



news and events

# THE EAGLE EXPRESS

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## Principal's Message

### Benefits of a Well-Rounded Program

There are many approaches that a school can follow in building a quality program for students. We hear of schools that focus on one set of aspects such as "Back to Basics", or "Child-Centered", or many others. All have their positive aspects that cause people to believe in their approach to teaching and learning. Recently, the School Board recognized Mr. Don Lewis, a local musician and music educator, for his contributions to the community in featuring Pleasanton students in their pursuit of excellence in the arts. His passion for the value of a broad-spectrum of the arts has helped develop the commitment that we have in Pleasanton for including arts education as a very important part of our BASIC program. Mr. Lewis has performed on numerous occasions in assemblies throughout Pleasanton to spread his words about the value of the arts in the ultimate success of children in academic pursuits.



the Academic Performance Index (API). One main point was that their focus was on the amount of student produced work that is accomplished, the heavy homework load and that little time is spent on areas such as arts education (including music, visual arts, and performing arts), Physical Education, and grade level events as part of the teaching. Parents are encouraged to provide opportunities in the arts outside of the school day.

At Mohr, I am proud of the way that we support arts education. Our strings and band program has consistently shown the highest participation rate and a high number of students progressing to a level that they qualify for participation in special programs such as the district Honor Band. We have a traveling artist, Mrs. Argabright, who brings art lessons to the classroom. Every child in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade receives weekly instruction and experiences in vocal music and music appreciation. We maintain a wonderful Fine Arts Mini Experience (FAME) program. Art is celebrated through our annual Art Show.

As I reflect on my time as Principal, I find a great deal of satisfaction in that it can be shown that successful schools, populated by happy children, and supportive parents, can point to its arts program as an important feature. I hope that these efforts continue in the future.

*-Joe Kettwig, Principal*

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This discussion comes to mind for this article because of my observations and informal research on what makes a quality elementary program for children. What elements make a good school? How have schools whose API scores are higher than Mohr (965) built their programs? What elements make children satisfied with their experiences in school? Recently, I read an article that talked about one school's "formula" for success. That school consistently reports scores in the 990's on

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☆ STAR Testing is Coming! ☆

**Test date window: April 28-May 16** – *Attendance is important! Please reschedule dentist/doctor appointments.*

It is that time of the year again when we start California State Testing. The STAR testing is one of the more important assessments that happen throughout the year. Data from these tests determine a school’s API score. These assessments not only impact our school’s score, but also give us valuable information towards providing educational needs for your child.

Here are a few things that you can do at home to help your child have his/her best chance to do well on these assessments:

1. **A good night’s rest** – The assessments can be lengthy and must be completed in one sitting. They range from 20 minutes to up to 85 minutes depending upon grade. A child that is well rested will have the energy to sit and focus for these extended times.
2. **Healthy Breakfast** – A good healthy breakfast and nutrition in the morning helps the brain operate more smoothly.
3. **Routine** – Start your child on a routine of getting to bed at the same time, and waking up at the same time. Routines help support what happens during the day because the body and mind become familiar with what is coming next. It reduces the amount of mental adjustments children need to make.
4. **Encouragement** – Encourage your child to focus and try their best. Explain the importance of this and why they should try their best.

**Congratulations!**



Mohr is very pleased to announce that 4th grader **Aniruddh Murthy** reached the oral portion of the San Francisco Chronicle Spelling Bee held on March 15. He competed as one of 50 spellers from all over the Bay Area for the chance to represent our region at the National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C.

To reach this level, Aniruddh won the Mohr School Spelling Bee and recently competed against hundreds of students representing their schools in San Francisco. Aniruddh is a student in Lisa Carrolan's class. He was able to compete and win against 4th and 5th graders at Mohr and students up to the 8th grade in the regional competition.

Mohr is extremely proud of Aniruddh's accomplishment and wish him the best of luck in the finals.

