



# Fairlands Flyer

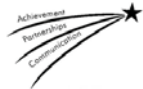
Above and Beyond. . . The Sky's the Limit

Fairlands Elementary School & PTA

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## Coming Up in February

- 2-6: Make a Difference Week
- 4: EA/Go-Green 9:30am, MPR
- 6: Talent Show, 7pm, MPR
- 9: No School, Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
- 11: PTA Executive Board Meeting, 9:30am
- 16: No School, Presidents' Day
- 17: PTA Meeting, 7:00pm, MPR
- 18: Fairlands Flyer article deadline
- 20: Assembly- Jump Rope Assembly
- 26: Founders Day Luncheon
- TBD: Spring Pictures



## A Message From the Principal

Dear Fairlands Families,

It is a very difficult time in our world, in our state, in our town, in our school district and in our school. We are faced with unprecedented challenges in education that have not been seen in decades. Yet, we recently saw our new President Obama sworn into office with a record breaking number of Americans there to view this historical moment! Never have I witnessed the energy, excitement and hope as I saw on that day. Never have I witnessed the children of a school so well informed and in touch with a presidential election as I have seen at Fairlands School this year. Our Students, in each and every classroom watched the inauguration on January 20th. They were excited, energized and hopeful. They believed in our ability to solve the world's problems and prosper. And so, with that belief our students demonstrated, I would like to echo them and say that I believe we will also solve the problems facing us in our school district. As we address these issues head-on, we also need to celebrate our students and the incredible achievements they are making each and every day at Fairlands School.

This week I had the pleasure of having lunch with students in grades K-5 who received the award for Compassion. I asked the students to share with me what it means to them to be compassionate. The response I received from my kindergarteners was:

- "You have to be nice!"
- "You help others when they fall down."

- "You share, even if you don't really feel like it."
- "You say nice things to other people, like... 'You look pretty.'"
- "You don't ever use mean words because they hurt people."

They had many more, but these are the words that really stayed with me and each quote came from a five or six year old.

As we move forward to face the challenges ahead of us, we truly cannot predict exactly what our school will look like next year. We do not know if our classrooms will be staffed at 20:1 or 30:1. We do not know if we will continue to have the specialists such as counselors, reading specialist, a vice principal, technology staff, library staff and more. What I can predict is that if each and every one of us does not get involved we will lose all of the above and more. I encourage you to check the Pleasanton School District Website daily for updates. Send your questions to the PUSD Q&A. Contact your school board members and voice your opinion. Write to your legislative representatives. Reach out to your community and educate those who do not have students in school. As our kindergartners say, "You share...." Share your ideas, your solutions, and your time. Together we **CAN** get through this.

Please contact me if you need any information or if you have questions, [kmichels@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:kmichels@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

Sincerely,  
Kimberley Michels  
Principal

### Honesty. . .

*"We all need to know what it means to be honest. Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving."*

~James E. Faust  
(1920 - 2007)

## School News and Events

### A Message From the Assistant Principal

While it may seem early to begin thinking about standardized testing, we have reached the point in the year when time speeds up with each passing day. Before you know it, the longer days of May will be upon us. With that in mind, I thought it might be useful to provide some basic information about standardized testing so you will have time to ask questions, do some research, and support your child as he or she prepares for the upcoming tests.



Here are some basics about the tests. All 2nd thru 5th graders will take their grade level's CST in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. Fifth graders will also take the CST in Science. The Science test assesses the standards from both 4th and 5th grades.

We all want children's experiences in school to consist of much more than a narrow focus on standardized tests. The truth is, however, that the state's Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) system provides very useful information about how effectively the content standards are being taught. When best practices in teaching are being employed, standardized tests merely serve as an opportunity for children to demonstrate what they have learned and understood.

The reason why Fairlands teachers collaborate regularly is so they can provide the learning opportunities that are necessary for students to master California's rigorous content standards. While it may seem like a no-brainer that the California Standards Tests (CST's) are aligned with classroom instruction, there was a time not so long ago when students were tested in areas that they may or may not have been taught in class.

