



news and events

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Principal's Message

We have had a fantastic opening for another great year at Mohr. The month of September has been so successful for all of us—especially our children. It is easy to see when you visit our campus that the children are happy and smiling and the learning is flourishing. There is a great deal of “Eagle Pride” everywhere which creates an environment where everyone achieves. The purpose of school is to give our children the best education possible so they can do their best today and be prepared for the future. It is clear to our students that doing their best and participating to their fullest is of great importance in their learning.

Here at Mohr we feel that character education is a core part of our program. Our staff works diligently to make our school a community of learners. A community where we value respect and honor each individual as an important part of our community. Our TRIBES program has been successful because we work together, home and school, to develop the growing minds of our students, both academically and socially.

To build on this successful program, we are looking at the 40 Developmental Assets. These assets, internal and external, attribute to a child's success in life. Our staff will be exploring this research-based program to find ways to correlate our work with TRIBES and the Developmental Assets.

For the months of September and October our focus will be on the character trait of Responsibility. We kicked off this character trait during our first flag salute. We have also incorporated manners into our responsibility month. Last year we added this to our character education program and found it to be very successful. The students were excited about sharing their manners throughout the day! Using the simple words of *Please, Thank you, May I, and Excuse Me*, made an impact on students' interactions on our campus. We look forward to continuing this focus throughout the year.

-Robin Sehrt, Principal

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The Mohr Walking Club Is Back!



Last year 52 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 3rd. 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 walking the hiking trails of all three of America's major mountain ranges, a total of 9,017 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 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 3rd, at 3:00 PM. Thanks!

Mr. Maz

Please Never Smoke

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. All visitors and volunteers must wear a badge for any purpose that puts them 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.

Set Clocks Back on November 2nd



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 2!

Important Dates

School Site Council Meeting	October 1
Family Science Night	October 1
Parent Communication Council, 9:00 – 10:30 am, Bernal Room, PUSD	October 2
Walk to School Day	October 10
PPIE Student Grants Application Deadline	October 14
FAME (Fine Arts Mini Experience) Presentations	October 16&23
Book Fair – Teacher Preview 11:30-12:45pm	October 17
Mohr Fun Fair	October 17
PTA Executive Board meeting, 12:30pm in 11B	October 20
Family Lunch Day	October 21
Fall Book Fair	October 20-23
Red Ribbon Week	October 20-24
Book Fair Family Shopping Night 6-8 pm	October 21
Multicultural & Heritage Event Planning mtg. 8:15am MPR	October 24
Eagle Express Articles Due	October 27
PTA Meeting, 7 pm Social, 7:30 pm Business	October 28
Halloween Parade, 8:30am Minimum Day – Teacher Work Day in Afternoon. All Kindergartens attend morning schedule: 8:10-11:30 am.	October 30
Reflections Deadline	October 30
NO SCHOOL – Staff Development Day	October 31
Daylight Savings Ends (Set clocks back one hour)	November 2
80 Mile Club Kick-Off	November 3

The next issue of the Eagle Express will be distributed November 5

Vice Principal's Corner

Now that we are over a month into the school year, the days and weeks seem to be speeding up. I hope the 2008-09 school year has gotten off to a great start for you and your family.

My name is Rich Gorton, and I am the new Assistant Principal at Mohr and Fairlands Elementary Schools. For the past thirteen years I have been in the Walnut Creek School District where I most recently served as an Instructional Coach at Indian Valley Elementary. Prior to that, I was the English Learner Coordinator for the district, and a teacher at Walnut Creek Intermediate. I have mentored three new teachers, and I also served as the summer school principal in 2006 and 2007.

Since coming to Mohr, I have been very impressed by the high level of professionalism demonstrated by the teaching and administrative staff. The teachers at Mohr are exceptional. They are strongly committed to meeting each child's academic and social needs.

