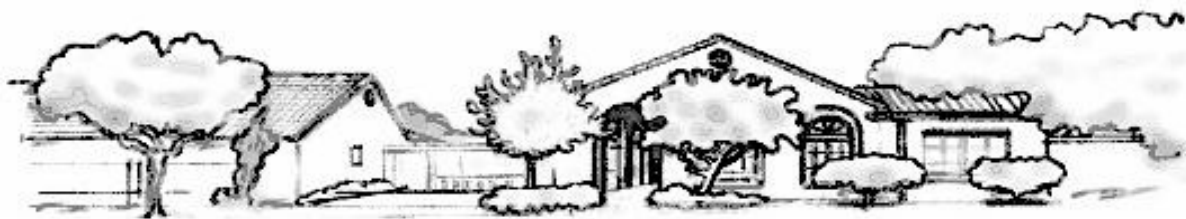


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Calendar

EVERY WEDNESDAY:
1:15 PM Dismissal,
Grades K-5

Wednesday, September 2
Back to School Night:
6:00 to 6:45 p.m. grades 3 to 5
6:50 to 7:10 p.m. general meeting
7:15 to 8:00 p.m. grades K to 2

Thursday, September 3
PTA meeting
8:30 a.m. Executive meeting;
9:30 a.m. General meeting
at Addison Kids Club

Monday, September 7
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day

Wednesday, September 9
No Homework Night

September 8 to 18
Gift Wrap Sales (see story below)

Monday, September 14

Principal Moment...

With a week under our collective belts, things are well underway. Thanks for all you've done as volunteers and parents to ensure a smooth transition into this school year--with your children, with us individually and us as a community. For those new to our Addison community, I hope you'll retain these early memories and experiences and, in remembering, find ways to build upon these structures for the benefit of those who follow behind us.



Wednesday evening we host our annual **Back to School Night**. This parents-only evening is your first (and a critical) opportunity to get an overview of the school year, the multiple ways in which your child will be challenged and supported, and the diverse ways through which you can support their educational experience. Parents of students in grades 3-5 will meet from 6:00-6:45 p.m. A school-wide PTA meeting will be held in the courtyard from 6:50-7:10 and parents of primary students will meet with their child's teacher from 7:15-8:00. Please be prompt to minimize interruptions to this classroom presentation. For topics specific to your child or family, please schedule a separate conference with your teacher. Thanks so much.

Thursday morning, our PTA holds its first meeting of the year. Hosted by Dara Knoblock and Jeanese Snyder, our PTA co-presidents, this meeting will include the approval of the 2009-2010 budget, and updates for our fall events including our Gift Wrap sales, the Book Fair, Hoedown and the Silent Auction. Please consider joining us as we discuss these plans and others that support our community and children.

This year, along with all other district schools, we will be adhering closely to the district's established protocol for sick children, while implementing new and county-recommended strategies. Designed to address concerns around the H1N1 virus, and the increasingly complex health needs of our children, please attend to the following

Class Photo Day

Tuesday, September 15
Individual Photo Day

Tuesday, September 15
Addison 101
7 to 9 p.m. Library or MP Room

September 29 to October 2
Fall Book Sale

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PTA Information

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Want to publish an article or event in our newsletter? Send a short write-up to advisor@addison.addison.pausd.org before noon on Wednesday for publication the following Monday.

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basic, but critical protocol:

- * As usual, children must be fever-free without the benefit of medicine, for 24 hours before returning to school.
- * Hand-washing throughout the day must be frequent and thorough.
- * "Elbow sneezing" (also known as "dracula sneezing") should be used to minimize unintentional contamination.
- * If your child is running a fever or exhibiting other flu-like symptoms, be prompt when picking him/her up from the school office.
- * Please do not administer over-the-counter medications to mask symptoms.

Our first fundraiser of the year, the Innisbrook Gift Wrap drive is an excellent opportunity to stock up on gift wrap and small gifts for those special occasions throughout the year. As our PTA receives 50% of all sales, this is an easy, yet significant source of revenue for the many site-based expenditures to which the PTA commits. Please look elsewhere in this newsletter for more information.

And finally, in previous communications about Partners in Education (Pie) I neglected to mention Martha Chamberlain who, as a continuing site representative, brings a valuable history and vision of how PiE supports the Addison community. Thank you to Martha...and to each of you for how you support our children and this community.

John R. Lents, Principal

PTA Corner

Welcome back! We have some incredibly exciting things happening on campus:

Noon Yoga - a new noon activity offered bi-monthly to complement the other noon offerings including noon chorus, noon art and noon science.

Combined Student Directory/School Handbook - This new reference will save paper and put all the information you need in one place. This new reference is scheduled to be available by September 30. In the interim, please use the school's website for any information you may need at <http://www.addison.pausd.org/>.

Children's Theatre Outreach - The Children's Theatre is coming to Addison, looking for budding actors in grades 3-5. Tryouts are in January 2010 and the production at Addison is in February. This program brings great theatre to our children and helps develop their appreciation of the arts.

As you will see, a few key dates are coming up quickly:

Back to School Night - Wed, September 2nd (6-8pm)

This is a parents-only event that will provide a glimpse into your child's classroom and an introduction to his/her teacher. It will be a great opportunity to hear about upcoming events,

new programs and fundraising goals.

Addison 101 - Tuesday, Sept. 15th (7-9pm)

This is a great opportunity for new families at Addison to meet the PTA and get on the 'inside track' about things going on at the campus for you and your children.