It is also important to understand that each test consists of various content clusters. In ELA, the test is broken down as follows: Word Analysis, Reading Comprehension, Literary Response and Analysis, Writing Strategies, and Written Conventions. Math is broken down into the following content clusters: Number Sense (two parts), Algebra and Functions, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics, Data, and Probability. The content clusters for Science are Physical, Life, and Earth Sciences.

To learn more about the test that is used to assess students' mastery of the standards, you can take a look at the California Department of Education website. Just go to [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/resources.asp) and locate the Released Test Questions for your child's grade and subject area.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would like more information. I can be reached at [rgorton@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:rgorton@pleasanton.k12.ca.us) or 426-4210 ext. 4052.

Rich Gorton  
Vice Principal

### Attendance Update

One of the quickest ways to add dollars to our budget is to ensure your student/s attends school, on time, each and every day. We receive approximately \$45.00 per day for each student who is at school. This is referred to as Average Daily Attendance or ADA. If students are not in school we do not receive the revenue. Between August 26th and January 28th we have accumulated 1,448 absences. A total of 134 of these were due to illness. This is equal to a loss of \$65,160 for our school. When your child is ill we encourage you to keep your child at home. These are considered excused absences. A child must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. On the other hand, if you do plan to take a vacation then we ask that you please do so when school is not in session. If you must be gone during school days and will miss for 5-30 days, you may complete an Independent Study Contract. Please see Nancy Clevenger in the office for a contract.

### Technology Update



If you are currently using Home Connect (Renaissance Place) to keep up to date on your child's progress with Accelerated Reader, you can now do the same with

Math Facts in a Flash! They just added a Math Tab in home connect that will allow you to see your child's progress in their last Math Facts test. It also allows you to set them up to practice any of their Math facts without using the CD's we have sent home in the past.

You don't need to do anything special if you are already using home connect. If you want a refresher this is what to do:

- Go to <https://Hosted31.relearn.com/281646/HomeConnect/Login.aspx> and log in with your student's 1st initial of their first name and the first 4 letters of their last name for their User Name.
- Their password is their lunch number from school.
- Now you can view both Reading quizzes and Math Facts at home.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Tina Davis  
Technology Specialist  
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### Budget Workshop

The Pleasanton Unified Board of Trustees has scheduled a budget workshop for Tuesday, February 3, 5 - 7 p.m., in the Board Room at the PUSD District Offices, 4665 Bernal Avenue. The Board will discuss the current budget situation, including possible reductions and a parcel tax measure, and will receive updated information about proposals at the state and federal level. The public is invited, and the agenda is posted on the District's website at [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us) (navigate to Board of Trustees, Meetings and Agendas).

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### Pizza with the Principal

The following students were chosen by their teachers for Pizza with the Principal for the character trait of Compassion.

