



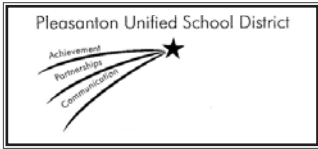
# Fairlands Flyer



## Above and Beyond . . . The Sky's the Limit

Fairlands Elementary School & PTA

June 2008



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### Upcoming Events

- 6/6-6/7: Fairlands PTA Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at Hacienda Crossings
- 6/9: California Distinguished School Celebration  
9-9:30am on school playground
- 6/11: 9:30am PTA Meeting & Potluck Brunch in MPR
- 6/13: Student Council Spirit Day:  
Crazy Socks Day
- 6/13: Last Day of School - Minimum Day

"No man can always be right. So the struggle is to do one's best, to keep the brain and conscience clear, never be swayed by unworthy motives or inconsequential reasons,

but to strive to unearth the basic factors involved, then do one's duty."

-Dwight D. Eisenhower, (1890 - 1969),  
34th President of the United State and Five Star General



## A Message From the Principal

### The Year in Review:

It is hard to believe the year is once again coming to an end. Teachers are working to complete end of year activities, assessing student progress to ensure students have mastered the standards for their grade level and preparing students for end of the year programs, field trips and special activities. Every day counts and we are working to maximize every moment we have with your child/ren to ensure he or she is prepared to move to the next grade level. As we jump into end of year activities please make sure you sign in at the office if you plan on lending a helping hand.

It has been a busy year at Fairlands School. We are tremendously proud to have been awarded the distinction of California Distinguished School, 2008. This special honor would not have been possible without the commitment of our staff, students, and parents to continually work together to ensure we provide the best possible educational experience for ALL of our students! As our mission statement reflects, "Above and Beyond, the Sky's the Limit" at Fairlands School! I would like to personally thank you ALL for your continued support of our school! If possible, we invite you to celebrate with us on June 9th at 9:00 AM, on the playground.

This year our Go Green/ Environmental Awareness Program continued to grow and evolve. Once again our school made an outstanding showing in the plastic bag challenge. This achievement is due to the dedicated efforts of the parents who led this effort with our students. The Go Greeners once again led a paper bag campaign, decorating brown grocery bags for a local grocery store to distribute to customers. In this way they sent messages to the community on how they can reduce, reuse, or recycle materials in order to help preserve our environment. Fairlands students once again represented us well in Destination Imagination, Math Olympiad and the County Spelling Bee. Fairlands students continue to give back to our community. They participated in Adopt a Family, Canned Food Drive, Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for Heart and Project Night-Night. Our students are currently being honored by the American Heart Association for raising the largest contributions of any school in the entire area. The commitment of our students, staff and families to lending a helping hand is testimony to the compassion and integrity of the Fairlands Family.

Our PTA continued to support our school in vital ways. They provided assemblies, purchased needed materials and supplies, and orchestrated many community building events including the Ice Cream Social, Holiday Breakfast, Multi-Cultural

Fair, and Barnyard Bingo. They supplied volunteers for the Science Fair and led multiple fund raisers that supported the programs in our school.

I would like to take a moment to extend a special appreciation to Sandi Thomas, PTA President. Sandi has led the charge for our volunteer community for the past two years in her roll as president. She will be passing the baton to Jodie Vashista. Thank you to Sandi for her dedication and leadership on the Fairlands PTA. On behalf of the staff and students of our school I would like to extend our heart-felt thank you's. Your volunteer efforts make this school a truly special place, and I thank you all so much for your contributions. I hope that many of you were able to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon this year, but if not, please know how much we appreciate you!!

