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Principal's Message

Manners, Manners, Manners

It seems strange that one of the functions of our schools is to help children build character. Once seen solely as a function of the home, there is a high level of expectation that schools now provide opportunities for children to get a significant amount of training in character development, making good choices, etiquette, and of course, good behavior. Earlier in my career in Pleasanton, a class was offered at the old Pleasanton Elementary School (now the District Office complex), where I was a teacher, on learning good character. It featured teaching 6th-8th graders how to make good decisions about behavior and drug abuse. It talked about the values of respect, responsibility, compassion, integrity, self-discipline and honesty. That class was met with considerable controversy from the community even though the teacher had the highest level of integrity and respect from parents in the community. Twenty-seven years later, Pleasanton is considered a leader in the country for being a Community of Character and has won the National District of Character Award.

our staff trained in its processes and core value of making the school a Community of Learners. We have succeeded in achieving our goals. Through Tribes, we teach the character traits included in the district character education program. We look for ways to develop the growing minds of children not only in academic ways, but in ways that will have them look to the community for ways to get involved. We have organizations on campus for the purpose of giving students the opportunity to reach out and be involved.



A new goal this year is to increase our focus on etiquette. The first effort in this regard is to measure the level of the use of manners. Throughout this year, we will be listening for the words **PLEASE, THANK YOU, AND EXCUSE ME** coming from students. We will strive to increase the use of these "magic" manner words through children noticing their use by others. Already, students have been rewarded by comments, Tribes tickets, and praise by staff members. Let's see how much we can increase the use of these words. We have great kids at Mohr. This should be an easy assignment.

-Joe Kettwig, Principal

Mohr, since its opening, has featured character education as a core part of its program. The Tribes program has seen all of

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The Mohr Walking Club Is Back!



Last year 71 dedicated Mohr students were honored for walking or jogging at least 80 miles between November and April. In addition, another 59 students and staff participated in Mohr Elementary's walking club, demonstrating a real commitment to fitness and outdoor physical activity.

Our walking program, "The 80 Mile Club," begins on November 5th. The students will have six months, until April 30th, to attempt to reach the 80 mile goal. Last year, our total club miles were the equivalent of almost walking around the entire perimeter border of America, a total of 9,751 miles! Please remember that students DO NOT need to sign up for the club, but simply pick up a monthly mileage record form in the library and keep track of their progress throughout each month.

Of course, the club is based on the honor system so a parent signature is required on each month's mileage form to verify that the number of miles walked were honestly completed. Because of the great support from students, staff and parents, the club has been a tremendous success the last nine years.

I hope to see many of you for our one mile club kick off on **Monday, November 5th**, at 3:00 PM. Thanks!

Mr. Maz

Please Never Smoke

NEW STAFF MEMBER



Our district initiated a new program for this year. It started after the opening of school, so recognition of the staff for the program was left out of earlier communications. Through a State grant, the district has been able to hire the services of two new teachers. Their specialty is in the area of Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA). It is our goal to increase the level of student awareness, interest and involvement in the arts.

Mrs. Celia Argabright will be at Mohr School every Monday this year. Celia comes to us from the Walnut Creek School District where she taught art. Her task will be to rotate through our 1st-5th grade classes in four-week cycles teaching each classroom a lesson in art about once per month. Kindergarten will receive lessons on a less regular basis. She will teach the elements of visual arts through drawing, painting, and many other aspects of the arts. She will feature history lessons on famous artists and the value of art throughout history.

Mohr welcomes Mrs. Argabright to the staff and looks forward to her contribution to the education of every student.