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Janna Dean: <b>Ellie Heath, Kavin Raj</b> Gayla Fracisco: <b>Samantha Herlich, Natalie Chu</b> Brenda Green: <b>Courtney Iseman, Tristan Armosino</b> Cindy O'Sullivan: <b>A.J. Molina, Kendall Newman</b> Paula Rosa: <b>Lily Cheng, Matthew Patterson</b> Stacy Shelley: <b>Pooja Mehta, Nathan Tuazon</b>
<b>1st Grade</b>	Cheryl Atkins: <b>Casey Painter, Tyler Rocha</b> Brian Esse: <b>Alex Benito, Charitha Kaki</b> Michelle Ferrario: <b>Minami Smalheiser, Neelay Joglekar</b> Cathy Rainey: <b>Mason Fenzl, Paul Priess</b> Anita Sanchez: <b>Nate Kragen, Dorothy Bostaph</b> Ellen Talbot: <b>Sveytha Kamaraj, Anagha Segar</b>
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Eileen Albrigo: <b>Kirsten Sigua, A.J. Ngo</b> Lauren Chase: <b>Gianna Liu, Hana Lee</b> Shari Eastman: <b>Grace Hedges, Kyle Schomaker</b> Tina Gerstenberg: <b>Jeanie Bae, Ria Mavinkurve</b> Wayne Hagstrom: <b>Cyrus Berglin, Kaylie Duckworth</b> Melissa Klopatek: <b>Neil Benadjaoud, Stuart Ritchie</b> Betty Russell: <b>Megan Rae, David Florio</b>
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Carol Boster: <b>Dyllan Hazen, Kei Soto</b> Susan Cullison: Nicole Dalesio/Jill Racette: <b>Shawn Deluz</b> Steve Eastman: <b>Alina Kim, Vishnu Kalidas</b> Dolores Griffith: <b>Braxton Henley, Nithya Swaminathan</b> Pam Throne: <b>Matthew Beltran, Sara Kenning</b>
<b>4th Grade</b>	Cherryl Crawley: <b>Patrick Herz, Kyle Yorn, Cynthia Kim</b> Judy Hansen: <b>Aoife O'Farrell, Luke Pinney, Sofia Molina</b> Carol Norem: <b>Youri Benadjaoud, Kely Cook, Natali Dallos</b>
<b>4th/5th Combination Class</b>	Lisa Highfill: <b>Ava Cristobal (4th), David Natsch (4th), Christina Ge (5th)</b>
<b>5th Grade</b>	Julie Berglin: <b>Loula Fioregis, Jamal Dessouky, Kunal Patel</b> Carlye Mecozzi: <b>Michael Schwanhausser, Allie Udelhoven, Josh Wright</b> Joe Romagna: <b>Patrick Sun, Alex Chatt, Shari Nishijima</b>

### Grab Your Hat & Read With The Cat

**You're never too old, too wacky,  
too wild,  
To pick a book and read with a  
child.  
You're never too busy, too cool,  
or too hot,  
To pick up a book and share what  
you've got**

**In schools and communities,  
Let's gather around,  
Let's pick up a book,  
Let's pass it around.**

**There are kids all around you,  
Kids who will need  
Someone to hug,  
Someone to read.**

**Come join us March 2nd  
Your own special way  
And make this America's  
Read to Kids Day.**

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Fairlands will be celebrating Read Across America Day in observance of Dr. Seuss's birthday on Monday, March 2. It will be "Wacky Hat Day", so be sure to encourage your student(s) to wear their favorite hat and be prepared to read. We will have guest readers from the community visiting classrooms to share special stories.



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# Congratulations!

## School News and Events

### Kindergarten Roundup Informational Meetings



Parents who are planning to register their children for Kindergarten in PUSD (2009/10 school year) are invited to attend any one of the following meetings. For your convenience, the meetings have been scheduled at three different locations. Parents will hear kindergarten teachers talk about a typical kindergarten school day. Pupil Services representatives will explain kindergarten registration procedures and Kindergarten Round-up. The District Health Liaison will talk about required immunizations, and the district kindergarten parent handbook with kindergarten registration information will be distributed. These meetings are intended for parents only.

Meeting times are 6 – 7 p.m. on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 19, Walnut Grove Elementary Multipurpose Room, 1999 Harvest Road
- Tuesday, February 24, Valley View Elementary Multipurpose Room, 480 Adams Way
- Wednesday, March 4, Donlon Elementary Multipurpose Room, 4150 Dorman Road

Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on **March 18 and 19, 3:30 - 8 p.m., in the Amador Valley High School small gym.** Please bring a birth certificate or a passport, shot records, 2 proofs of residence (such as a recent lease/ mortgage or cable, telephone, water, PG & E, and/or garbage bill (not cell phone). We encourage you to bring copies along with your originals, so you won't have to stand in line at the copier.