### Staffing Update:

As we look to next year, Fairlands School is anticipating growth and changes. In order to accommodate as many of our Fairlands children as possible the district has added additional classes to second and third grade. For the 2008-09 school year we will have six kindergarten classes, six first grades, seven second grades and we will add an additional third grade class. We will continue to have three fourth, three fifth and one four/five combination class. We wish Mr. Dankwardt and Mr. Davis a special farewell. Mr. Dankwardt will be moving on to Harvest Park and Mr. Davis will be moving on to Lydiksen. We will miss them tremendously at Fairlands but know that both Harvest Park & Lydiksen are getting outstanding additions to their staffs. While classes and staffing changes can still occur prior to or at the start of the new school year, our teaching staff for next year currently looks like this: Kindergarten: Mrs. Dean, Ms. Shelley, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Rosa, Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Fracisco. First Grade: Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Esse, Mrs. Rainey, Mrs. Linn, Mrs. Atkins and Mrs. Talbot. Second Grade: Mrs. Russell, Ms. Albrigo, Mr. Hagstrom, Mrs. Gerstenberg, Mrs. Klopatek and Mrs. Eastman, plus one new hire. Third Grade: Mrs. Boster, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Throne, Mrs. Cullison and job-sharing Mrs. Dalesio and Mrs. Racette. Fourth Grade: Mrs. Crawley, Mrs. Hansen and Mrs. Norem. Fifth Grade: Mrs. Mecozzi, Mr. Romagna, and a new addition. Four/Five Combo: Mrs. Highfill. Each and every one of our teachers is highly qualified and dedicated to our students. We are truly lucky to have such a talented teaching staff!

### STAR Testing Update:

We completed our STAR testing in grades 2-5 in

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## School News and Events



# A Message from the Vice Principal

At Fairlands we believe in honoring every child for his or her accomplishments. Whether it be writing their name for the first time or winning a Science Fair award, no accomplishment goes unnoticed. We are especially proud of our students and staff who take the initiative to go Above and Beyond. The following are our award recipients for the character trait of Respect! Please help us to recognize and salute these students.



<b>Kindergarten</b>	Kaiven Bugwadia, Feda Malakazai, Alex Li, Joyce Wang, Kathy Hu, Veer Pradhan, Kumail Yousafi, Sophia Moore, Nellay Joglekar, Samantha Do, Vanessa Arbuckle, Gabriel Ang
<b>1st Grade</b>	Brady Scanlon, Karen Kim, Jianna Liu, Zulfi Syed, Rhea Kodkani, Kyle Kenny, Kyle Schomaker, Keziah Hillman, Jessica Rhoads, Gilia Lyon, Purvaj Kandula, Amy Asmussen, Isabella Martinelli, Rachel Pettey
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Niva Ranavat, Avery Castillo, Alex Salon, Karna Mendonca-Kamath, Dylan Pottgeiser, Nitin Vemuri, Alina Kim, Lisette Escamilla-Gonzalez, Shruti Mangipudi, Rohit Menon
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Zara Blash, Tyler Rhoads, Emilee Hansen, Dan Bordenave, Patrick Herz, Natalie Roadarmel, Jenyce Dutcher, Bryce Ellis, Kavika Peirus, Jamila Campwala
<b>4th Grade</b>	Koedy Baxter, Pratyusha Vemuri, Shreya Puntambekar, Justin Cho, Ashley Balesteri, Megan Do, Annabel Lee, Jasmine Dessouky, Zac Cristobal
<b>4th/5th Grade</b>	Eric Overgaard, Gaby LaFrank, Anthony Minaise
<b>5th Grade</b>	Kellie Daniel, Aaron Gnagy, Janel Lee, Sahit Menon, Annie Cai, Nicole Soto, Sammy Salustri, Courtney Hennings, Joseph Stein

### Farewell from Robin Sehrt



As the year comes to a close, I just want to take a moment and thank everyone for a wonderful two years at Fairlands. As I move on to my new position as Mohr's new principal, I am filled with excitement and sadness. I know that I am moving to a wonderful school and a wonderful opportunity, but I also know that I will miss all the families, children, and staff that have made my time here so memorable. From assemblies, to reading stories, and Disco Bingo, I will hold dear all the wonderful times I have had here at Fairlands. Fairlands is truly a family and I will miss you all very much!

