

# ADDISON ADVISOR

Addison Elementary School

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## Calendar

**Every Wednesday:  
1:15 P.M. Dismissal  
Grades K-5**

**May 12—May 16  
Teacher Appreciation Week**

**Wednesday, May 14  
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon  
1:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m.**

**Monday, May 19  
Site Council Meeting  
4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.**

**Monday May 26  
Memorial Day (no school)**

**Wednesday May 28  
Bob Reid Concert, 5:30–7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, June 5  
Fifth Grade Talent Show 6:00 p.m.**

**Monday, June 9  
PTA Exec. Board IN/OUT Dinner**

Principal: John Lents

PTA Co-Presidents: Katie Shade & Cindy Traum

Submissions: Entries may be e-mailed to [advisor@addison.addison.pausd.org](mailto:advisor@addison.addison.pausd.org) or submissions that are typed on a disk may be left in the Advisor Box in the Addison office. Please include your name and phone number.

Submission Deadline: Monday, 4:00 pm.

Editor of the Week: Julia Foug

## Principal Moment



The strength of a house is in its infrastructure....a family's health is found in the strength of its relationships, and in a school, the quality of the teachers are key contributors to the school's health and effectiveness. We are incredibly fortunate at Addison to have a faculty that is committed to your children, that provides a rich and nurturing environment and a faculty that strives to create a balanced, challenging and meaningful educational experience for each of our students.

And so this week, **Teacher Appreciation Week**, I invite you to take a few moments to acknowledge the efforts of these committed professionals, and the time they devote not only to your children, but to the general health of our community. Your notes, those of your children and/or their pictures, and/or any other expression of your appreciation will be much appreciated. And although I'm writing this in advance of the actual event, let me express our collective appreciation for your generosity and effort in creating a luncheon, both memorable and delectable. And the coffee cart....well, what a great way to begin our week!

As mentioned in last week's Principal Moment, by saying good-bye to several of our staff members we also have the opportunity to welcome others into this community. **Carolyn Jones** will be teaching our newest kindergarten class. Coming from Brentwood, California where she has taught kindergarten and first grades in a 'looping' arrangement, Carolyn has also recently completed her Reading Specialist credential. I welcome her breadth of experience and willingness to 'loop' with our children as they begin their Addison experience. Returning to Room 3 from her Fulbright experience in Wales is **Teri Baldwin**. We welcome her back into this community, and anticipate the integration of skills and experiences she gained while overseas.

**Monika Hastings** joins the first grade team from San Mateo/Foster City School District where she has spent twenty plus years teaching primary grades. Known to several of our staff through her participation with the Noyce Foundation and lesson study, Monika brings a deep passion for learning that is grounded in children's needs, experiences and development.

The second grade team will be expanded to welcome **Kate Cavanaugh**, most recently of Barron Park Elementary. As a second-career teacher, Kate brings an incredible commitment to each of her students. Working from a project orientation,

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Kate uses this approach to build upon each one of her students' interests and skills. We are fortunate to have her join this community.

**Phil Done** will be moving forward to teach our fourth grade 'bubble'. Having previously taught fourth grade at Duveneck Elementary, Phil's familiarity with this curriculum will be a definite asset as he 'loops' with some of his students. I am delighted with the continuity this provides for our community and students.

I have not yet settled on a fifth grade teacher, but have no doubt but that we will be fortunate to find yet another good match for our students and community.

And so, as you complete your **Input Form** for class placement, be assured that our new and returning faculty will have nothing but your child's best interests at heart. It's a pleasure to welcome these individuals into our community, into your child's educational experience.

*John Lents  
Principal*

## PTA Co-Presidents' Corner

In the spirit of Teacher Appreciation Week, we want to take a moment and offer a special thanks to our incredible and talented set of teachers/staff at Addison. We feel so fortunate that our children and parent community can enjoy the benefits of such a dedicated group of individuals. You truly impact our children's lives each day, inspiring the joy of learning. We are so very grateful.

We wish everyone a good week.

*Warm regards,  
Katie Shade and Cindy Traum*

## Volunteer Tea

The teachers/staff would like to invite all volunteers at Addison to join the Volunteer Tea they are hosting on May 21 in the library at 2:00 PM. There will be organized activities outside for the kids while the parents enjoy the tea. This is a time to celebrate and acknowledge your generosity of time, of effort, for the good of this school community.

## May Fete Parade Follow-up

Thanks for all those who could make it to the May Fete Parade. We had a great showing from the Addison community. The judges must have liked how the Addison children, noon art team and our dedicated float builders created the float. Addison's float received the May Fete Parade's Grand Marshal's award. Thanks again for all those who helped. The children's design work and figures used for the float will be on display in the MP room this week. If your child participated, please feel free to take your child's art work from the MP room at the end of the week.

## Thanks . . .

We would like to thank those who participated on our spring Budget Review Committee (BRC): **Corrie Sid, Julia Kossack, Gary Hornbeek, Pat Markevitch, Abbie Dorosin, Cindy Traum, Katie Shade, Matt Rorhbach and John Lents**. The outcome of the BRC will be presented in our next Advisor.

Thank you **Ruby Fong** for all that you have done this year with Traffic Safety. We realize this has been lots of work and has involved my district meetings.

Thanks to the noon science team for leading the annual eye dissection activity with the kids.

Thanks to our PiE team for helping with the Annual Town Fair at Addison.

## Book Fair at Jordan Middle School

Jordan Middle School and Kepler's Book Store Teamed Up For a "Summer Reading" Book Fair

WHO'S INVITED: Parents of 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders Students in 6th, 7th and 8th Graders at Jordan, JLS and Terman ALONG with 5th graders at Duveneck, Walter Hays, Addison, Escondido, Ohlone and Hoover

### When:

ANY time during the following days and times:

Tuesday, May 20, 12:00 noon-4 pm

Wednesday, May 21, 7:45-4:00 pm  
6 -8:30 p.m. during Jordan's Open House

Thursday, May 22, 7:45-4:00 pm

### Where:

Jordan Middle School Library  
750 North California Ave  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Questions? Contact Annie McQueen, Jordan's librarian [amcqueen@pausd.org](mailto:amcqueen@pausd.org), Yvonne Dennis [ycdennis@hotmail.com](mailto:ycdennis@hotmail.com) or Barbara Clark [jbgch@pacbell.net](mailto:jbgch@pacbell.net)

## Measure A Update

The Addison PTA endorses Measure A, on the June 3rd ballot for the following reasons:

- Addison PTA is excited that the measure A bond will address environmental issues on our campus, with the proposed replacement of existing windows to eco friendly. This will save our district money and be good for the environment.

The Addison PTA endorsed the school bond Measure A slated for the June 3rd ballot. For more information on the bond, please go to [www.paloaltopta.org](http://www.paloaltopta.org).