



August 21, 2009

Hello Addison Families,

I hope you are enjoying these last moments of summer vacation before school begins. I wanted you to give you some key dates so you can get them in your calendar before the first day of school.

You may notice that the PTA is 'going green' in many ways this year. Our back to school packet has slimmed down and we are combining the handbook with the directory to save paper and streamline information. In the absence of a handbook, we have provided an abbreviated Addison calendar below (the full calendar can be found on the website at www.addison.pausd.org) along with the procedure and policy for alerting the school if you have a sick child on the back of this page.

The PTA would love to have your support. Please consider becoming a PTA member and volunteering some time to our wonderful school. You will find a PTA membership form and a PTA volunteer sign up sheet in your packet.

Welcome back!

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Date	Event	Time	Place
August 21	Kindergarten picnic	Evening	Kinder Yard
August 25	Back-to-school coffee	After drop-off	Blacktop at Addison
August 26	Lice Training	8:15-9:00	Multi Purpose Room
August 28	Lice screening	11:15am - Kinders 1:30 pm - grades 1-3 2:00 pm - grades 4-5	Outside of classrooms
September 14 & 15	Class & individual photos	During school hours	Multi Purpose Room
September 2	Back-to-school night	6:00-8:00 pm	Classrooms and courtyard
September 9	First Birthday Book Club	1:15 pm	Library
September 30- Oct 2	Book Fair	Before & After School Friday 5:30-8:00 pm	Multi Purpose Room
October 2	Hoedown	5:30 pm	Blacktop and Fields

October 24	Auction	6:30 pm	Lucie Stern Community Center
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Addison Elementary School: Absence Reporting and Health

Reporting: Please notify Sheila Castro at (650) 322-5935 if your child is sick and will not be at school.

Health Guidelines

Palo Alto pediatricians have worked with us to develop the following guidelines regarding an estimate of the average length of time that specific conditions may be communicable. We hope that this information will be helpful to you.

Chicken Pox

A child may return to school following an episode of chicken pox after all lesions are completely dry or gone. The course of this illness is usually 7-10 days.

Colds

Your child should not return to school until active coughing, sneezing, and nasal drip are substantially gone and there has been no fever for at least 24 hours without the use of Tylenol, etc. This is typically on the order of 3 days after a new cold has begun.

Bacterial Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)

24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started, bacterial conjunctivitis is not generally communicable. There is, however, a second type of conjunctivitis associated with a viral infection in epidemic form that is highly contagious for several days. Please seek the advice and consultation of your medical advisor before returning a child to school who is ill with conjunctivitis.

Fever

According to the Santa Clara County Office of Education, a child should remain at home until she/he has been without fever for at least 24 hours. During the early morning hours, a fever will often register as normal, whereas later in the afternoon the temperature may rise again. This is one reason why it is extremely important to give the child at least a 24-hour period when she/he is completely free from elevated temperature before returning the child to school.

Hand Washing

It is extremely important that parents teach their children the necessity of using good hand washing techniques in order to prevent the spread of disease. Use soap and water not only after toileting and before meals, but times in between as well. Teach your child to keep their hands away from their face and nose as well. Hands should be washed after nose-blowing, coughing, and sneezing.

Head Lice

To prevent the spread of head lice, the PAUSD enforces a strict "no-nits" policy. Head lice are frequently resistant to treatment and difficult to eradicate. Thus, Addison parents will be called upon throughout the year to

participate in school-wide head lice checks. Specific dates for lice checks will be published in the Advisor and/or the classroom notices.