### For Parents of Students Entering Sixth Grade Next Year

This year's 5th grade students will soon start planning their 6th grade school year. Following are some important dates for students entering middle school in 2009/10.

#### Hart Middle School:

- February 24: Incoming 6th grade parent information night, 7 p.m., Multipurpose Room
- February 26: Laptop information night, 7p.m., Hart Multipurpose Room
- February 27: Schedule forms due

#### Pleasanton Middle School

- February 26: Laptop information night, 6p.m., Pleasanton Multipurpose Room

#### Harvest Park Middle School:

- March 10: Incoming 6th grade parent information night, 6 p.m., Harvest Park Multipurpose Room
- March 11: Parent Laptop information night, 6 p.m., Harvest Park Multipurpose Room
- March 13: Schedules due in the Walnut Grove Office

### PPIE Update



Do you have a project or program that is short on funding? PPIE Foundation can help! PPIE Foundation Student Grant applications are now being accepted for the second cycle of funding. Funding is available in amounts up to \$500 per project/per year for extracurricular or co-curricular PUSD student projects. Remember, **all applications must be student authored.** See the application packet for complete details. Application packets may be obtained from the PPIE Foundation website, [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org) or by contacting the PPIE office at [mail@ppie.org](mailto:mail@ppie.org) or (925) 846-5620. **Application deadline for cycle #2 is March 10, 2009.** If you have questions about the grant process, you can contact Becky Simons', Fairlands PPIE Ambassador at [pbsimons@comcast.net](mailto:pbsimons@comcast.net) or 846-8146.

This year's **deadline for Education Grant applications is April 21, 2009.** Education Grants are available to teachers and faculty of PUSD in amounts up to \$2500. PPIE Foundation Education Grant application packets may be obtained from the PPIE website, [www.ppie.org](http://www.ppie.org). For more information, contact your PPIE Parent Ambassador, Becky Simons at [pbsimons@comcast.net](mailto:pbsimons@comcast.net), or contact the PPIE office at [mail@ppie.org](mailto:mail@ppie.org).

### Science Fair is Coming!

A Science Fair information night will be held on Wednesday, February 4th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. This is an evening for parents to learn more about our annual science fair, how they can help their student/s to participate, and the many opportunities available for parents to get involved. Don't miss this special evening just for parents.

The Science Fair will be held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 from 6pm-9pm. Projects will be due in the MPR on Friday March 13.** Interviews will be held in the Multipurpose Room on Monday, March 16.

If you would like to volunteer to interview our budding scientists, or to transport the science projects to and from the fairgrounds on Tuesday, March 17, contact Stacey Holder at [sholder@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:sholder@pleasanton.k12.ca.us). Projects will be moved back to Fairlands Tuesday night immediately following event.

Stacey Holder  
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## PTA News and Events

### A Message from the PTA President

Dear Fairlands Families:

It is a very different kind of update that I have to give this month. As you are hopefully by now aware, the Pleasanton School District is facing an unprecedented budget crisis as a direct result of the state's budget woes. The drastic cuts that our school board is considering would be devastating to this school district. In response to this crisis, at our last PTA meeting, our membership voted to support a parcel tax initiative. Most of the surrounding districts have passed parcel taxes. As a result, they are not facing the same budget crisis that we are facing in Pleasanton.

Impact of the Governor's Budget Proposal on PUSD:

- \$4 million reduction in revenue for the current year. Because of contractual obligations and because the year is half, over this reduction would have to come out of the District's reserves. The District would end the year with projected reserves of \$100,000. This \$4 million would need to be cut from the 2009/10 budget to replenish the reserves.
- \$2.7 million reduction in revenue for 2009/10
- \$2 million addition reduction due to 0% COLA

It costs the district this much to "rollover" the budget from one year to the next with no changes in personnel or programs.