*(Message from the Principal continued...)*

the middle of May. We want to thank you for ensuring your student(s) were at school on time each day and were well rested with full tummies. The steps you took to ensure your child was ready each day and on time set your child up for success.

You may be wondering when you will receive the results of these tests and what they will be used for in the future. Parents will receive a report from the state in late August. The goal is for each student to score proficient or advanced proficient. For students who score below these ranges we will look at the data and determine if the student would benefit from additional support.

In examining the results there are some important factors to consider. It is not uncommon for students in the second grade to score well. Much of the test is read to the students. Students are required to read the answer selections and mark their answers in the test booklet. Students in third grade are required to take both the STAR test and The CAT-6, a nationally normed test. Teachers direct students through the test but, students are required to read the entire test on their own and answer the questions in the booklet. Fourth graders are not permitted to write in the test booklet. They must transfer their answers onto an answer sheet. They are also required to take the writing test. Fifth graders also must use an answer sheet and take the science test in addition to the language arts and math tests. Each year students are required to make adjustments in either the manner in which they complete the test and the number of tests completed. As you compare your child's progress from one year to the next please keep in mind that students can experience fluctuations due to having to learn to complete the test differently from one year to the next. When school begins in the fall we will provide information sessions and question and answer time for parents to further understand their child's results. Please do not hesitate to discuss your child's results with your child's teacher. At the same time it is important to remember that these tests are only one measure of your child's progress. Report cards, district assessments, teacher made tests, and projects are all important measures of a child's over all progress.

Kim Michels, Principal

### Get in the Loop at Hart



It's time for fifth-grade families to look to the future - Hart Middle School. Hart's main form of communication with parents is by e-mail. We send weekly e-newsletters with all of the latest and greatest news about Hart. Most important for incoming sixth-grade families, you'll get summer e-mails with all the information you'll need to get your kids registered and have them attend our fabulous sixth-grade orientation.

Visit the Hart web site - [www.hartmiddleschool.org](http://www.hartmiddleschool.org) - and type in your e-mail address right next to the blue "Sign Up" tab in the upper left part of the home page. It's that easy. Don't forget to check our fantastic new web site on a regular basis for the latest Hart news.

### Volunteer Clearance Forms

Don't forget to fill out and turn in your PUSD Volunteer Clearance Form before the end of this school year! This is especially important if you plan to volunteer at the beginning of the 2008/09 school year at PTA events and/or in your child's classroom. Go to <http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/Downloads/VolClear.pdf> to download the form, or pick up a copy in the school office. Turn in your completed form by Friday, June 13!

## PTA News and Events

### A Message from the PTA President

#### A Look Back...

The end of the school year is upon us, and I wanted to share with you some of the things your PTA has accomplished for the benefit of the students, staff, and parents of the Fairlands community.

#### Your PTA:

- Organized community building activities and events such as the **Welcome Back Coffee, Ice Cream Social, Family Fun Night (Barnyard Bingo), Principal's Coffees, Art Night, and Holiday Breakfast.**
- Provided events including the **Multicultural Night and Talent Show** which showcased the diversity of our Fairlands community.
- Sponsored numerous **assemblies** for the Fairlands students, incorporating topics such as health and nutrition, character education, and the arts. Many of the assemblies used students in their performances.
- Provided or supported a number of activities for the Fairlands students such as the **Reflections** art program and **Book Swap.**
- Organized events and programs that support our civic mission, which promotes goodwill, values, and the community of character traits. These included **Make a Difference Week and Red Ribbon Week.** Also included are the activities of our **Go Green/Environment Awareness Committee.**
- Communicated PTA and school information in a number of ways, including the **Fairlands Flyer, Yahoo! Group, school marquee, and PTA website ([www.fairlands.com/PTA/](http://www.fairlands.com/PTA/)).**
- Held two **Book Fairs**, the proceeds of which went to the Fairlands library, enabling our librarian to purchase many new books.
- Provided financial support. The PTA provided **scholarships** for field trips to students in need in grades K-5. We also provided donations to teachers and staff members through our **teacher/staff classroom fund.**
- Organized various **fundraisers**, which supported all of these PTA programs and activities. The PTA funded the school's **Accelerated Reader Program**, and paid for the **science lab consumables and various technology needs.** The PTA donated \$10,000 to the Fairlands **Technology Fund**, which was matched by the PUSD. This allowed our school to accomplish its goal of having a laptop computer for every teacher. Additional LCD projectors and document cameras were also purchased with these funds.
- Supported parents** in our school community by providing various educational articles and materials for parents, with topics ranging from health and wellness to environmental awareness. We stressed