Important Dates

5 th Grade Outdoor Education	October 2-5
Walk to School Day	October 3
Parent Communication Council, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Bernal Room, PUSD	October 4
School Site Council Meeting	October 10
FAME (Fine Arts Mini Experience) Presentations	October 10-17
Multicultural & Heritage Event Planning mtg. 8:20am MPR	October 12
Mohr Fun Fair	October 12
PTA Executive Board meeting, 12:30pm in 11B	October 15
PPIE Student Grants Application Deadline	October 16
Take Your Parent To Lunch Day	October 19
English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting	October 19
Book Fair – Teacher Preview 11:30-12:45pm	October 20
Red Ribbon Week	October 22-26
Fall Book Fair	October 22-26
Book Fair Family Shopping Night 6-8 pm	October 23
PTA Meeting, 7 pm Social, 7:30 pm Business	October 23
Eagle Express Articles Due	October 29
Halloween Parade, 9:30am All Kindergartens attend the early Wednesday Schedule (9:10-12:30pm)	October 31
Reflections Deadline	November 1
Minimum Day – Teacher Work Day in Afternoon. All Kindergartens attend morning schedule: 8:10-11:30 am.	November 1
NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day	November 2
Daylight Savings Ends (Set clocks back one hour)	November 4
80 Mile Club Kick-Off	November 5

The next issue of the Eagle Express will be distributed November 7

Messages from the Vice Principal

First of all, welcome back! It is great to be here at Mohr again this year. I am enjoying greeting familiar faces and getting to know new ones as I visit classrooms and do yard duty.

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 [District GATE parent nomination form](#). Nomination forms are also available at each school site.



Responsibility

Each month Mohr students join the rest of the district and the city of Pleasanton to focus on one of the six Community of Character traits. Banners and signs highlighting each month's character trait can be seen in front of Pleasanton schools, at the library and town offices and in many local businesses.

This month our focus is **Responsibility**. Through flag salute assemblies, classroom lessons and activities children learn what responsibility looks like, sounds like, and feels like.

At home this would be a good time to talk with your children about being responsible for completing homework and turning it in on time, taking care of library books, cleaning up their room, and making good choices.

ELAC

Mohr is in the process of forming an English Language Advisory Committee. If you are a parent of a child that speaks English as a second language please come to our ELAC meeting **Friday October 19th at 8:30 am**.

School Site Council

The Mohr School Site Council will have our first regular meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 10th. We will welcome new members Bhaskar Kannaiah and Michelle DeLucia to our Council. Both are filling the vacancies for Shari S. and Drew M. Returning members of the council are Beth Gallagher and Stephen Pfeiffer.

Traffic Valet Program

Beginning the week of September 17th you may have noticed our safety valets were back in action. The Traffic Valet program is a joint project started by the Pleasanton Police department and local schools. Fifth grade students are trained to help younger students into their parent's cars as they go through the pick up and drop off lanes in the parking lot before and after school. Valets never leave the curb or go into traffic. Their assistance provides for a safer environment for our younger students and gives the fifth graders the chance to practice responsibility and contribute in a positive way to their community.

-Robin Sehrt, Vice Principal

News from the Cafeteria



Beginning Monday, Oct. 1st the price for lunch will increase from \$2.50 to \$3.00 due to increased costs in all areas. In addition, improvements are being made including more prepared meal offerings instead of prepackaged foods, future use of biodegradable utensils, and web based nutrient analysis of lunch items.

Set Clocks Back on November 4th



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of November.

So, please remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 4!

Take Your Parent to Lunch

Friday, October 19th, Child Nutrition Services will be hosting a "Take Your Parent to Lunch" day where students will be able to bring an adult with them to lunch. Lunch will be provided to the adult at no charge.



Nutrition and program information will be made available, and administrators from food services will be on hand to talk to parents to answer questions.

Please RSVP to Child Nutrition Services at 426-4417 to ensure that enough food will be prepared. Adults should check in at school office and be given a visitor pass prior to joining their student on campus.

The Mohr Elementary Multicultural & Heritage Event Needs You!



Come and help us plan the 7th Annual Multicultural & Heritage Event at Mohr! First meeting is Friday, October 12th 8:20am in the MPR. This year's theme: "Famous Stories from Around The World"

Attention: We are in need of people who can teach a cultural dance or a short skit based on a cultural story. Please contact **Hetal Giaimo** at hgiaimo@yahoo.com for details or come to our meeting.

Can't make this meeting? Here is the schedule for the year. All meetings start at 8:20am in MPR:
Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th, Dec. 7th, Jan. 11th, Feb. 1st, Feb. 22nd, March 7th, March 20th(Thurs)

Questions: Please contact Mohr Elementary's Multicultural & Heritage Event Parent Liaison **Elaine Marchant Panwar** at: Elaine@panwar.name or 734-8428.