Our goal as a staff is to continue improving our ability to promote and improve learning for all students. We are confident that we will accomplish our goal by analyzing student data, sharing ideas in collaboration, and always using teaching and class management strategies that best support engagement and learning.



I invite you as a parent to join us in our efforts to make Mohr the best school that it can be. Two ways that you can make a difference are by becoming involved in the PTA and volunteering time in your child's classroom. Also keep in mind that children thrive on praise and affection. The encouragement and support you provide for your child to learn, grow, and always do his or her very best is one of the greatest gifts you can give.

Please feel free to introduce yourself to me if we have not met, and by all means contact me at 426-4256 ext. 2152 if I can answer any questions for you. I look forward to sharing a wonderful school year with you at Mohr.

-- *Richard Gorton, Vice Principal*

HALLOWEEN PARADE PLANNED



As October 31 is a non-student, staff development day, the traditional Halloween parade will take place on **Thursday, October 30** at 8:30 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. Children should not wear costumes requiring extensive changing of clothing. Please provide bags for storing costumes after the parade and transporting them home.

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 **AM Kindergarten schedule** (8:10-11:30.) Grades 1-5 will be on the **Minimum Day Schedule** (8:15-12:30.)

The Mohr Elementary Multicultural & Heritage Event Needs You!

Come and help us plan the 8th Annual Multicultural/Heritage Event at Mohr to be held March 18-20, 2009. Here is the schedule for the year. All meetings begin at 8:15 in the Library: Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 6, Feb. 20, and Mar.



6. This year's theme: "Historical Faces and Places from Around the World"

Attention: We need people who can teach a cultural dance or a short skit for the Multicultural Performance. Please contact **Hetal Giaimo** at hgiaimo@yahoo.com for details or come to our meeting.

Questions: Please contact **Elaine Marchant Panwar** at: Elaine@panwar.name or 734-8428.

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

Child Nutrition Services News



October 21 features our **Family Lunch Day**. Formerly called "Bring Your Parent To Lunch" Day, we invite parents of students in grades 1 - 3 to join their kids for lunch. Child Nutrition Services will provide a free lunch to one adult per student as part of the fun.

Lunch price-\$3.00 Students will have up 5 entrée choices from which to choose from including vegetarian entrees. Included in the price of the meal is milk, 100% juice, fruit and unlimited salad bar. Milk choices include 1% and fat free white milk, fat free chocolate milk, organic and organic soy. Water is also available for purchase.

Parents may pay for lunch by sending money with child, online at www.Nutrikids.com or by submitting a check in the school office with student name and I.D number. The Child Nutrition Services food team would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the meal program with you and may be reached at 426-4417.

Harvest of the Month - Apples and Kiwi - CNS features samples every Wednesday at your Rainbow Depot salad bar. Teachers, parents and students can go to www.harvestofthemonth.com for recipes, nutritional information, classroom lesson ideas, posters and more.

Organic Produce - Organic produce is featured regularly as pricing permits. Our produce company "Daylight Foods" lets us know when seasonal organics are available at reasonable prices and we order accordingly. During September we featured organic salad mix. Call us for current available selections.

Website being updated - By the end of October parents will be able to access nutritional data and ingredients lists for every food item through our web site.

Extras... - There are more food choices available to students daily. Every day students have up 5 choices of entrees. Our monthly menu includes vegetarian and gluten free options on various days and organic and soy milk is available daily as well. Zangle now features lunch ordering capabilities for teachers too! Check it out!!!

