many dedicated parent volunteers and staff for making it possible.



Starting with **Joe Kettwig, Sue Lyon, Karen Vifian, Joe Robles** and **staff** for setting -up and helping to coordinate the registration.

To **Christine Cho, Alisa Lahrs, Hac Dang, Tracy Dorian, Ann Gushurst, Jyothi Shastry, Sonia Gupta**, and all the students who helped in putting the packets together.

To **Donna Ahn, Valerie Arkin, Elsa Bacaltos, Honglei Bu, Deb Cardella, Imelda Doty, Marie Fong, Virginia Hwang, Ritu Kapoor, Terry Messick, Jody Parr, Linda Scanlin, Jyothi Shastry**, and **Laura Yozzo** for working at their stations and keeping things smoothly sailing.

To **Sonia Gupta, Mia Kodama, Laurie Park, Laura Ashizawa, Doris Lem**, and **Ann Gushurst** for taking care of business and working very hard all day.

To **Leah Bohn**, who is both Hospitality and Registration Co-chair, thanks for providing scrumptious food to volunteers and helping all day.

On behalf of the Mohr PTA, we give you ALL a much deserved THANK YOU!!! Let's Soar at Mohr!

Clavel Tambunting & Leah Bohn
Registration Co-chairs

eScrip News

You can help Mohr raise over \$10,000 for this school year!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you all who stopped by the SCRIP table during walk-through registration! Thank you to those who have signed up your Safeway grocery cards, credit or debit cards so your spending can benefit Mohr! And of course, thank you to all our supporters who have signed up in the past and continue to support Mohr via the eScrip program.

As the Scrip Chair for 2007-08 school year, my goal is to promote the eScrip program by informing you of all the different ways you can help raise money for Mohr without any additional cost to you and to assist you in this process. Also, if anyone is interested in being on the Scrip Committee, feel free to contact me by phone or email. (Virginia Hwang at 931-1078 or virginia.hwang@gmail.com)

eScrip Reminders and Update...

Current eScrip Supporters: Renew your Safeway Card registration before Nov. 1st to continue supporting Mohr. Go to <http://www.escrip.com> (If you don't have time to do so before Nov 1st, the Scrip Committee will renew for you.)

If you picked up a Nob Hill card at registration, the committee will register your card for you unless you have indicated otherwise.

If you have not registered your Albertsons Preferred Card to support Mohr, you can go to <http://www.albertson.com>.

If you have not registered your credit cards or debit cards yet, you can do it on <http://www.escrip.com>.

Questions? Contact Virginia Hwang

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• For all the Mohr news, calendar events, lunch menu and other useful information, including this
• newsletter online, check out our PTA website at www.mohrpta.org. Click on "What's New" to
• see the current events. Subscribe to receive email updates and keep informed on all the latest!
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Sally Foster Gift Wrap Fund-Raiser



Mohr's only fall fundraiser featuring Sally Foster gift wrap and gift products will be here shortly! The sale starts **Wednesday, September 12th** and ends September 26th.

Sally Foster offers premium quality paper with stylish designs at affordable prices. The company also features great gifts for everyone including candles, stationery, home organizers, and much more! Most importantly, our school earns 50% on every item sold!

If you would like to make a purchase, please complete the order form located in the middle of the catalog. Return both copies of the order form along with payment in the Sally Foster envelope to your child's teacher by September 26th. Orders will be available for pick up in the multi-purpose room on November 8th.

You can ask out-of-town family and friends to help, too. They can make internet purchases at www.SallyFoster.com. Please use the school's account number 0479449 so that Mohr school receives the credit. Online orders will be shipped directly to the purchaser.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Grozier at 417-1582 or Susan Marceno at 462-5160.

Thank you for your support!



The Parent Potluck last spring was a sweet success! What a great turnout we had of parents who brought amazing, sumptuous food from all over the world to share with everyone. Thank you to all who participated in this event.

The Fall Parent Potluck will be held on **Friday, September 28th**. Please watch for details in an upcoming Wednesday packet. We are looking forward to having great participation again this year with everyone sharing a part of their culture with our Mohr friends.

Mohr Fun Fair

Come join Mohr families on **Friday, October 12th** for an evening filled with fun and excitement.



Join friends to play carnival games, eat food, win prizes, and have lots of fun.

Preorders will be available – watch for it in the Wednesday packet.

Proudly sponsored by Mohr PTA.