Warming Lunches Brought from Home



Many children at Mohr are bringing food from home in their lunches that they would like to have warmed in the microwave oven in the kitchen. We have tried to accommodate them over the last two years; however it has become more popular. Noon supervisory staff, Mr. Kettwig, and Mrs. Sehrt are the only people that can do this for students. Often, staff cannot leave their duty areas to go into the kitchen, leaving children unsupervised. This disappoints children who are relying on having food warmed.

Food brought to school from home is often in plastic containers that are not recommended for use in a microwave oven. It has been reported that chemicals may transfer into the food that are possibly harmful to humans.

Starting now, use of the microwave is being eliminated. Please pack a lunch that does not require warming of the food. This will ensure that appropriate supervision stays in place at lunch time.

Community of Character

This month's focus is on **Responsibility**.

"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."

J.K. Rowling, English author of the Harry Potter series (1965 - present)

HALLOWEEN PARADE PLANNED



The Halloween parade will take place on Wednesday, October 31 at 9:30 a.m. We will parade around the field early in the day then move to the classrooms for instruction.

Students choosing to participate in the festivities should wear costumes **TO SCHOOL** over street clothes. They will be required to remove their costumes after the parade. Costumes that require extensive changing of clothing should not be worn. Bags to put them in after removal should be provided by parents.

Parents are invited to attend the parade, however, please do not plan to have changing facilities available to put on your children's costumes before the parade.

Please watch for a note in a Wednesday packet prior to the parade day. This will have rules about appropriate costumes. Remember that extensive make-up, hair coloring and violence-related themes are inappropriate for costumes worn while at school.

All Kindergartners will attend the **Wednesday early schedule** (9:10-12:30.)

WEAR A BADGE



Thank you to all of the visitors and volunteers to school or stopping by the office to put on a badge. This helps tremendously in making our campus secure. Even though our Check-In computer is currently not operating yet, you must still wear a badge for any purpose that puts you inside the gates of the school.

We ask that parents who are here to pick up and drop-off students after school **REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THE GATES** if you do not have a badge. When the bell sounds, you may enter to meet students.

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. This service is in response to parents' requests following emergency situations at specific schools.

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.

PTA News
PTA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I would like to welcome everybody to enjoy all the school events during this month. 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!

September 26th, marked the end of our *Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale*. Order forms have been turned in and our Chairs **Lisa Grozier** and **Susan Marceno** have been hard at work submitting orders for delivery on November 8th. Thank you to Lisa and Susan for all of their hard work and for providing us with beautiful wrapping paper just in time for the holidays!

PTA sponsored *Fall Parent Potluck* was on September 28th. It was great to see so many parents share their dishes and have a great time. Thank you to **Ritu Kapoor** for organizing this community-bonding event.



This morning (October 3rd) our district had our annual *Walk to School Day* and I hope many of you joined us on the black top in the morning for a healthy snack.

Mohr Family Fun Fair will be on October 12th. Please join the festivities w/ games, food and fun! *Red Ribbon Week* will be held from October 22nd to 26th with activities planned for our students and staff every day to remind us all to say no to drugs, alcohol and tobacco. *Fall Book Fair* will also be held from October 22nd to 26th. Please drop by the library and check out the many wonderful books. Our Book Fair supports our wonderful library program. Please join us and be a part of these exciting events coordinated by PTA during the month of October.

Please plan to join us for our PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. on October 23rd.

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-- *Sonia Gupta, PTA President*

Taking Action: PTA Advocacy and You



Legislative advocacy may be considered as one of the most important responsibilities of PTA members. This includes working with the State and National PTA to encourage the implementation of programs and policies that benefit children. Effective advocacy requires the involvement of our individual PTA members, units, councils and districts. Our strength in advocacy arises through the voices of over 1 million members in California and over 5 million members nationally. When we work together, for the benefit of children, we are a powerful voice.