News from the Science Lab



List of Needs – used and in good shape is fine for most of these: Old towels, paper towels, Kleenex, terrarium with cover at least 12"x 40"x12", 3 ring binders in good shape 1"-3" sizes, 2 strong staplers, heavy duty pencil sharpeners, craft supplies - pipe cleaners, craft sticks, felt, hot glue stick (round/oval - low temp), glitter, google eyes, small pompoms, fabric scraps and such (we recycle most everything), magazines (to be used for cutting out pictures) nature/garden types work well, science type books, used or new terra cotta pots (all sizes), soil seeds, small paint brushes, vinyl table cloths, colored tissue paper (new), all colors craft paint (must be water based), clear finish spray paint (will not be used by the children.) Many of these items will be used by the "Eco-Science Club." Thanks so much for any help you can give by donating materials....we appreciate your generosity

"Critter Club" starts again. Any interested 4th and 5th grade students are invited to join this group of students interested in learning about and caring for our lab animals. All but one have been rescued and thrive with the care and attention of children. The club meets on Tues and Thurs at lunch recess. This club is for true critter lovers.....

"Eco-Science Club"- we hope this group will grow in numbers this year. We will be planning and doing activities on campus and in the community such as Earth Day and Pleasanton E-Faire and Mohr's Science Faire Booth. The group's focus will be healthy eco-friendly activities including the 4 R's in creative and fun ways. The club is open to any 4th and 5th grade students but some activities will be shared with the whole student body. Meetings will be announced starting in November.

CFL Bulb Sales - due to the generosity of PG&E NEED program and PEAK (energy coalition) we have a large stock of CFL s to use as fundraisers. This money will benefit the Eco-Science Club activities on campus, Earth Day and more. We need a parent volunteer to help coordinate the sales. IF you can help please contact **Ms. Conley** (mconley@pleasanton.k12.ca.us) or leave a note.

Thanks for getting the signed Safety contract in. IF you have not done so please return it to your child's classroom teacher.

5th Grade Leadership Club Update

The Leadership Club is a fully inclusive club open to all interested 5th graders. Meetings are held twice monthly during the lunchtime recess. The goal of the club is to empower our students with the necessary skills to evolve into caring and compassionate leaders.

Activities for the upcoming school year will include: **Flag Salutes, Spirit Days, Lunchtime Activities** and an



Earth Day Fair.

This year the club will be headed up by **Ms. Randes**, with assistance throughout the year from both **Mr. Ondi** and **Mrs. Kumar**.

We look forward to another great year of Leadership!

Ms. Linda Randes

PTA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wow! Has it already been over a month since school started? How wonderful it was 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! I'd like to point out that these fantastic ladies pulled off this incredibly successful event despite the fact that the school freezer used for the ice cream in the past was replaced by a refrigerator over the summer! Great job!



Thank you so much to **Kathleen Knode-Spears** and her team of volunteers for organizing and serving a delicious *Staff Luncheon* to welcome back the teachers and staff.

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

September 24th 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 in November. 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!

The PTA sponsored *Fall Parent Potluck* was on September 26th. The deadline for this article was before this event, so at

the time of writing this, I am still eagerly anticipating it! What a wonderful opportunity for parents to share their cooking and have a great time. Thank you to **Joyce Hong**, **Eunjung Lee**, and **Jung Eum Kim** for organizing this community-bonding event.

Coming up:

Mohr Family Fun Fair will be on October 17th. Please join the festivities w/ games, food and fun! *Red Ribbon Week* will be held from October 20th to 24th with activities planned for our students and staff every day to remind us all to say no to drugs, alcohol and tobacco. The *Fall Book Fair* will be held from October 20th to 23rd. Please drop by the library and check out the many wonderful books. Our Book Fair is the only fundraiser that exclusively supports our 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 on October 28th**. We will have a special presentation given by **Jennifer Roush**, Foothill High School Counselor about the **40 Developmental Assets for Children** at 7pm, an amazing program you won't want to miss! It will be followed by our PTA meeting at 7:30.

everychild.onevoice.

-- **Beth Limesand, PTA President**

Your Membership Is Key



Every year our **PTA** brings programs and support for the students and the teachers, and hosts many events such as school assemblies, ice cream social and family fun fair. Needless to say, **YOUR** membership plays a key role in running our organization successfully. Please fill out a membership form and submit it in the front office with the membership fee of \$12. You will receive the membership card and the school directory as well as becoming a valued member of Mohr PTA. Please join us!