Addison's Auction - Saturday, October 24th

Don't miss this fun night. It's a rockin' party that just happens to afford you the opportunity to mix and mingle with new and old friends. It is also Addison's largest fundraising event in support of all the PTA programs we underwrite such as staff development, field trips, environmental volunteers, math and science night and SO much more.

We are looking forward to an academically enriching year, complemented by memorable experiences, activities and programs for our children.

Dara Knoblock and Jeanese Snyder, PTA Co-Presidents

Arches of Addison Appreciation

A big Addison thanks goes out to the following volunteers who worked long and hard over the summer to make our back to school reunion a big success:

Susan Diaz/Claudia Truesdell - for putting together the Kinder Picnic and incoming Kinder play groups that welcomed so many new families into the Addison community.

Tim Flagg - Gracias and welcome back. Thanks for getting our web site up-to-speed quickly and effortlessly.

Kit Gibbs - for training our new lice check volunteers and organizing the first lice check of the school year.

Christina Hall and Kathleen Hartnett - for putting together a top-notch list of providers for after school enrichment programs such as Chess, Spanish, Math, Art and so much more...

Gary Hornbeek - for putting in all those long accounting hours during the summer to close the books, prepare the 09/10 budget and pay our bills.

Elizabeth Moragne -VP of Events for organizing the Back to School Coffee.

Vidya Rajagopalan and Victoria Thorp - for putting together a new, combined handbook/directory. This will save an enormous amount of paper while making efficient use of reference materials.

Corrie Sid and Marina Zago - for so valiantly stepping up to co-chair the Addison Auction again.

Victoria Thorp - VP of Communication. Thanks for getting the Back to School packets put together so efficiently and effortlessly.

Sondra Zenger - for continuing her vital role of VP of Outreach and ensuring the well being of the Addison community.

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the stuffing of the PTA packets prior to school starting. These volunteers include: Su Bermingham, Rosemary Busher, Tara Feldmeier, Mary



Lynn Fitton, Kathy Hopple, Nirmy Kang, Lisa Voge-Levin, Victoria Thorp, Brandi Walters and Kisa Young.

A big thank you also to all the volunteers that helped at the Back to School Classroom Assignment and PTA Packet distribution. These volunteers include: Janis Bajor, Rachel Cox, Teresa Flagg, Mary Lynn Fitton, Linda Fletcher, Kit Gibbs, Anne Harrison, Jim Migdal, Vidya Rajagopalan, Corrie Sid, Victoria Thorp, Kelli Tomlinson, Katherine Verwillow, Cecilia Willer, Kathy Woods Marina Zago and Sondra Zenger.

Finally, thank you to all of the volunteers who have taken on new roles, as well as those who have decided to continue in their volunteer roles on the PTA for the 2009/2010 school year.

Gift Wrap Drive

Our Innisbrook fundraiser runs from September 8th to 18th and we need your help to raise \$15,000 (of which, Addison gets \$7,500) for Math Night, Science Night, Field Trips, Environmental Volunteers and so much more.

One look at this year's catalog and you'll agree that Innisbrook has made it easier and more rewarding than ever to place an order. Wait until you see what they've added this year! Wrapping paper... gifts ... cookies ... pies (OK, not en par with Mr. Lent's but a close 2nd for sure) ... magazines ... chocolate Easter goodies ... party favors ... cooking supplies and so much more!!

Catalogs will be found in your child's weekly envelope on September 8th.

While Innisbrook's quality continues to be exceptional, you'll be thrilled to know they've deepened their commitment to our environment:

- All ink is 100% water-based
- Cardboard tubing for the gift wraps have been eliminated
- Their suppliers are local and adhere to environmental initiatives
- All catalogs, boxes, order forms and envelopes use recycled paper

To really be green and save thousands of trees, Innisbrook is not only 100% paperless but they're making it fun for our kids to input the orders! They've hired an award-winning company to create a "Club Penguin"-like interactive game which introduces kids to lots of on-line adventures.

Next week's Advisor will provide more details! You'll learn more about the game, will be introduced to Max the Monkey, and will find out how YOU can win cash prizes and even a Mercedes Smart Car!

Best of all is that Addison gets 50% of each dollar we spend with Innisbrook. Welcome back to school, everyone, and please hold off on your shopping sprees until September 8th!

Noon Chorus

Addison Noon Chorus...all 1st through 5th graders are welcome to join us for Addison Noon Chorus beginning Wednesday, September 2 at lunch in the MP room. This is a fantastic activity much enjoyed by the children, so please remind your child we are starting soon! We practice Wednesdays at lunch, and will hold the winter concert on December 16. We can't wait to see your kids this week! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tara



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Back-to-School eScrip Update!

A big thank you to all the families who have signed up to support the Addison PTA through eScrip. If you haven't signed up yet, eScrip is a great way to contribute to the Addison PTA. Simply enroll at www.escrip.com with Addison's Group ID #125315459 by entering the Safeway Club Card number, credit cards and debit cards you use when shopping. When you shop at a participating eScrip merchant, a percentage of your purchase is automatically donated to the Addison PTA. There's nothing new to buy and all you have to do is sign up once!

The Safeway 10% Back to Schools promotion runs through September 15th. Safeway will donate 10% of the purchase price of participating products to our group. Look for the school bus tags on the shelves at Safeway stores for participating products. When you use the Safeway Club Card you've registered with eScrip, your purchases are automatically tracked and Addison will receive credit. Please contact Melissa Hopkins with any questions about eScrip or the Back to Schools promotion at moplehopkins@yahoo.com.

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