If you are interested in hearing about key legislative issues as they arise, and the need for PTA members to take action through calls, letters or emails to their elected officials, please contact me at deb.look@yahoo.com and ask to be included on the email alert list. This will not be used for any purpose other than PTA legislative alerts and will not be shared with anyone outside of PTA. Signing up for legislative alerts does not obligate you in any way. Upon receiving an alert, it is up to you if you wish to take any action. This could be as simple as picking up the phone and calling a legislator's office to report your Support or Opposition to a particular bill. Two minutes out of your day can make a tremendous difference for children - when we all work together, children benefit.

Please feel free to contact me, at any time, if you have any questions on legislative issues or PTA positions.

Debbie Look, Legislative Chair
Peralta District PTA (Alameda County)

Mohr Family Fun Fair!

Come join other Mohr families on 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. Food Preorder forms are available in the office. Carnival tickets will be available for sale throughout the evening.



Sponsored by *Mohr PTA*.

Yearbook Cover Designs Needed

Attention 4th and 5th graders! Let your imagination soar and design this year's Yearbook cover. Please incorporate **these two ideas** in your design on an 8 X 10 sheet of paper in colored pencil:

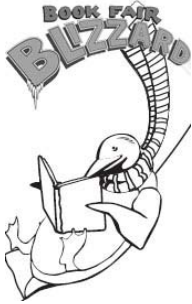


- The celebration of Mohr turning 10 years old
- An Eagle

You can drop off your cover in the office. Deadline is November 5th.

➔ **5th Graders: Don't forget to take lots of pictures at Outdoor Ed! The yearbook committee would love to place your donated photos in the yearbook!**

Fall Book Fair



Don't be left out in the cold! Chill out with a good book and join us at the Fall Book Fair Monday, October 22nd - Friday, October 26th. The Book Fair will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm (Wednesday 9:00am-4:00pm). Join us for family shopping night on Tuesday, October 23rd from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Please contact Barbara Hickey at 426-5411 or Barbara.Hickey@sbcglobal.net if you would like to volunteer to help out at this fantastic fundraising event.

Red Ribbon Week is Coming Soon!



Please join in the Mohr PTA sponsored Red Ribbon Week activities this year from **October 22nd - October 26th** and help educate our children about the dangers of drug and alcohol use. Some of the activities will include signing a Hawaiian themed pledge to be Drug-free, "Turning your back to drugs" by wearing your t-shirt backwards to school, and lots of other fun prizes and classroom activities (more details to follow in the weekly packets).

Statistics demonstrate that over half of America's school-age children have tried illegal drugs by the time they finish high school. Let's take this opportunity to remind our children to **Believe, Achieve, and Succeed** to live a Drug-free life.

Friday Ice Cream Sales



Friday ice cream sales have been going very well thus far. I hope the students are enjoying the selections we are offering. Thanks go to the following volunteers: **Laura Ashizawa, Elizabeth Limesand, Sonia Gupta, Clavel**

Tambunting, Elaine Marchant Panwar, Babita Sharma, Vickie Peng, Jonathan Ho, and Lucy and Anthony Jhong. Special thanks go to the weekly volunteers, **John Carroll, Laurie Krause and Karlai Pelizzari**, who have made the scheduling much easier.

A reminder to all the students to have your choice and money (no \$20 bills please) ready so the line can move much more efficiently.

We will not have Friday sales on October 12 so that you may enjoy the Mohr Family Fun Fair. Any questions or comments please email Doris Lem at meljoez@comcast.net.

Health and Wellness

October 15-19, 2007 is National School Lunch Week. Besides getting more information regarding the events for that week from our own Child Nutrition Services, the following includes some helpful ideas on healthy lunchtime eating found in the Fall, 2007 issue of eScrip *Smart Shopper*.



Nutrition experts Janice Bissex & Liz Weiss offer good advice:

- 1) Try to incorporate one fruit and/ or vegetable and some whole grains in every meal and snack.
- 2) Kids get bored with the same old thing, so be creative.
- 3) Presentation is all part of lunch box packaging.