the importance of parental involvement at school and in the home.

#### How did we do all of this?

It wouldn't happen without all of our parent volunteers! **Parent volunteers at Fairlands have logged approximately 12,000 hours in the 2007/2008 school year!!** This equals about \$180,000! These hours include classroom volunteer hours as well as PTA events and activities, such as time at meetings, 'working' at home on PTA business, and weekend/after school PTA events. Thank you to all of our volunteers in the Fairlands community! This is one of the reasons Fairlands is a California Distinguished School!

#### Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I can't thank everyone enough who has supported the PTA, as well as me personally. Having been on the PTA Executive Board for 4 years, with 2 of them serving as President, I know it truly takes a village to do the things we do!

Thank you to the **2007/08 PTA Executive Board of Katey Shinn, Jodie Vashistha, Winnie Overgaard, Adrienne Torre, Mannie Nimmo, David Rae, Karen Tincher, Carol Graham, Principal Kim Michels, and Teacher Representative Kelly Peterson.** They are a dynamic group, and have worked hard throughout this year. I know I can speak on behalf of the entire Executive Board in saying that we greatly appreciate the endless support from **Principal Kim Michels, Vice Principal Robin Sehrt, and librarian Kelly Peterson.**

Special thanks go out to the **Fairlands teachers and staff.** They are an integral part of our **Parent Teacher Association**, supporting our activities and programs. The thing I am most proud of about them is that they all are members of our PTA! This has never been accomplished before at Fairlands, or at any PTA in Pleasanton, and it is truly a big deal. This feat was accomplished in large part due to our awesome **PTA Membership Committee Leader, Michele Barta**, who did a phenomenal job coordinating this effort.

Lastly, many thanks to the parents of fifth graders who are moving on to middle school next year. The PTA will be recognizing them at our **last PTA meeting of this school year on Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30 AM.** We are having a potluck brunch, so please plan to come over to the MPR after drop off and stay a while to relax, have some food, and chat (and conduct a little business).

Whew! What a great (and busy) year. Have a fabulous summer; enjoy your kids and family time!

Sandi Thomas, PTA President

### 100 Ways to Help Your Child and School Succeed



There are many ways to be involved with your child's education. You're probably doing some of these things already. Maybe it's calling the teacher to say "thank you" or asking a question, or attending a parent or school board meeting. You'll soon see the effects of your efforts—that's because when parents get involved in their children's education, everyone benefits.

- Work with others to establish a parent resource center at the school.
- Help create and/or contribute to a school newsletter on parenting.
- Build an at-home child I.D. file including items such as medical records, pictures, and fingerprints.
- Provide your child with books, magazines, newspapers, and other materials, and encourage regular reading.
- Talk with your child's teacher about creating home learning games and activities.
- Work with others to develop volunteer job descriptions and evaluations.
- Respond to school surveys/questionnaires on the effectiveness of volunteer programs.
- Help your school develop a directory of social and community services.
- Work with local authorities and public officials to sponsor or participate in community events.
- Help organize and/or participate in a community "cleanup" or "beautification" project.