**Important Dates**

Multicultural & Heritage Event Planning mtg. 9:15am MPR	April 2
Parent Communication Council, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Bernal Room, PUSD	April 3
Teacher Preview – Book Fair- 11:30 am to 12:45 pm in the library	April 4
Spring Book Fair	April 7-11
Multicultural/Heritage Festival Activities	April 14-18
Heritage Festival Assembly – <b>All Kindergartens attend AM schedule (8:10–11:30am)</b>	April 18
Multicultural/Heritage Evening Event	April 18
PTA Executive Board Meeting, 12:30 pm in 11B	April 21
Earth Day	April 22
E-Faire	April 23
Eagle Express Articles Due	April 28
PTA Meeting-7:00 pm Social, 7:30 pm Business – LIBRARY	April 29
Parent Communication Council, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Bernal Room, PUSD	May 1
California State PTA Convention – Long Beach	May 1-4

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

**LOST AND FOUND**

Parents, please check the school Lost and Found boxes next to the Multi-Purpose Room. They are overflowing with jackets, sweaters, lunch boxes, etc. There are so many treasures we don’t want your kids to lose! Any items not claimed by the end of the school year will be donated to charity.



**Science Fair**

Due to the publication timeline of the *Eagle Express*, the Science Fair Article will be in May’s edition.



## Mohr's Jump Rope For Heart An Incredible Success!



On March 12th over 130 dedicated and excited Mohr Elementary students participated in our school's 9th annual Jump Rope For Heart Event. The children were awesome, demonstrating their jump rope skills and physical fitness, as well as a commitment to community service.

Because of their hard work and the support of their parents and neighbors, our school raised \$7,765.00 for the American Heart Association to continue the fight against heart disease and stroke. I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to making our event such a spectacular success, especially the parent volunteers who so willingly gave their time, *Nob Hill Foods* for donating orange juice, and *Noah's Bagels* for providing a healthy snack.

The staff of Mohr Elementary appreciates our partnerships with local businesses and we look forward to similar success next year.

Mr. Maz

Please Never Smoke

## 10 Great Ways Mohr Celebrated Read Across America Day



10. Students in Mrs. Reding and Mrs. Sears' classes listened to Roberta Gonzalez from Channel 5 Evening News read *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs!*
9. Mrs. Vifian, dressed as The Cat in the Hat, read to kindergarten classes.
8. Fifth graders listened raptly as the *Mountain Man* enthralled them with tall tales and true stories about his wilderness adventures.
7. Third graders from Mrs. Dixon's class had a Read-in and took Dr. Seuss breaks as members of students' families dropped by to read to them.
6. Mrs. Lyon read *Sector Seven* and *Mr. Peabody's Apples* to Mrs. Blaine's second graders.
5. First graders enjoyed several Dr. Seuss stories and did a Monart lesson. Check out their wonderful pictures of The Cat in the Hat!
4. Ms. Patock's class delighted in reading books outside on the beautiful winter day.
3. Mrs. Perkins' students relaxed on pillows and blankets as they read Dr. Seuss books, comparing and contrasting the stories.
2. Second graders in Mrs. Ballard's class read poetry in a cave!
1. Mohr students had great fun reading on Read Across America Day!

## The 2008 Multicultural/Heritage Event Is Here!

**"Music in the Morning"** will be held from **April 14 – 18**. Each morning we will play music to the classrooms and let the children guess which music comes from which country.



**"Stories from around the World at Mohr"**, **April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>** (during school hours) – students will "visit" over 20 countries as they rotate around the MPR. Parent volunteers will show articles and teach children about a Celebration in that country. **Parents please stop by and visit the booths as well.**

**"Cultural Dress Day, Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** – come to school dressed in clothing that represents your cultural heritage.

## "Stories from Around the World"

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm – 8:30pm MPR**

Enjoy an evening of international dances, songs, and fashion performed by Mohr children from all grades. Taste delicious food samples from around the world following the performance.

For more information or to volunteer, contact MC Event Co-Chairs: Hetal Giaino at: [hgiaino@yahoo.com](mailto:hgiaino@yahoo.com) or Elaine Marchant Panwar at: [Elaine@Panwar.name](mailto:Elaine@Panwar.name).

## Open House/Art Show Calendar Change

The date of the Open House/Art Show has been changed from May 22 to May 20th to avoid conflicting with Harvest Park's Open House. Please disregard the older calendars for this event.

More details will be coming soon, but please plan to join us on **Tuesday, May 20th, 7-8:30pm** for the Mohr Open House and Art Show!

### What's New in Science

Thanks to those that participated in the first CFL bulb sales. We are off to a slow start but hope many families will use this opportunity to save energy, save money and save resources. Every cent raised goes toward student activities. Sales will continue at school events and by order form. There are extra copies of the order form in the office. Many thanks.

