



news and events

THE EAGLE EXPRESS

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Principal's Message

As I write my first article for this year's "Eagle Express," I am reminded how fortunate I am to work at such a dynamic school like Mohr. Walking around campus, it is wonderful to meet new families and reconnect with familiar faces of our returning families. I have the wonderful opportunity to work with the entire community from students and parents, to our teachers and staff. We all have the same main goal: to provide the best education for our children in an environment of safety, good character development and high achievement. Only four weeks into my tenure as Principal, I am already amazed at the efforts of our staff, the PTA, and our students. The 2008-2009 school year promises to be another great year.



achieve on the assessments is greatly aided by the support of parents through individual volunteerism, financial support and participation in events planned by the Mohr PTA. Please support the PTA in their outstanding efforts. One way to contribute is to participate in the "More for Mohr" program that allows you to make a tax-deductible donation to the PTA. Those funds will go directly back to the classrooms during the school year to purchase materials, supplemental books, and learning opportunities for children.

Without a doubt, one of the best aspects of my job is to visit our classrooms. From reading stories to distributing birthday pencils, I will become a familiar face to your child. I am privileged to share in these daily interactions, and mindful of the trust our students and families have placed in our Mohr staff.

The school staff has grown and changed for the start of this year. We are happy to welcome many faces to the Mohr family. Our new vice principal, **Mr. Richard Gorton**, joins us from the Walnut Creek School District where he was an instructional coach. First grade welcomes **Miss Colleen McCarthy** in room 5A, and **Mr. Joe Meunier** joins us as a part-time Physical Education teacher two mornings per week.

I hope the 2008-2009 school year proves to be excellent for your child. The teaching staff, the office staff, Mr. Gorton and I want to help make the year positive for your child. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns or just a helpful comment about things happening at our school!

Mohr School is a school of excellence. This long standing tradition of excellence will be continued in the 2008-2009 school year. The staff is dedicated to offer a strong, standards-based, comprehensive learning experience to your child in an atmosphere of caring and high values. The performance we are able to

Sincerely,

-Robin Sehrt, Principal

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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.

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

Coffee with the Principal



Please Join Principal Robin Sehr on Friday, **September 12, 2008** at 8:30am for Coffee with the Principal. Everyone is welcome!

Please RSVP to Sue Lyon in the office by September 5th at 426-4256.

Important Dates

Teacher's Luncheon	September 4
Parent Communication Council, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Bernal Room, PUSD	September 4
Last chance to purchase Mohr T-shirts. Forms in office	September 5
Aluminum Can Drive	September 5
Room Parent Meeting, Multi Purpose Room, 8:30 am	September 9
Coffee with the Principal	September 12
PTA Executive Board meeting, 12:30pm	September 15
Ice Cream Social, 7:00 - 8:00 pm	September 16
Gift Wrap Fundraiser Begins	September 17
Picture Day	September 17
Eagle Express Articles Due	September 22
First PTA Meeting, 7 pm Social, 7:30 pm Business, Library	September 23
5 th Grade Outdoor Ed	September 23-26
Fall Parent Potluck	September 26
Gift Wrap Fundraiser Ends	September 30
The next edition of the Eagle Express will be distributed October 1	

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.

Counselor's Corner

Welcome back to another school year! Hopefully, you find this article helpful as it explains School Counseling at Mohr. The School Counselor's role involves providing counseling for students, meeting with families, running groups, mediating conflicts, and giving classroom presentations on various topics.

The beginning weeks of school will be spent in classrooms doing presentations, meeting all the new students, and reacquainting with returning students. I will be working with as many students individually as possible while preparing groups that will begin later in September and October. Groups run on campus during the regular school day and range in topics. Examples include social skills, grief and loss, friendship, family dynamics, and self esteem. Here are some answers to frequently asked questions about school counseling groups:



Q: Why is my child assigned to a counseling group?

A: No one is assigned to a group. This educational program is designed to improve listening skills, encourage self-responsibility and build healthy self-esteem. It is completely optional. Your student has merely been given the opportunity to participate.

Q: How did my child get selected?