(From the National PTA Website : [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org))

## PTA News and Events

### Welcome to the 'GREEN' Page. . . June Edition '08

Thanks to all the many energetic, enthusiastic and dedicated parent volunteers, teachers, administrators and students who participated in the Environmental Awareness/Go Green program. Fairlands continues to support and encourage our culture of environmental responsibility on our school campus. We have successfully maintained an eco-friendly school environment with the help and commitment of so many families in our community.

Special thanks to **Michele Barta**, who is leaving us because her daughter, Rachel, is moving on to middle school. Michele has been a great asset to our team. Go Michele!

#### Recap from 07/08 activities:

- **Food Scrap Program** - is in its fourth year. Recycle food scraps for compost during lunch.
- **Wal-Mart Kids' Recycling Challenge** - contest ran October - March, raised over \$1250 for environmental education collecting plastic bags, total # bags recycled, 250 (60-gallon bags).
- **Second Annual Environmental Awareness Winter Writing and Poster Contest** - K-5 participated, prizes awarded. Forty-two entries received.
- **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** - students participated in games, crafts and fun.
- **Fairlands Green Spirit and Recycle Days** - students encouraged to wear green and bring a recyclable to school once a month to show support.
- **Earth Day Celebrations** - included various environmental activities and projects.
- **Earth Day Groceries Project** - decoration of 850 grocery bags with environmental messages.
- **Earth Day Celebration** - students enjoyed animals & nature, games, crafts, music, and raffle.

- **Nike Re-Use-A-Shoe Collection** - First shoe collection, recycled about 650 old, worn-out athletic shoes, sent to Nike (Oregon). Shoes used to build basketball courts, playgrounds & synthetic soccer fields.
- **Student Appreciation Day** - K-5 received popsicles for their recycling efforts during the year.
- **School Supplies** - donate gently used school supplies (**pencils, glue sticks, markers and books**) to a **Liberia, West Africa school**.

Here are some super easy ways to help the environment, whether you are at school, at home, or outside. Try to complete one of these challenges (habits) every day!

- When you buy something at the store, don't take a plastic bag.
- Save paper, send an e-card.
- Safely dispose of old batteries (Long's Drug Store or Best Buy).
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Donate old clothes, toys and books that you don't need anymore.
- Take a shower in less than five minutes.
- Use paper towels sparingly or use a cloth towel instead.
- Unplug something in your room that you don't use very often.
- Take good care of your school supplies, so you don't have to buy new ones next year.
- Kick the bottle water habit, use reusable drink bottles instead.

Enjoy, relax and think green this summer!

Ruth S. Dessouky  
EA/GG committee

### Book Swap Wrap-Up



The PTA sponsored Book Swap was a wonderful event this year! It was encouraging to see that our kids enjoy reading so much that they eagerly traded their old books for "new" ones! About 100 students (and 20 parents!) turned in over 1,200 books to trade and Kelly Peterson donated boxes of books from our own school library—thanks Kelly! With such a great selection, everyone left happy. Because of these students' generosity, we were able to offer a free book to every student in the school and even deliver extra books to our new readers in Kindergarten. Finally, Thomas Herz, Andreas Papageorge and Chase Henley each won a \$15 Borders Gift Card, provided by the PTA.

Can you believe we still had extra books? We had boxes of them! The remaining books helped two Student Teachers, currently working at Fairlands, to build their classroom libraries and also were donated to our campus YMCA program

for Fairlands students to enjoy during childcare hours. Enough books for everyone!

My thanks go out to many wonderful women who stepped forward to help at a very busy time of year: **Terri Smith, Adrienne Herz, Stefani Katz, Tamra Girvan, Sandi Thomas, Dixie Florio, Miyoko Smalheiser, Margo Fenzi, Lori Bautista, Ruth Dessouky, Coleen Ito-Azuma, Mary McNamara, Michele Davis and Mary Briones**. I personally appreciate the help each of you were to me. Thanks also to **Carmen** for setting up the Book Swap tables and **Mrs. Michels** for drawing and announcing names of the gift card winners.