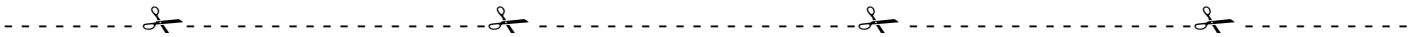
Our first Science Club meeting was a success. Over 20 students showed up to hear about upcoming activities and how they can participate. The first project was the Mohr School contribution to the Science Fair. The project is a booth "Test Your E-ntelligence" (What do you know about energy?) The Jeopardy like game and energy demonstrations were run by student volunteers. Special thanks to *Smitha Nagar, Kayla Manzo* and *Mia Toliver* for their dedication to the project and the hours of extra time spent helping out. All interested students were able to help at the booth and are encouraged to do so at the first district "E-Faire".



The E-Faire will take place at Hart Middle School on April 23. This is the day after Earth Day and celebrates the district wide efforts and commitment to energy conservation. Mohr students will be presenting our "E-ntelligence" booth. We hope to also have a contribution from our Earth Day activities. There will be several guests from corporations involved in science/technology as well as music and activities for the whole family. More info will follow so mark your calendars.....

A very heartfelt thank you to the Mohr PTA. Through the generosity of Mohr families we were able to purchase some much needed science equipment and supplies. This brings us closer to our goal of a working and well equipped science lab for Mohr students. These additions will enhance our new program and I greatly appreciate the support.

Upcoming events include fun Earth Day activities presented by Leadership and Science Club, ongoing CFL sales, E-Faire and Family Science Night. Stay tuned.



## MOVING???

If you are definitely moving, or will possibly be moving before the start of school in August, please let us know.

With our near-capacity enrollment in many grades, such information in advance is vital to our planning process. If this applies to you, please fill out the following and return to the school office:

NAME OF STUDENT(S): \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ WILL NOT be attending Mohr next school year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ MAY NOT be attending Mohr next school year.

## PTA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we approach the months ahead, please take a moment to consider the open positions for 2008-2009 Committee Chairs. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and a desire to help our kids and community.

**Thank you's:**

To *Mrs. Linda Stanford* for another great opportunity for students and parents to stretch our brains at Mohr's Science Fair! We all learned that Science is all around us as we saw 100's of experiments by the future scientists of California at Mohr and the fairgrounds!

We would like to invite all Mohr families to come to the **Spring Book Fair** held from April 7 – 11, in the Library. Also mark your calendars now because on Friday, May 16th we have our **Spring Parent Potluck**.

As you can see, the Mohr PTA is a fun group to be involved with! It's wonderful to be part of the planning and implementation of fun events that benefit our students and families.

We have many committee positions still open for next year and we would love for **YOU** to join us! **WE INVITE YOU** to come forward and work with other parent volunteers to maintain the great programs and services the PTA provides for our school. Please visit our PTA website [www.mohrpta.org](http://www.mohrpta.org) for details on any of these open positions or contact Sonia Gupta at [soniargupta@hotmail.com](mailto:soniargupta@hotmail.com).



Just say **YES** to PTA!

*everychild.onevoice.*

-- *Sonia Gupta, PTA President*

### Mohr's Spring Parent Potluck



We welcome you to gather once again with our Mohr Family, Share some delicious food, reconnect with old and make new friends at our Spring Parent Potluck Luncheon. This will be our final family event of the year. We encourage everyone to whip up a tasty dish to share, and join us. Younger than school-aged children are welcome!

**Friday, May 16, 2008, 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Watch for a sign-up sheet in an upcoming Wednesday packet.

### Friday Ice Cream Sales Are Back!!!!



Thanks go to *Laura Ashizawa, Laurie Krause, John Carroll* and *Emily Corbishley* for helping out on the first Friday sale on such short notice. Thanks also to *Karlai Pelizzari, Kathleen Knodespears, Mia Kodama, Elizabeth Limesand* and especially *Laurie Yoon* for helping with the AM Kindergarten sales.

Ice cream sales will continue to be sold in the same two locations by the flag pole and in the back playground after school for 30 minutes. The AM Kindergarten classes will have their sale the first Friday of each month. The price is still \$1 per ice cream.

If you are interested in helping with the ice cream sales, please call Doris Lem at 846-8079 or email to [meljoez@comcast.net](mailto:meljoez@comcast.net).

### 2008-2009 Open Committee Chair Positions:

The PTA needs to fill Chair positions for the following committees for the 2008-09 school year.