A: Students' names are given to the counselor in the following ways: 1. Teacher referrals – one of your child's teachers felt that your child might benefit from participation in the program. 2. Parent referrals – often parents refer their child directly to the counselor and ask that they be placed on a waiting list for future placement. 3. Student referrals – many students self refer. This is especially true with new students who are seeking appropriate ways to make new friends and adjust to their new environment. 4. Random Choice – although there is generally a waiting list of students wanting in, sometimes a particular grade level group will have an opening which can be offered to any student.

Q: Does this mean my child will carry a label?

A: This program is designed to service ALL students – not just students experiencing difficulty. The groups are educational and participation only indicates the child's willingness to learn more about themselves and their surroundings. Also, participation is not recorded on a child's cumulative record except in special situations.

Q: Can I talk with the counselor?

A: Certainly. A large part of the counseling program involves efforts to improve communication between the school-child-parent.

Q: Will my child miss instructional time?

A: Possibly. Groups are generally 30 minutes once a week. Participants are responsible for making up any missed class work. It should also be noted that improvements in self-confidence and self-reliance tend to be reflected in improvements in academic achievements.

Q: Are these "therapy groups?"

A: NO! These are educational support groups designed to help your child better understand him/herself and his/her environment. They are not therapy groups and should not be seen as replacing any individual or group therapy a family may wish to consider.

Q: What do they do in these groups?

A: During the first few group meetings, the focus is on trust-building activities. Once the students feel comfortable in the group, activities are introduced to build self-confidence, increase self-responsibility, improve listening/sharing skills, and explore problem solving techniques. Specific activities vary according to group need.

If you are having any concerns or feel your student would benefit from school counseling, please feel free to contact me to discuss your child. I hope everyone is looking forward to a great year!

Barbara Hourigan, M.A., PPS -- School Counselor
 Mohr Elementary (Tuesday- afternoons; W/TH- all day)
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Pleasanton Unified School District E-Connection

This service is in response to parents' requests following emergency situations at specific schools. School and district information will be sent by email to "subscribers" weekly (or more often, in times of crisis) during the school year.

To arrange for more than one address, or to specify school(s) from which you wish to hear, you may enter the subscription process as many times as needed. To subscribe to a school/district list, go to <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/PublicInformation/EConnectionSignUp.cfm>, and click on Mohr Elementary.

PTA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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

There are many new faces within the Executive Board and Committee Chairs and they are all ready to go to work!

On behalf of the Executive Board, I would just like to say a hearty "Congratulations" to our new Principal **Robin Sehart**. I know that she will be wonderful to work with.



Thank you to **Clavel Tambunting** for all her hard work during the summer, recruiting and scheduling the volunteers for registration packet assembly and registration day. Thank you to all the volunteer parents who helped out in assembling the registration packets and who helped at the registration day. Thank you to **Brad and Joyce Wong** for all their labor over the summer preparing the supply kits and delivering them to the teachers. Thank you to **Laurie Yoon-Park** and **Kati Higgins** for coordinating food for the volunteers during Registration as well as refreshments for both Back to School nights!

Mohr PTA would not function 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: **Ice Cream Sales** and **Registration Day (2009)**. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at elimesand@comcast.net or 485-4962.

Many exciting events are just around the corner! Please visit www.mohrpta.org and click on "Calendar" for the dates of the following September events: **Coffee with the Principal, Ice Cream Social, Gift-Wrap Sale, Room Parent Meeting, School Picture Day, Aluminum Can Drive and our Semi-Annual Parent Potluck.**

Be sure also to visit the Mohr PTA "What's New?" page for up-to-date information on what's happening each week.

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

everychild.onevoice.

-- **Beth Limesand, PTA President**

We All Scream For Ice Cream



Welcome back to school everyone. We are getting ready for our Ice Cream Social-Welcome Back To School Night on Tuesday, September 16th 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 16th!

Your 2008—2009 PTA Executive Officers

President	Beth Limesand
Executive VP	Laurie Yoon-Park
Secretary	Clavel Tambunting
Treasurer	Jessica Tao
Financial Secretary	Doris Lem
VP Programs and Services	Arundhati Mitra-De
VP Membership	Kim Visscher
VP Legislation	Laura Murdock
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 22, 2008. All articles are subject to approval, and may be edited for space or content. 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 a little more than **\$28,000** 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 Beth Limesand at elimesand@comcast.net with any questions.



