



Addison eAdvisor

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Calendar

**EVERY WEDNESDAY:
1:15 pm Dismissal,
Grades 1-5**

Month of September
daily Kinder dismissal
12:00 noon

Tuesday, September 29
Book Fair begins

Friday, October 2
5:30 pm Addison Hoedown
Book Fair Ends
Auction Donations due

October 5 to 9
Walk & Bike to School Week

Wednesday, October 7
Kinders: first late Wednesday
1:15 pm dismissal

Thursday, October 8
PTA meeting
8:30 to 10:30 am

Wednesday, October 14

Principal Moment...

For a short week, there's a lot happening that should engage both you and your children.



The traditional Addison Fall Book Fair begins Tuesday after lunch in the MP room and is open for the rest of the week. The fair is a partnership with Kepler's Bookstore in Menlo Park and thus supports our local businesses and draws on the skills of their well-trained and literate staff to provide students with immediate access to an outstanding selection of children's literature. I encourage you to find some time to browse the fair, to supplement your home library, and to thank Elizabeth Moragne, Lisa Voge-Levin, Beth Keller and their crew of volunteers for the countless hours of planning, organization, staffing and enthusiasm that are required to bring this event to you. They have done a magnificent job. Thank you on behalf of all of us.

Wednesday evening the school district has arranged to bring the authors of Everyday Mathematics, our new district math curriculum, to town for a community meeting. Scheduled from 7:00-8:30 at Spangenberg Auditorium, this is a great opportunity to gain a better understanding of the philosophy, research and design behind this curriculum. I invite you to attend this presentation and dialogue session.

The Hoedown scheduled for this Friday represents our first family community event of the year. An Addison tradition for many, many years, this is a wonderful opportunity to renew old friendships, make new acquaintances, and get to know our broader community over a delectable barbeque dinner or picnic dinner of your own choosing. Enjoy

Birthday book club
1:15 to 1:45 pm

Saturday, October 24

6:30 pm Addison Auction
Lucie Stern Community Center

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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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dancing with our children, browsing the book fair, or just chatting and watching the festivities.

Because it darkens during dinner and nightfall is complete before the Hoedown ends, and because not all corners of the campus are well lit, please dress your children in lighter colored clothing, and identify where you can be found throughout the evening. Your supervision will certainly make this a more enjoyable and secure evening for everyone. Thank you.

During the next month, many of our teachers will be absent for a day, or perhaps several days, over a period of weeks. Their absences are not taken lightly by them, but rather reflect an array of professional development opportunities offered by the site and/or required by the district. Designed to monitor and to further their effective implementation of Everyday Math, to attend conferences focusing on autism and gifted education, or to give me an opportunity to discuss your children individually with each teacher, these absences help create a rich fabric of understanding and skills that can only benefit our students. Please don't hesitate to talk with either me, or your child's teacher, if you have further questions about these absences.

It's hard to believe we're already into the second month of school. Thank you for getting us off to such a strong start.

John Lents, Principal

Sign Up for the e-Advisor

We are phasing out paper distribution of the Addison Advisor soon. Please get on the distribution list for the electronic version by going to the Addison website, www.addison.pausd.org, and entering your email address. It's quick and easy, and it's the best way for you to stay informed about everything happening at Addison this year. Addison never sells or shares parent emails with any outside parties so your privacy is protected. For questions, contact Victoria Thorp.

PTA Co-President's Corner

Membership has its privileges...PTA membership, that is. We want you to become a member of the Addison PTA. The PTA Executive Board and slate of volunteers are committed to supporting Addison in its entirety, throughout the school year. This board is nominated annually in the spring for the upcoming school year. The board can't effect change alone. We

need a general membership body that 'puts wings' to our programs. The general membership body is made up of all parents and caregivers that are active in volunteering or just want to support those that are active in volunteering.

Membership entitles you to:

Voting privileges

- Annual PTA Budget - how it is allocated
- Community initiatives - have a voice in initiatives we support such as the 2011 Parcel tax renewal
- Board Members for 2010/2011 - have a say in the nominating process of the 2010/2011 board

Collaborate - Help make a difference at Addison by helping us shape our community through the following areas:

- Student Enrichment Programs
- Family Community Building Events
- Student Character Building Programs - Life Skills
- Parent Education
- Fundraising for Addison

The PTA can only truly work for our children if programs and projects reflect and encourage the broadest representation of our population. Even if you can't commit time, your membership adds volume to our voice and supports the members who are active. Please fill out the flyer attached to the print version of this Advisor and join the PTA today. Or follow this link to the Addison web site http://www.addison.pausd.org/pta_join to print a copy of the membership form.

Thanks so much,

Dara and Jeanese
Addison PTA Co-Presidents

Addison Book Fair Has Opened

Please stop by the book fair before, during, or after school anytime this week. There is a wonderful selection of books and Kepler's employees will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about books for yourself or your children.

Once again, teachers will be filling baskets with some books that they would love to have added to their classroom collection. Anytime during the book fair, you may choose a book from your child's teacher's basket, purchase it, and then have you or your child deliver it to the teacher.

NEW THIS YEAR

On Friday morning right after drop off, we will be hosting a book group coffee. Enjoy some refreshments while learning about some new fiction and non-fiction titles that might be of interest to your own book group. Any orders for books can be taken as well.

Your Book Fair Chairs,

Beth Keller
Elizabeth Moragne
Lisa Voge-Levin

Arches of Addison Appreciation

We wanted to thank the army of volunteers that helped make the start of this school year go so smoothly. Each and every one of you help to create a dynamic campus where our children can grow, learn and have fun. Thank you for all that you do at Addison.



Sarah Cane and Florrie Forest - Our Noon Chorus singers thank you from the "bottom of their diaphragms"

Angela Chen - Thanks for your management of our new and continuing PTA memberships

Mary Lynn Fitton and Angie DeGeronimo - Thank you for kicking off Addison's first Noon yoga experience. A lot of planning went into this venture and it was received so well that there was CRO (Cobra Room Only)

Christina Hall and Kathleen Hartnett - Thanks for hosting our after school enrichment program "Drop-in Open House", featuring all our providers

Anne Harrison - Thanks for your enthusiasm and effort to get new families connected with the New Family Buddy program

Kathy Hopple - Thanks for kicking off the first Birthday Book Club of the school year

Yeshi Lama - Thanks for your work every week to ensure the yellow envelopes get into the hands of our parent community

Susie Miller, Claudia Truesdale and Victoria Thorp - Thanks for organizing the 2nd grade coffee

Beatriz Pastor - Thanks for translating our documents into Spanish to make Addison a more inclusive community

Corrie Sid and Marina Zago - Thanks for your unwavering efforts each week to plan, create, and orchestrate our largest fundraiser, the Addison Auction. Arrrgh, you Scurvy Dogs

Olenka Villareal - Thanks for making the Gift Wrap fundraiser such an easy and fun experience

Eric Verwillow - Thanks for your "behind the scenes" work in managing our electronic

database system so we can communicate with each other

Kisa Young - Thanks for the work you do in organizing our volunteer database

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