- Auditor
- Field Day
- Go Green
- Health & Wellness
- Registration Day
- Parent Potluck
- Marquee
- Newsletter
- Pizza w/ the Principal (Co-chair needed)
- Ice Cream Sales
- Hospitality
- Science Fair
- Spring Family BBQ

Each year the PTA loses valuable volunteers as their children progress to Middle School. It's up to the next group of parents to step up and lead! The PTA cannot provide the above wonderful programs and services unless we have Chairpersons in place to run them.

**Here's your chance to get involved! Co-Chairs are welcome – volunteer with a friend!**

Please visit our PTA website [www.mohrpta.org](http://www.mohrpta.org) for descriptions of the duties on any of these positions or contact PTA President Sonia Gupta at [soniargupta@hotmail.com](mailto:soniargupta@hotmail.com) or EVP Mia Kodama at [m.kodama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.kodama@sbcglobal.net) with questions or to volunteer.

## Health and Wellness



**Competition and Our Kids.** Competition can provide children with the chance to have fun and learn new skills, whether on the sports field, in the classroom, or on the playground. The downside to competition can come when recognition and achievement become a child's only goals, taking the fun out of the activity. To help your child develop a healthy attitude toward competition, emphasize that enjoying an activity does not mean being the best at it.

**Emphasize fun and effort.** The first priority when engaging in competitive activities—especially for kids ages 10 and younger—is **having fun**. Constant encouragement will help young children feel confident about their efforts. As children get older, particularly at middle-school age, winning gains new appeal. Unfortunately, this may prompt some kids to start dropping out of sports. Kids often quit playing sports because they feel they can't satisfy their own or their parents' expectations. Kids are more likely to stick with competitive activities and enjoy themselves if they don't have parents pressuring them. When discussing a competitive event involving a child, parents should keep the conversation general and refrain from addressing the child's individual performance or achievement. Offer praise to a child whether he wins or loses, and keeping your enthusiasm in check when the child wins. If you're over-excited when your child wins, Newman explains, he may perceive you're disappointed when he loses.

**Provide excellent role models.** A child's individual personality will determine much of his attitude toward competition, but the adults in his life have a profound effect, too. Regrettably, some coaches and teachers serve as poor role models for kids when they compete. If your child's coach is encouraging the team to be overly aggressive on the field, you should contact the league or the school administrators and let them know your child will be removed from the team if the atmosphere does not improve.

If a child becomes angry or depressed when he loses, or if he attempts to cheat, tries to change the rules of the game, or refuses to play if he's losing, it's likely that the child has too much invested in winning. While you may identify factors outside the home that contribute to this behavior, more often kids pick up an obsession with winning from their parents. Parents need to look at how they may be unknowingly promoting the idea of winning as the most important thing. Parents should ask, "What am I doing that may be misinterpreted?"

Above all, **kids should learn to treat everyone with courtesy and respect** whether they win or lose. Ideally, while engaged in competition, a child will learn that winning isn't important; what is important is putting forth the best effort possible. Then, as the child grows older and realizes that sustained effort leads to improved performance, she'll learn to compete against the worthiest opponent of all—herself.

Excerpted from an article by Ted Villaire, "Competition and Kids: It's Not About Winning." The complete text of the article can be found on the PTA website [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).

*Eliza Lum, Health and Wellness Chair*

## eScrip News

April Updates

*Have you heard?*

***A \$4.5 million proposed budget cut to the Pleasanton School District!***

**Now is the time to visit the eScrip website and see how you can make contributions to Mohr with your regular purchases, at NO extra cost to you!**

Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).

Have you...

- Registered your credit and/or debit cards?  
Mohr can receive 2.5%-8% of your purchases at participating merchants (*Safeway, PW Markets, Whole Foods, Gene's, Dream Dinners, Macy's, Office Max, Big O Tires, Baja Fresh and Round Table*)
- Used the **eScrip Online Mall** when you want to shop online?
- Registered your Target VISA card on [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) and designate Mohr as your school?
- Used 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!*)
- Requested for a S.H.A.R.E.S card if you shop at Lucky?

### ***What your shopping has done for Mohr in 2007!***

eScrip supporters raised \$5,162  
from January to August!

Target shoppers raised \$2,886  
from January to September!