GOAL: \$45,000

More for Mohr Funds these Programs:

Classroom Support \$20,000

Technology \$10,000

Assemblies \$3,500

Pizza with the Principal \$1,500

All other programs* \$10,000

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

Recycling Drive!



Save those empties! Our next Aluminum Can and Plastics Recycling Drive will be held on **Friday, September 5th** 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!

FREE MONEY FOR OUR KIDS!!!

Did you know that many corporations will **match** your contribution to our **More for Mohr** fundraising program?



Many companies offer a charitable contribution Matching Gift Program to their employees and your donations to our PTA's **More for Mohr** Program qualify. It can be as easy as accessing your corporate intranet charitable-giving website and typing in the PTA's associated non-profit Tax I.D. number.

Your company takes care of the rest and our kids get the benefit! And, unlike other fundraising programs, 100% of the **More for Mohr** dollars go directly to our kids.

The Pleasanton's PTA Tax I.D. Number (EIN) is **94-3274369** and is listed as "PTA California Congress Of Parents Teachers & Students Inc - Pleasanton". Be sure to note in the gift comments that it is for "**More for Mohr**". Thank you again for your contributions, which fund so many of our great programs here at Mohr!

Questions? Contact VP of Membership Kim Visscher at kimvi@comcast.net.

School Picture Day

SMILE! Lifetouch will be at our school **Wednesday, September 17** for classroom and individual pictures.



If you want to purchase pictures, please be sure to send an order form and with your payment to school with your student. Even if you are not purchasing any pictures, your child's picture will be taken for the yearbook and for identification purposes.

Mohr PTA Website

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!

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. 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 and on the Mohr PTA website (<http://www.mohrpta.org>). Please return the 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



The Fall Parent Potluck will be held on **Friday, September 26th**. What a wonderful way to connect with other Mohr parents and share a delicious lunch!

Please watch for details in an upcoming Wednesday packet. We are looking forward to having great participation this year with everyone sharing a part of their culture with our Mohr friends.

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

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

ROOM PARENT MEETING

A Room Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 from 8:30-9:00am in the Multi-Purpose Room. If you have signed up to be 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.

WALK-THROUGH REGISTRATION

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



Starting with the Mohr Staff: **Robin Sehrt, Sue Lyon, Karen Vifian, Pamela Boggs** and **all teachers and specialists** for tirelessly working the school registration tables. Thanks also to **Joe Robles** and **Lucy Garcia** for setting up and cleaning up afterward.

To **Laurie Yoon-Park, Jessica Tao, Clavel Tambunting, Jennifer Wilner, Yani Xie, Ning Zhang, Christine Cho, Beth Limesand**, and all the students who helped in putting the registration packets together.

To **Laurie Yoon-Park, Kim Visscher, Clavel Tambunting, Jessica Tao, Doris Lem, Laura Ashizawa, Eliza Lum, Brad Wong, Virginia Hwang, Beth Limesand, Laura Murdock, Wendy Cavanaugh, Elaine Panwar, Linda Johnson, Valerie Arkin, Jennifer Wilner, Kit Voit, Ning Zhang, Stephanie Pang and Kati Higgins** for working at the stations and keeping things smoothly sailing.

To **Laurie Yoon-Park and Kati Higgins**, thanks for providing scrumptious food to the volunteers and helping all day.

To all the Mohr parents, for their patience when the lines got long, the stations seemed to stretch out forever, and for stopping at the PTA Membership table and letting us chat with you about the benefits of PTA membership and our More for Mohr program.

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

Health and Wellness – Jump Start Your Child’s Day with a Healthy Breakfast



It’s hard to believe that the lazy days of summer have come to an end. We are now busy juggling hectic work schedules, school schedules, after school schedules, homework, etc. Who has time to think about a healthy breakfast right? It’s hard enough just getting our children out of bed in the morning, dressed and out the door to make it to school on time.

Is good nutrition really that important for good learning? In a word yes! Research shows that children who regularly eat a healthy breakfast have better test scores, pay better attention during class and have more energy to participate in physical activities on the playground and in physical education classes and tend to eat healthier overall.