The Book Swap is a great event made possible by the PTA and I thank them for hosting it again this year. Enjoy your books!

Kristin Werder



### WE WANT YOU!

Have you been wondering how you could be more involved and feel more connected to the Fairlands community next year? We have many positions that are open, and we'd love for you to come and join us. Take a look at what's open. If you have more questions on the positions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Open for the 2008-2009 school year: **Parliamentarian, Membership, Gift Wrap, Entertainment Books, Holiday Store, School Pictures, Reflections, Safety, Science Fair, Family in Crisis and Teacher Wish List**. In addition, the current Environmental Awareness/Go Green chairperson is looking for someone to share the job with her next year.

Please don't wait to see if someone else will step up. If you do, you will miss out on the opportunity to share your unique talents, gifts, and skills with the Fairlands community. Remember, you don't have to do it alone. You can find a friend to share the experience and the fun.

Jodie Vashistha  
President-elect, Fairlands PTA

### Yahoo! Group

Are you leaving Fairlands after this year? If you would like to unsubscribe from the Fairlands PTA Yahoo! Group, simply click on the 'unsubscribe' link at the bottom of any message from the Fairlands Elementary PTA Yahoo! Group. Or you can send an email to [fairlandspta@yahoo.com](mailto:fairlandspta@yahoo.com) and ask to be removed from the Yahoo! Group.

Not going anywhere, and still want to be a member of the Yahoo! Group? You don't need to do anything - current members of the Fairlands PTA Yahoo! Group will remain a member through the summer, and until you unsubscribe.

Do you know families who are entering Fairlands next year? Help them get a head start on registration items for next fall. Tell them about the Yahoo! Group, and how to sign up. Visit [www.fairlands.com/PTA/](http://www.fairlands.com/PTA/) and enter an email address where it says 'Subscribe to fairlandselementaryPTA'. Don't forget to tell them about the PUSD E-Connection, too ([www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/PublicInformation/EConnectionSignUp.cfm](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/PublicInformation/EConnectionSignUp.cfm)).

Questions about the Fairlands PTA Yahoo! Group? Contact Sandi Thomas at 462-0424 or [fairlandspta@yahoo.com](mailto:fairlandspta@yahoo.com).

## Community News & Events

### Parent Involvement Commission

## Using Numbers for Fun on Vacation

1. Ask your children questions that require them to do simple addition or subtraction in their head. "What's 2 less than 17? Eighteen is twice as big as what number?" Play math "Jeopardy" (give a child a number and have the child find a question for which the number is the answer). [P/UE]
2. Give children a map and a magic marker to follow the route you are traveling. Watch for street or road signs showing where you are. Using the mileage scale on the map, check approximately how far you have gone, and estimate how much farther you must go to the end of the trip. [UE]
3. Keep a list of car license plates by state, and see who can spot the most states. How many license plates spell out a word or name?
4. On a pad of paper, keep a record of the number of cars you see of one color or made by a single manufacturer.
5. Add the numbers on each license plate, and see who can find the one adding up to the largest number. [P/UE]
6. Ask your children how fast you are traveling, then check the speedometer. Practice counting by 5's and 10's by reading the speedometer. Help children read highway and speed limit signs. [P/UE]
7. Before you travel, ask the family to draw up a list of items you might see on your trip. To develop both math and observation skills, see who can spot the greatest number of these items. Examples might be a woman wearing a hat, a man on crutches, someone walking more than one dog, a fire engine, a bridge, etc. [P]
8. Have the tallest family member lie on wet sand at the beach and draw his or her outline. Have smaller members do the same inside the first outline or next to it. Estimate height (about 11 sand shovels tall, for example). [P]
9. In wet sand, compare the depth of big and small footprints due to weight differences. [UE]

[P = Primary; UE = Upper Elementary]

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## CALLING ALL FAIRLANDS FAMILIES!!!