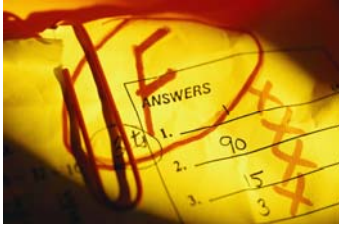
Nob Hill/Raley's shoppers raised \$443  
from January to December!

**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](mailto:virginia.hwang@gmail.com)

## "Flunk the Budget" Rally...



**Friday, April 4th, 4:00 pm**  
**Amador Valley High School Parking Lot**

PTA, APT, and CSEA are partnering to host a Community Information Rally on the Budget Crisis on Friday, April 4, at 4 p.m., in the Amador Valley High School parking lot. Every school is encouraged to bring at least 100 parents and kids. This event is open to anyone. Please join us!

## PTA Convention

PTA members, did you know that you can attend the State PTA Convention?



This year's convention is in Long Beach, CA, and there are some fantastic courses that you can take! Here are a few of the classes available:

- Achieving Success in Special Education – A Collaborative Approach
- No Child Left Behind – Where Are We Now?
- What Is Your Impact? [parent's impact on today's kids]
- Safe Routes to School
- Todo lo que usted necesita saber acerca de la PTA -- a class taught entirely in Spanish!

For more information about the CA State Convention, visit <http://www.capta.org/sections/convention-2008/>

Planning ahead, here are the dates and locations for the CA State Convention for the next two years:  
April 30-May 3, 2009 --- San Jose, CA  
April 29-May 2, 2010 ---- Sacramento, CA

### PTA Tidbit



At this point, new millennium has been a time for the National PTA to focus on the return on arts in the schools and community. Health and nutrition are also part of its platform.

Your comments and/or suggestions are always welcome. Please submit articles for the May publication to [theeagleexpress@comcast.net](mailto:theeagleexpress@comcast.net) by April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## WELCOME to the Annual Harvest Park Middle School PTA BBQ!



We invite incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade families to join your child for their first Middle School Experience at HPMS! Dine on a delicious meal, prepared by **CABANA**

**DAVE'S**, and be entertained by the HPMS students! The BBQ is at the HPMS Amphitheater on **MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FROM 5:00-6:30 PM**, prior to visiting classrooms and campus during the **OPEN HOUSE** at 6:30 pm.

WATCH for further information on our HPMS PTA Website, [www.harvestparkpta.org](http://www.harvestparkpta.org), about this FUN, ANNUAL event! Bring your new 6<sup>th</sup> grade student and family to enjoy an evening with other families from your school. Take the opportunity to walk around the campus, visit classrooms to see sample student work. Teachers and administrators will be available to answer your questions. Help your student prepare for the Harvest Park Middle School experience!

**All meals are pre-paid only! Reserve your pre-paid order NOW to guarantee your meal. You must reserve your meal by ordering it by 5-12-08. No meals will be sold the night of the OPEN HOUSE BBQ. See order form below.**

**Questions?** For further information please call **Ticket Sales-Coordinator- BBQ-Mo Deierling at 399-5967** or email [mobadandjs@comcast.net](mailto:mobadandjs@comcast.net) You can download this flyer as a PDF file on the HPMS PTA website at [www.harvestparkpta.org](http://www.harvestparkpta.org).

## The HPMS PTA Will Be Selling PE Clothes At *Open House* May 22<sup>nd</sup>

All HP students are required to wear a PE uniform (t-shirt and shorts).



**\*\*T-shirts and shorts are \$10 each\*\***

### Why buy P.E. Clothes at Open House?

**-Convenience!** Purchasing P.E. clothes at Open House means one less line to wait in during registration in August.

**-Samples** of all items in various sizes will be available for your student to try on.

**-Budgeting!** Many parents appreciate being able to spread out school expenses rather than being hit with all expenses in August.

**-Patriot Pride!** Your incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader can start wearing the new school's colors! **Home of the Patriots and the Patriot Path!** In addition to t-shirts and shorts, the PTA will also be offering hooded sweatshirts (\$25), crew sweatshirts (\$10) and crew sweatpants (\$15) for sale. These warmer items are handy for colder months AND for students joining the band or orchestra (these students will have "A" period P.E. at 7:35 a.m.)

Questions? For further information please call coordinators **Carrie Slaton at 249-0534** or email at [cslaton01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cslaton01@sbcglobal.net) or **Loren Loduha at 461-1909** or email at [l.loduha@comcast.net](mailto:l.loduha@comcast.net).