- Make sandwiches with whole wheat tortilla wraps, bagels, or pita bread.
- Pack either macaroni and cheese or chili in a thermos.
- Make some homemade chicken nuggets the night before and pack them for school the next day with a little ketchup.
- If you're making lunches for more than one person, cut sandwiches into quarters, thirds or halves and pack a variety in each lunch box.
- Roll your choice of lean meat together with natural cheese inside a hot dog bun.
- Pack leftover pizza slices and have the kids eat them cold the next day.
- Ideas for lunchtime snacks are: ranch dressing dip with veggie pieces like baby carrots or celery sticks; mini packages of apple sauce; a tube of yogurt (frozen the night before); and lowfat cheddar cheese sticks.
- Remember that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting the amount of fruit juice to 4 to 6 ounces per day for 1 to 6 year olds and 8 to 12 ounces per day to 7 to 18 years olds. They also suggest choosing 100% fruit juice versus sugary "juice" drinks.

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

Eliza Lum, Health and Wellness Chair

Join the PTA!

It's not too late to become a member and be included in the school directory. If you have not joined Mohr PTA yet, please submit your completed membership form and the fee of \$12 to the office as soon as possible. If you need more information on PTA, please visit <http://www.pta.org> and find out about current events, parent resources and how you can get involved. By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education!



eScrip News

October Reminders :

10% Back to School Program: If you are not an eScrip supporter, turn in your Safeway receipts before Oct. 13th or email the Scrip Chair with your Safeway Club card number to raise more money for Mohr.

Safeway Renewals: Renew you Safeway Club card before Nov. 1st on <http://www.escrip.com> or the Scrip committee will renew for you.

What your shopping has done for Mohr in 2007!

eScrip supporters raised \$4,029 from January to June! Target shoppers raised \$2,886 from from January to September! Nob Hill/Raley's shoppers raised \$347 from January to September!

Here are ways you can still help Mohr raise more for this year...

- ✓ Register your Safeway club card, credit and/or debit cards if you have not done so yet. Go to <http://www.escrip.com>.
- ✓ Make sure Mohr is the organization you are supporting via eScrip. You can support up to 3 organizations. Make the change online or pick up an ADD/CHANGE form from the office.
- ✓ Use the **eScrip Online Mall** when you want to shop online. Check out all the merchants on their website!
- ✓ Make purchases at the participating eScrip merchants* with your registered credit/debit cards and Mohr can receive 2.5%-8% of your purchases. *(Safeway, PW Markets, Whole Foods, Gene's, Dream Dinners, Macy's, Office Max, Big O Tires, Baja Fresh and Round Table)
- ✓ Register your Target VISA card on <http://www.target.com>, go to "Take Charge of Education", and designate Mohr as your school.
- ✓ Use your Quality of Life card when you shop at Nob Hill or Raley's. (If you need a card, you can pick one up at the office. Make sure you activate it!)

Thank you for continuing to support Mohr with your shopping!

Questions? Problems? Contact Virginia Hwang, Scrip Chair, at 931-1078 or virginia.hwang@gmail.com

We All Scream For Ice Cream!

Wow! The Ice Cream Social was very well attended. We hope you all had a great time building your ice cream sundaes and want to thank all of our awesome volunteers for helping make the event so much fun! The list is long, and I hope I haven't left anyone out. As always, thanks to **Sue Lyon** and **Karen Vifian** for their help in the office. Our custodial team was a tremendous help getting the room ready to go, thanks to **Lucy** and **Francisco** for their hard work! Many of our **Mohr Teachers** participated and the kids loved seeing them outside of the classroom; **Mrs. Butler**, **Ms. Leavens**, **Ms. Patoock**, **Mrs. Reding**, and **Mrs. Sjadahl**.