PTA Meeting Agenda



Did you ever wonder how items got on the PTA meeting agenda? Business items or announcements for the Executive Board agenda are given in writing to the President at least 24-hours before the Executive Board meeting. The Executive Board meets on the 3rd Monday each month.

Business items or announcements for the General Meeting agenda are given in writing to the President at least 14 days before the meeting. General PTA meetings occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month except for August and December.

Mohr Family Fun Fair!

Come join other Mohr families on 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.



Food Preorder forms are available in the office. Carnival tickets will be available for sale throughout the evening.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact **Kathleen Knode-Spears** at kathleen@knodespears.com or **Emily Corbishley** at ecorbishley@yahoo.com.

Fall Book Fair

Mohr PTA invites you to trek to our Fall Book Fair and "go on a fun safari for books"! The Book Fair will be here Monday, October 20th – Thursday, October 23rd in the library. Family shopping night will be on Tuesday, October 21st from 6-8pm. We hope to see you all there!



If you would like to volunteer for the Book Fair, please contact **Barbara Hickey** (blh6@comcast.net) or **Megin Markley** (Megin@aol.com).

State's Top Education Leaders Urge Everyone to Join the PTA



SACRAMENTO, CA- California's top education leaders, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell and Secretary of Education David Long, today called on parents, teachers, and administrators to join the PTA.

Proclaiming September and October "PTA Membership Months," Secretary Long said, "PTA support for children is critical for the future of California. I urge anyone in California who cares about children and our public schools to join the PTA. Superintendent O'Connell and I are both proud PTA members. Students truly benefit from the active involvement of caring adults and we want every school in California to have a strong PTA. **Join us-join PTA!**"

"Parent involvement through the PTA is critical for the success of our children," Superintendent O'Connell said. "PTA volunteers work in schools and communities to improve the education, health and welfare of all children and youth."

The California State PTA, with nearly one million volunteer members, has been instrumental in efforts to support small class size, bring arts and physical education back into our schools, and ban junk food at school.

PTA provides members with free resources and training to build leadership and parenting skills. It also provides programs on a wide range of topics, including student achievement, childhood nutrition, and prevention of violence and bullying, to increase parent awareness of issues affecting their children.

For more than a century, the PTA has been supporting and advocating for public schools, children and families under the motto "Every child, one voice." The PTA is non-profit, non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-commercial. For more information about how you can join PTA, go to www.capta.org, and click on "Join PTA."

The mission of the California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families by representing our members and empowering and supporting them with skills in advocacy, leadership and communications.

Friday Ice Cream Sales



Friday Ice Cream sales are back! Thanks to *Doris Lem* and *Laurie Yoon-Park* who launched my Ice Cream Chair career, and all the volunteers: *John Carroll, Sheri Sudra, Karlai Pelizzari, Laura Murdock, Kit Voit, Lyn Weist* and anyone I've overlooked! I you're interested in joining the team, email me at kimkoste@gmail.com.

Kimberly Koste, Friday Ice Cream Chair

Health and Wellness



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Dressing up, trick- or- treating with family and friends, fun and treats. These are all part of the Halloween tradition that children look forward to almost as much as their birthday! Here are some tips to keep in mind this year before you head out for an evening of pure, spooky joy!!