Please tear off this part of page and submit in w/meal selection. Select meal options (please choose: Tri-tip, Chicken, Vegetarian-Portabella, or Hot dog for purchase. No tickets for dinner will be sent out. Email confirmation will go out and all dinner tickets will be picked up at event. **Please make all checks payable to: Harvest Park PTA. Please submit your order prior to May 12<sup>th</sup> into the Main Office at Harvest Park Middle School at 4900 Valley Avenue, Pleasanton-94566.**

A. # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 pre-sale of \_\_\_\_\_ Tri-tip Meal Choice \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

B. # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 pre-sale of \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Meal Choice \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

C. # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 pre-sale of \_\_\_\_\_ Portabella-Veg. Meal Choice \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

D. # of tickets \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00 pre-sale of \_\_\_\_\_ Hot dog meal \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ mandatory

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ HPMS Student's Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If not an HPMS student, name of elementary school: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions? For further information please call Ticket Sales-Coordinator: BBQ- Mo Deierling at 399-5967 or email [mobdandjs@comcast.net](mailto:mobdandjs@comcast.net) You can download this order form as a PDF file on the PTA website at [www.harvestparkpta.org](http://www.harvestparkpta.org)

## Education Grants



### 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](http://www.ppie.org). This year's deadline for **Education Grant applications is April 15th, 2008.**

## Livermore Wine Country Championship Tournament



The Livermore Valley Wine Country Championship Tournament is coming to Wente Vineyards from April 3-6. This tournament showcases the PGA Nationwide Tour which includes great golf and "up and coming" golf stars. Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation (PPIE) and Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation (PSEE) will be partnering with the school organizations to sell tickets to this tournament! Proceeds will be split between the foundations and Mohr Elementary PTA, a win-win for our school! The tickets are \$20.00 each and will allow the ticket holder to access the grounds for all 4 days of the tournament! This wonderful event will also feature fabulous food and wine, provided by Wente Vineyards, art and performances from the local community, and more!

Please contact Terry Messick, PPIE Ambassador at [terrymessick@yahoo.com](mailto:terrymessick@yahoo.com), or (925) 417-5998 or contact the PPIE office at [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org) or (925) 846-5620 to purchase your tickets.

## Immunization Clinics Scheduled



Axis Community Health has scheduled its free spring immunization clinics for children on April 5, May 3, and June 7, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. The clinics will take place at Axis' Pleasanton Clinic only, located at 4361 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Saturday Immunization clinics are open to all Tri-Valley families who are low income or uninsured, including those enrolled in Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Managed Care. Parents should bring child's immunization records and information about family income and medical insurance. There is a fee for some immunizations. Immunization appointments are also available at (925) 462-1755.

## Amador Valley Adult & Parent Education Classes

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



- Tax-Free College Bound Funding
- 1-2-3 Magic: Discipline for ages 3-9
- Baby Sign Language
- Co-Parenting
- Communicating With Your Teen
- Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior
- Parenting Tools for Positive Behavior Change
- Parenting with Love and Logic
- Preparing Your Child for Kindergarten
- Parenting Your Aging Parent
- Positive Parenting

To view the courses offered, [click here](#).

To register for a class, call Amador Valley Adult & Community Education: (925) 426-4280. Visit their website at: <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted> for more information.

Also coming on April 10, a **"Teens about Teens" forum**: a panel of local teens discuss *depression* and *suicide*. Special guest Mary Hayashi, CA Assembly Member from District 18 and author of *Far from home: shattering the myth of the model minority*, the story of her teenaged sister's suicide, will attend. Call (925) 426-4280 to RSVP or for more information.

## "PASSPORT TO PLEASANTON"

Mark your calendars now so you don't miss out on Pleasanton PTA Council's Annual Multicultural Festival, **"Passport to Pleasanton" on Saturday, April 28th from 10-2** at the Alameda County Fairgrounds.



This citywide event is designed to showcase the growing diversity of our community through hands-on exhibits, activities and performances of groups representing cultures from around the world. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this exciting free event.

If you are interested in finding out about how you can participate in hosting a booth or offering a performance, please contact us. Call soon as space and performance time is limited. We will also be looking for volunteers to assist us. Adults and high school students are welcome. We offer community service hours to high school students interesting in helping out. For information on booths: visit [www.pleasantonpta.org](http://www.pleasantonpta.org).