



Addison eAdvisor

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Principal Moment...

Last week I briefly outlined the financial challenges facing the district and the process by which we would begin making budgetary reductions. Following this was an additional article from our PTA presidents about the upcoming renewal of the parcel tax and its importance to our district budget. This week I want to focus on two site-based fund-raising efforts that can help our Addison community weather this financial challenge.



eScrip is a fund-raiser that requires nothing more than a connection to your debit, credit or Safeway card. When connected to the eScrip system, purchases made with your card at a variety of stores will result in an automatic return of 3-5% of the purchase amount to the school. Other schools in the district have relied upon eScrip to provide up to \$15,000 of their fund-raising revenue; at Addison our benefit has been in the \$5,000 range. Realizing this is a minimally utilized fund-raiser, we've organized an eScrip Sign-Up Day this Wednesday, November 4. Melissa Hopkins (our eScrip coordinator), and her volunteers will be located around campus with laptops 'cued' to establish the connection with your Safeway, debit or credit cards. Please take the 5-10 minutes it will require to complete this process. Should you have concerns about the security of your cards, please ask Melissa or her team to address these questions and concerns.

Last year 68% of Addison families made a contribution to Partners in Education (PIE), our Palo Alto-based education foundation. We are looking to match, if not exceed, this participation rate. Any contributions made between November 2 and November 18 will be doubled up to a

Calendar

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

Monday, November 2
Begin kinder extended days
See teachers for details

Wednesday, November 4
eScrip Sign Up Day
at pickup and dropoff

Wednesday, November 4
Mix It Up at Lunch
11:50 Lunchtime

Wednesday, November 4
Birthday Book Club
After school, the Library

Thursday, November 5
Site Council Meeting, Library
3:30-5:30 pm

Thursday, November 5
PTA Meeting, Library
7-9:00 pm

Wednesday, November 11

Veteran's Day
-NO SCHOOL-

Thursday, November 12

No Homework Night

Friday, November 13

PTA Parent Coffee
8:15 am to 9:30 am

Wednesday, November 18

Family Science Night
6:30 to 8:00 pm, MP Room

November 25 to 27

NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Holiday

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total of \$150,000 thanks to a community-funded challenge grant. While the per student 'ask' is \$650, any amount: \$25, \$100 or \$250 or the full 'ask' is critical to helping us maintain the staffing and programs that have become an integral part of our Addison school experience. PiE Donation Days are scheduled at Addison from November 12-14. Although donations for the 2010-2011 school year can be made through February 2010, I strongly encourage you to make your donation during these next three weeks, or during our Addison specific donation days in order to have your money doubled. Should you have any questions please contact any of our PiE representatives: Abbie Dorosin, Martha Chamberlin, Meredith Ackley or Christina Hall.

The Addison Site Council meets this Thursday, from 3:30-5:30 in the Addison Library. The primary focus of the meeting this month will be to prioritize the options generated by site and district leadership to address the district's budgetary shortfall. Open to all members of the community, I invite you to participate in this discussion, helping to ensure that all our voices are heard.

Thank you for helping to create a really fun evening at our Addison Auction. Let's do it again next year.

John Lents, Principal

PTA Co-President's Corner

Keeping it short and sweet (still thinking of all that Halloween candy):

The "sign up for eScrip" event is THIS Wednesday, November 4 at drop off and pickup. Remember your Safeway cards as well as credit and debit cards you'd like to register. Read more about it in the following eScrip article.



Thursday, November 5 is the next PTA Meeting, from 7-9 pm in the Addison Library. Hope to see you there.

Dara Knoblock and Jeanese Snyder
(PTA Co-Presidents)

eScrip Registration November 4

If you haven't signed up for eScrip yet, this is the easiest way to support the PTA's fundraising efforts. To make it even easier for you to enroll, we're having an eScrip registration drive on Wednesday, November 4th. Treats will be provided by Safeway and Andronico's, two of eScrip's grocery store participants (and two of the largest contributors to the Addison PTA through eScrip). Please stop by our tables at drop-off or after school to register your Safeway Club card, credit cards and debit cards to start earning contributions from your purchases for Addison. You can also register online at www.escrip.com. The Group ID# for Addison is 125315459. Contact Melissa Hopkins with questions or for assistance.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found rack is overflowing with children's clothes and other things. You can help reduce the amount of left-behind-and-forgotten clothes by clearly labeling with your last name. Right now there are over 60 unlabeled things on hangers. While it is a well known fact that children lose things, our students do need prompting to search for missing things. As they grow up and move on to middle school and beyond the lost items become more expensive to replace. Help them learn this life skill now to save a lot of heartache later. Thanks for retrieving those forgotten jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles.



Birthday Book Club

Wednesday, November 4 is the next Birthday Book Club. It's a week earlier than usual due to the School holiday on November 11. If your student has a birthday in November (or July, August, September or October and couldn't make it last month), please join us in the Addison Library from 1:15-1:45pm.

During monthly Birthday Book Club celebrations, birthday students select a new book or an old favorite that has already been purchased by the library. This book is then dedicated to the student using a specially designed Birthday Book Club book plate. Students check out their birthday book and return it to the library when they are finished reading it so it can be enjoyed by others for years to come. Every child is welcome to participate during his/her birthday month. Parents are welcome to come with their children to help them select their book.

Looking forward to seeing you/your children in the Addison Library.

Kathy Hopple and Jeanese Snyder
Birthday Book Club Coordinators

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