Our parent volunteers were numerous, and made the event run so smoothly; **Kim Ketell**, **Cindy Vance**, **Wendy**

Cavanaugh, **Cheryl Lawer**, **Lisa Grozier**, **Jenny Zheng**, **Claudia Bay**, **Kim Vischer**, **Sheela Vais**, **Jennifer wilner**, **Jody Parr**, **Sue Jhong**, **Jackie Burke**, **Ted Reedy**, **Susan Marceno**, **Barbara Hickey**, **Hetal Giaimo**, **Mark Emerson**, **Edie Messick**, **Sarah Riordan**, **Virginia Hwang**, **Laura Murdock**, **Megin Markley**, **Alisa Lahrs**, **Casey Smith**, **Anne Fox**, **Hong Liang**, **Harmit Toor**, **Deirdre Carrick**, **Tracy Dorian**, **Donna Ahn**, **Paige Ready**, **Maureen Murphy** and **Terry Messick**. Also thanks to **Mr. Kettwig** for joining in the fun. We couldn't put on an event like this without all of these **Awesome** volunteers.

Thanks so much,
Randie Hill, Tenne Rogers, Ice Cream Social Co-chairs

Subscribe to Mohr PTA's weekly online newsletter and never miss out on an event. Point your browser to www.mohrpta.org, click on "What's New?" and follow the instructions to subscribe.

PTA REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM



Recently students received a sign-up form for the **Mohr PTA Reflections Program**. Sign-ups have been collected, and those who have chosen to participate will receive a packet of information soon (either in hard copy or by going to www.mohrpta.org and clicking on the reflections link) that tells them step-by-step what to do.

Each child will create an original work that reflects the theme: **"I Can Make a Difference By ..."** by means of art, photography, music, literature, dance choreography or film/video production. Each student's creative piece will be judged and displayed to the Mohr student body. Participants will receive a certificate and will have their names printed in the Eagle Express. Entries judged best at

Mohr will advance to the Council level of judging and possibly the state and national levels.

For a look at last year's Reflections National Award recipients visit the Parent Involvement area of National PTA's website at www.pta.org and look in the Family Fun area.

If you have not signed up but still want to turn in your artwork contact **Sucheta Patil** to get a copy of the general and category rules.

The finished entries (artwork) are due by Thursday, November 1, 2007. For questions, Contact: **Sucheta Patil** at 398-8089 or email me at sucheta@comcast.net

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 October 29th, 2007.* Mohr Elementary is a **Go Green Initiative** school. Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading it.

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 _____

PPIE Student Grants Deadline



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. The first deadline for **Student Grant applications is October 16th**.

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 13th!!



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 contact Mohr PPIE Chair Terry Messick at terrymessick@yahoo.com or call (925) 417-5998. You can also visit <http://www.ppie.com> for more information. Bon Appetit!!

Pleasanton Library Presents



- October 6, 2007, 7pm: **Calaveras Repertory Presents The Maltese Falcon**
- October 9, 2007, 7pm: **Children's Author—Bruce Hale**
- October 13, 2007, 2pm: **Hammett, Hellman and The HUAC—Michael Shepler**
- October 14, 2007, 2pm: **Author Event: John Lescroart**
- October 12, 2007, and October 19, 2007, 6pm: **The Maltese Crow Mystery Theater Dinner**
- **Film Noir Series:** October 5th, **Body and Soul**, October 12th, **Force of Evil**, October 20, **The Killers**, October 27th, **The Asphalt Jungle**. 7pm all dates.
- October 14, 2007, 2pm: **Author Panel: Joe Gores and Mark Coggins**
- October 21, 2007, 2pm: **Author Panel Discussion: Sisters in Crime**
- October 28, 2007, 2pm: **Writers' Workshop with Robert Dugoni You've Got the Power: Story Telling Techniques to Bring Your Writing to Life**

For more information on these events, please contact Penny Johnson, Programs Librarian at 925/931-3405. See the Pleasanton Public Library website at <http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/>

Parent Education

Amador Valley Adult & Community Education and Pleasanton Unified School District Present the following courses for October:

- Parenting With Love and Logic
- Step- Family Support
- Co-Parenting Families
- Becoming a Pro-Active Parent
- Handling Sibling Rivalry
- Bully-Proof Your Child
- Eliminating Homework Battles
- Cool School Moves- Brain Gym
- Building Child Self-Esteem
- Mothering Styles
- Baby Sign Language
- 1-2-3 Magic: Discipline for Children Ages 3-9



For more information and to register, call Amador Valley Adult & Community Education at (925) 426-4280, or visit <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted>.