Want a great way to spend your Father's Day morning? Join your fellow Fairlands Flyers in the Pleasanton Spirit Run, Sunday June 15!

The Spirit Run is sponsored by the Pleasanton Rotary Club, which offers scholarships to Pleasanton schools. The Rotary is also DONATING \$5 OF EACH REGISTRATION FEE TO YOUR SCHOOL!!!! This means, the more families that run or walk, the more you help your school. What a great way to do a family fun activity and support your school!

For more information, and to register for the run/walk, visit [www.spiritrun.com](http://www.spiritrun.com). Also, if you know someone who is running, tell them to write Fairlands as their school of choice. We'll get credit for their entry too!

See you at the finish line!

## Berkeley Chess Camp

Six one-week sessions from:  
June 16 - August 15, 2008\*  
1:00 - 5:00 PM or 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
Pre- and after-camp care available  
Monday through Friday  
Hillside School, 1581 Le Roy Avenue,  
Berkeley  
\*NO CAMP July 14 - August 3

The BCS summer chess camp begins its 18th summer in Berkeley. There will be chess instruction at a minimum of four levels: Novice, Intermediate, Intermediate/Advanced and Advanced. The program includes daily instruction and play, plus tournaments, prizes and a T-shirt. New material will be presented during each week of camp.

Cost for the program is \$205 per week for regular classes and \$255 per week for master classes.

Each class is limited to 20 students and will be filled according to the date the registration form is received.

We look forward to having you join us for a summer of chess (and more)!

For more information or to sign up, visit the Berkeley Chess School website at <http://www.berkeleychessschool.org>.



## Open Food Pantry



ValleyBibleChurch has provided an open food pantry on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30pm. Come by to pick up

2-3 days worth of food for your family. Valley Bible Church is located at 7106 Johnson Drive, Pleasanton 94588 (next to Club Sport on Bus Route 3)

For more information call Kim Chew 925-426-2492.

# Harvest Park Middle School PTA

**We welcome you and your student!**

Part of the wonderful thing of middle school is being involved and making a difference in your child's education. It is a different level than in elementary, but we still need dedicated parents to volunteer. It is our parents involvement that make HPMS activities and programs a success. We have all levels of volunteer positions available from helping chaperone a dance to being on our Executive Board. Below is a list of current openings. There will also be a volunteer sign-up sheet in your registration packet, available in August.

If you are able to share your creativity, leadership, time and commitment to our school community or have questions about the positions, please contact Elizabeth Dallmann at [mejrdalman@comcast.net](mailto:mejrdalman@comcast.net) or read more about all the opportunities available for volunteering on our <http://www.harvestparkpta.org/>. Harvest Park Middle School is as successful because of the wonderful parent involvement we have!

## Executive Board Positions Open

- ✚ Vice President Fundraising (Coordinate with the committee on fundraising events)
- ✚ Auditor

## Chairperson Positions Open

- ✚ Cookie Dough (fundraiser – one event in December)
  - Co chair
  - Co chair
- ✚ Co chair Dancing with HP Stars (fundraiser – one event January)
- ✚ Open House BBQ (one event in May)
  - Co Chair
- ✚ Co-Chair for Holiday Basket/Charity (one event in December)
- ✚ Co-Chair for Staff and Teacher Luncheons (several events)
- ✚ Patriot Way (online) Editor (on-going/weekly update of happenings at school)
- ✚ E-Connection & Local Press (on-going position)

## August & September Volunteers Needed

- ✚ Go Green
- ✚ Book fair
- ✚ Magazine Fundraiser Committee
- ✚ PTA Reflections Committee



# June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6  Fairlands PTA Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at Hacienda Crossings	7  Fairlands PTA Book Fair at Barnes & Noble at Hacienda Crossings
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## July 2008



## August 2008

Mid August (Dates/Time TBA): Walk-Through Registration  
8/26: First Day of School