- Wear costumes that are bright, reflective and flame retardant.
- Avoid costumes that are too long, baggy or loose or oversized shoes (to prevent tripping).
- If using a mask make sure it fits properly or consider using face paint or makeup instead.
- Avoid wearing hats, wigs and scarves that are too large. They can slip into children's eyes and block their vision.
- If using costume knives, swords etc. make sure they are soft and flexible, not sharp or rigid.
- Supervise all children under the age of 12. If your children are old enough to trick-or-treat without an adult, tell them to stay in a group and designate a route before they begin and designate a return time.
- Trick -or- treat in areas where there are a lot of people around. Avoid taking short-cuts through parking lots and alleys.
- Visit homes that are well lit.
- Use flashlights or glow sticks and stay on sidewalks, avoid crossing yards.
- Follow all the regular rules for walking around. Cross streets at the corner, look both ways before crossing a street, use crosswalks and crossing lights and do not cross in the middle of the street.
- Tell your children to **NEVER** accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.
- Drivers: drive slowly, exit driveways carefully, and watch for children!
- Tell children not to accept--- and especially, not to eat--- anything that isn't commercially wrapped.
- To help prevent children from snacking while trick-or-treating, give them a snack or meal before they go out. Don't send them out on an empty stomach.
- Check your children's candy before they eat it. Throw out anything that is not in its original wrapper or looks like it has been tampered with.
- Remove any items that pose a choking hazard for young children.

Finally, make sure your children stay safe and have tons of ghostly, ghoulish fun!!!! **BOO!!**

Information gathered from 1) www.fda.gov/oc/apacom/kids/treats.html. 2) www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/100.html. 3) www.kaboose.com (Halloween) This website also contains games, printables and other Halloween ideas. 4) Safety on Halloween www.about.com.

Beth Gallagher, Health and Wellness Chair

eScrip News

October Reminders...

NOB HILL SHOPPERS:

If you have never picked up a Quality Life Card, they are now available in the office. Before using it at Nob Hill/Raley's, go online to activate the card. Then each time you shop there, make sure you show the cashier your card!

SAFeway SHOPPERS:

1. The Scrip Chair is in the process of registering new parents who want to support Mohr with their shopping at Safeway. Unfortunately, for those of you who did not have your Safeway Club card # on registration day will have to call Safeway directly to get your number you can be a registered shopper for Mohr. You may call Safeway at 1-877-723-3929.

2. If you are already registered, you may renew your Safeway Club card before Nov. 1st on www.escrip.com or the Scrip committee will renew for you.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO HELP MOHR RAISE MORE AT NO COST TO YOU!

✓ Register your Safeway club card, credit and/or debit cards if you have not done so yet. Go to 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 Tables)*

✓ Register your Target VISA card on 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

PTA Reflections 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 by October 3rd (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 photography, art, a music composition, literature, dance choreography or Film/video production that reflects the theme: "Wow..." 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** for getting a copy of the general and category rules. **The finished entries (artwork) are due by Thursday, October 30, 2008.**

For questions, Contact: Reflections Chair *Sucheta Patil* at 398-8089 or sucheta@comcast.net.

Red Ribbon Week Is Coming Soon! October 20th – October 24th

Let's celebrate the Mohr PTA sponsored Red Ribbon Week! We need to educate our children about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use.



Some of the activities will include signing and making a Drug Free Pledge ring chain, "SOCK it to Drugs" by wearing mismatched socks to school, and lots of other fun prizes and classroom activities (more details to follow in the weekly packets).

Statistics demonstrate that children whose parents talk to them on a regular basis about the dangers of drug use are 42% less likely to use drugs than those whose parents don't. Let's take this opportunity to remind our children about the healthy way to be...DRUG FREE!



Picture Day a Success!



We would like to thank all of the awesome volunteers who helped make picture day a success again this year. Thanks to **Deb Cardella, Valerie Arkin, Susan Lopez, Anurag Agarwal, Cathy Nielsen, Wendy Cavanagh, Judy Dash (Debajyoti), Heather Babati,** and **Arundhati Mitra-De.**

Volunteers combed hair, fixed collars, and helped the students to look just right when the time came to sit in front of the camera and say "cheese".

A special thanks to the teachers and staff too for all of their help and cooperation. We couldn't have done it without you.