BIRTHDAY MARQUEE

Looking for a way to make your child's birthday a little more special? You can have their name advertised on the birthday marquee at the front of the school. The cost is just \$5.00. All you have to do is fill out the form below and then place it in the gift-wrapped box in the office with a check made out to Mohr PTA. We'll take care of the rest. There are more forms inside the office next to the marquee box. We ask that you turn in the form at least a week before their birthday, no "same day" requests can be honored. Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, contact Susan Lopez at 417-1313.

Mohr School Birthday Marquee Request Form

Please submit your request at least one week in advance of the date you'd like your child's name on the marquee, with payment of \$5.00 per child. Please attach your check made out to Mohr P.T.A. We will make every effort to accommodate all requests as close to the preferred date as possible. Sorry, no same day requests can be honored. Thanks for your support.

Your Name _____ Your Child's Name _____

Grade _____ Date Needed _____ Actual Birthday _____ Phone _____

Pleasanton Partnerships In Education



Student Grant Program: The PPIE Student Grant program promotes positive learning experiences inside and outside the classroom, and supports co-curricular and extra curricular student activities and projects. General guidelines require each application to be student authored, to have a teacher sponsor and the site principal's approval. To better support student interests, two grant cycles are offered, the first in the fall semester and the second in the spring semester. Student Grants fund in amounts up to \$500, and supplement, not replace, district funding. For Student Grant applications, visit www.ppie.org. This year's deadlines for **Student Grant applications are October 16th (cycle 1) and March 18th (cycle 2).**

Education Grant Program: PPIE Foundation offers Education Grants for Pleasanton Unified School District employees to fund projects that are student-focused, that promote creativity and innovative thinking, and that offer expanded learning opportunities to students. Grant requests, authored by the faculty member(s) and approved by an administrator, are accepted in amounts up to \$2500.00. This funding supplements, not replaces, district funding. For Education Grant applications, visit www.ppie.org. This year's deadline for **Education Grant applications is April 15th, 2008.**

“Bon Appetit” A Grande Culinary Affaire – October 13: Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this incredible culinary event!! This festive cocktail party features sixteen teams, each consisting of a corporate / community sponsor, a Pleasanton school Principal, and a local chef, all partnered to form culinary teams. Each team prepares their signature culinary offering, paired with fine wine, and they compete for a “Best in Show” cash prize that goes to the chef creating the favorite of the celebrity judges. In addition to fabulous food and exquisite wines, you'll enjoy a martini bar, live music, live auction, and the chance to support your school's Principal and to participate in Pleasanton's premiere event!

Via sponsorships and auction activities, this is PPIE's major fundraising effort. Last year, “Bon Appetit” raised close to \$80,000 for our students and faculty! Proceeds 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. For more information and ticket purchase, please visit www.ppie.org or call the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620. Bon Appetit!!

Pleasanton Public Library Announces *THE BIG READ*

Pleasanton will come together to read and celebrate *The Maltese Falcon*



Pleasanton, CA, June 25, 2007—Pleasanton Public Library will launch its Big Read program in celebration of Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon* with special events held throughout the community in September and October of 2007. The Big Read in Pleasanton is presented in partnership with Pleasanton Mayor Jennifer Hosterman, the Pleasanton Downtown Association, the Pleasanton PTA Council, The Pleasanton Hotel, Camp Parks Combat Training Center, Calaveras Repertory Theater, The Pleasanton Weekly, and Towne Center Books. We welcome additional partners!

Congressman McNerney is a sponsor of the Pleasanton Big Read. Everyone in Pleasanton is encouraged to participate in this city-wide promotion of literature. Our goal is that books will once again be discussed across all age groups, ethnicities, and education levels with the same enthusiasm as popular TV shows or movies.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents the Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. The Big Read for military communities is made possible by The Boeing Company.

Pleasanton is one of nearly 200 communities nationwide participating in the Big Read in 2007. In September and October 2007 our community will celebrate *The Maltese Falcon* with a full calendar of events including talks by famous mystery authors, a theatrical reading of the *Maltese Falcon* presented by Calaveras Repertory Theater, film screenings hosted by Las Positas College, a murder mystery dinner at the Pleasanton Hotel, an exhibit of falconry by Mayor Hosterman, an excursion into San Francisco for the Dashiell Hammett Walking Tour and an after-hours 1930's themed party at the Pleasanton Library.

For more information on the grant events, please contact Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian at 925/931-3405.

For information on other family programs at the library, check the library's website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html> or call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 x 8.