What makes a healthy breakfast:

- Grains (wheat or whole-grain breads and cereals)
- Protein (meats, beans, eggs and nuts)
- Fruits and vegetables
- Milk, cheese, cottage cheese and yogurt

Healthy breakfast ideas:

- Eggs (any style)
- Wheat or whole-grain waffles or pancakes
- Whole-grain cereal and milk
- Hot cereal, such as oatmeal or cream of wheat (add some fruit, nuts or granola on top)
- Whole-grain toast, bagel or English muffin with cheese
- Yogurt with fruit, nuts or granola
- Fruit smoothie
- Cottage cheese mixed with apple butter or fruit
- Fruit and cream cheese sandwich
- Peanut butter and jelly sandwich (on whole grain bread)

Try to avoid giving your child sugary breakfast cereals, pastries and doughnuts. They may satisfy your child’s hunger for awhile, but it will not sustain them for very long. Also remember to provide your child with a healthy snack. Even when they have a solid, healthy breakfast they still need a snack in the morning.

Power your child’s learning with a healthy breakfast!!

Information gathered from 1) Kids Health-Ready, Set, Breakfast! www.kidshealth.org 2) Good foods for Better Learning www.about.com (Nutrition.) More info can be found on the United States Department of Agriculture’s website www.mypyramid.gov This website contains a vast amount of information for children and adults. There is also a fun, interactive game that children can play.

Beth Gallagher, Health and Wellness Chair

Scrip News

**MOHR PTA SCRIP COMMITTEE
WELCOMES YOU
TO THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL
YEAR**

**Participating in the Scrip Program can
raise more than \$10,000 for Mohr
Elementary this school year!
It’s FREE! It’s EASY!**

If you have not registered yet...

- ✓ Register your Safeway club card, credit and/or debit cards online at www.escrip.com
- ✓ Register your Target VISA card on www.target.com, go to “Take Charge of Education”, and designate Mohr as your school.
- ✓ Request for grocery cards from your Scrip Chair if you shop at Nob Hill or Lucky.

If you have already registered...

- ✓ **Make sure Mohr is the organization you are supporting via eScrip.** You can support up to 3 organizations. You can make the changes online at www.escrip.com.
- ✓ RENEW your escrip account so your contribution can continue to support Mohr. If you do not do so by November 1st, it will be renewed for you.
- ✓ Use your Quality of Life Card at Nob Hill. (Lucky’s SHARES cards are on the way.)

**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*

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 17th** and ends September 30th.

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!

Mohr Fun Fair

Come join Mohr families on **Friday, October 17th** 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 information in the Wednesday packet. The Mohr Fun Fair is proudly sponsored by Mohr PTA

PTA Members.....

- Are Connected with the Whole School
- Gain Valuable Experiences
- Help Make Positive School Changes
- Are Role Models for Their Child
- Have a Place to Exchange Ideas

Join Mohr PTA Today!

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 Kati and Joshua Higgins at 596-0363.

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 14th (cycle 1) and March 10th (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 21st, 2009.**

"Bon Appetit" A Grande Culinary Affaire –

October 11: 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!!

Amador Valley Adult & Parent Education Classes

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



- Baby Sign Language
- Building Positive Behavior in Difficult Teens
- Co-Parenting: Living Apart - Parenting Together
- Improving Your Child's Academic Performance with Brain Gym
- Financial Planning for Families with Special Needs Children
- Parenting Tools Tune-Up
- Stop Using Coercion and Do Something That Really Works
- Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior
- Parenting Tools for Positive Behavior Change

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.

Firehouse Fling

Pleasanton Cultural Arts Foundation is sponsoring the "Firehouse Fling: An Old Fashioned Family Fun Day" on **September 14, 2008** being held near the site of the new Firehouse Arts Center at Wayside Park in downtown Pleasanton.



The event will feature lively fun for the whole family including carnival games, pony rides, hula hoop and pie eating contests, sack races, a cake walk, petting zoo, arts and crafts and live entertainment. A BBQ lunch and other goodies will also be available. Activities will run from 11AM to 3PM. Proceeds will benefit the Firehouse Arts Center Capital Campaign to support development of the center.

Visit <http://pleasantonartsfoundation.org:80/events.html> for more information.

Pleasanton is a Community of Character

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

"It is not only for what we do that we are held responsible, but also for what we do not do."

-- John Baptiste Molière