Paula Bursley, Laura Murdock --Picture Day Co-chairs

Supply Kits



Mohr PTA and the teachers would like to thank every student who purchased a supply kit from us this year. The teachers really appreciate this program knowing that supplies for their students will be in the classrooms on the first day of school. We were very successful in that we sold out of kits at registration! Special thanks to **Sue Lyon and Karen Vifian** for helping to collect the orders that were turned into the office. Thanks for supporting Mohr PTA!

Brad and Joyce Wong – Supply Kit Coordinators

We All Scream For Ice Cream!



Wow! What a turn out for the Ice Cream Social! We hope everyone had a great time building 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 we apologize if we have 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 Garcia** and **Francisco Flores** for their hard work! We appreciate all of our **Mohr Teachers** that participated; **Mrs. Butler, Ms. Leavens, Mrs. Reding, Mrs. Routh, Mrs. Gibson,** and **Mrs. Sjadahl.**

We had amazing parent volunteers this year! You all made the event run so smoothly! Here is the list of Awesome Volunteers: **Laura Yozzo, Kimberly & John Koste, Hong Liang, Deb Cardella, Pooja Jagasia, Linda Johnson, Sarah Riordan, Doris and Matthew Lem, Deirdre Carrick, Wendy Cavanaugh, Usha Shukla, Cindy Vance, Megin Markley, Laurie Park, Jen Wilner, Barbara Hickey, Kathleen Spears, Cheryl Lawer, Hetal Giaino, Lisa Grozier, Kim Ketell, Jacquie Burke** and **Yvonne Lysakowski.**

I would like to say a special thank you to **Susan Marceno** who went above and beyond to help us with this year's event. Thank you for being the Ice Cream Taxi!

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

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 27th, 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.

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 _____

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 14th**.

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 Appétit" Toasts & Tastes of Fall - October 11th!!

Tickets now on sale for "Bon Appétit - Toasts & Tastes of Fall." This festive cocktail party will feature fifteen groups, each consisting of a corporate/community sponsor, a school principal, and a local Bay Area Chef partnered to form culinary teams. **Principal Robin Sehart** will be on hand representing Mohr.

Each team will be offering their signature culinary sample. The evening also offers exquisite paired wines, martini bar, live entertainment, silent and live auctions. There will be a cash prize awarded to the Parent Club at the school site that sells the most tickets!

To purchase tickets (\$60 each) please contact **Terry Messick** (PPIE Ambassador for Mohr Elementary School) terrymessick@yahoo.com, visit www.ppie.org, contact the PPIE office at (925) 846-5620 or mail@ppie.org. Proceeds will assist in funding programs PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the Pleasanton Unified School District. Last year, Bon Appétit raised over \$80,000 for our schools!

Pleasanton Library Presents

Dave at Night, based upon the book by Gail Carson Levine. Monday October 13, 7PM. Suitable for kids in grade four and older.



Word for Word is a professional theatre company that stages short stories, performing every word the author has written. Its goals are to excite people about the written word, to inspire them to read more, to create new audiences for the theatre, and to share the world's diverse cultures and stories.

This event is free and open to all, presented as part of the Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment of the Arts in partnership with the instituted of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, and made possible with funds from the Friends of the Pleasanton Library.

Parent Education

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

- 1,2,3 Magic: Discipline for Children Ages 3-9
- Breaking Down Barriers: Teens & Adults Coping Together
- Building the 40 Assets: What Parents Can Do
- College Admissions: CSU Application Workshop.
- College Admissions: UC Application Workshop
- College Admissions: Senior College Night
- Focus on Teens: Communicating With Your Adolescent
- Is Your Child Safe in Cyberspace?
- Mothers and Daughters: Bridging the Generation Gap
- Parenting Your Aging Parent
- Parents' Survival Seminar
- Propel Your Child to Reading Success
- So, This is Normal Too...Handling Challenging Toddler & Preschooler Behaviors
- Take Back the Night! Slaying the Homework Dragon
- The "Strong-Willed" Child
- They Grow Up So Fast! Effective Discipline with Your Pre-Teen (8-12)



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