**This proposal would require PUSD to make reductions totaling \$8.7 MILLION in the next 18 months.**

In response, the Cabinet has identified possible cuts for 2009/10. These proposed cuts include, but are not limited to:

- Class size reduction - K-3 grade and 9th grade math and English would increase to 32-33 students per class. **Would result in termination of 78 elementary school teachers across the district.**
- Elementary Vice Principals would be reduced from 4.5 to 1 for all 9 elementary schools.
- Elementary counselors reduced from 4.5 to 2.
- Reading Specialists, Technology Specialists and Library Media Assistants reduced by 1/2.

Here's what's I learned at the first PUSD Community Forum on January 26th at Amador Valley HS:

**Total identified possible cuts: \$9.686 million**

- Number of certificated jobs lost: 98.6 (12.6% reduction)
- Number of classified jobs lost: 40.3 (10% reduction)
- Number of management jobs lost: 19.5 (21.1% reduction)

**Potential revenue from a community supported parcel tax:**

- At \$100 per parcel per year: \$2.4 million
- At \$200 per parcel per year: \$4.8 million
- At \$300 per parcel per year: \$7.2 million

What surrounding districts have parcel taxes to support education?

- Acalanes: \$189
- Livermore: \$138
- Oakland: \$195
- Alameda: \$309
- Dublin: \$96
- Fremont: \$98
- San Francisco: \$198
- San Ramon Valley: \$90 (May initiative for \$144)
- Palo Alto: \$493
- Piedmont: \$1559

I attended the Board meeting on Tuesday, January 27th and spoke on behalf of the Fairlands PTA urging the Board to vote in favor of putting a parcel tax measure on the ballot. I urge you to attend the board meetings or watch them on TV. They are televised on Channel 28. The board members expressed how important contact from the community is to them on this issue. Please write to them and let them know how you feel about our schools, the proposed cuts, and a parcel tax initiative. We can save our schools by working together. Please get educated and involved. If these cuts happen the changes to our district will be devastating to our children's education.

Jodie Vashistha  
Fairlands PTA President

To learn more on the Budget Crisis, go to [www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us)

**Mark your calendar** for these upcoming events:

- **Community Forum** - February 4th, Foothill HS MPR 7pm
- **School Board Meeting** - February 10th, 7pm at 4665 Bernal Ave.
- **PTA Meeting** - February 17th, 7pm Fairlands MPR - speaker Luz Cazares, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

School Board Members:

Jim Ott: [jott@unclecu.org](mailto:jott@unclecu.org)  
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**Timeline for layoffs and a possible parcel tax initiative:**

**By 2/10 Board meeting:** Board will begin to identify the reductions needed for the 2009/10 year. They will also discuss a possible parcel tax initiative.

**By 2/24 Board meeting:** Resolution detailing positions and people who will receive a notice of possible layoff; if pursuing a parcel tax initiative, the Board will finalize the ballot language and call for an election in June.

**3/15:** Notices of possible layoff must be issued.

**5/15:** Final notices of layoff must be issued.

**6/2:** Election Day if called by Board. If parcel tax initiative is successful, funds would be available for the 2009/10 school year.

## PTA News and Events

### Congratulations!



On Tuesday, January 20, the Peralta District PTA honored two Fairlands students for their outstanding achievements in the 2008-2009 Reflections art competition. This year's artwork centered around the theme, "Wow!" In order to be honored at the district level, both students won in their categories at the school and city competitions. The Peralta District encompasses all of Alameda County. **Rachana Doraiswamy** was honored for her dance choreography. **Rachel Pettey** was honored for her original story, "What a Great Day!"

Congratulations girls! We are very proud of you and your creative accomplishments.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, March 21, 2009 at 9:00am**  
**Fairlands, Family, Fitness. . . FUN!**  
**The Fairlands Family Fun Run is coming your way!**

The Fairlands PTA proudly presents the **Fairlands Family Fun Run**. This run will promote family fitness, school spirit and fun as well as raise funds to help the school during our budget crisis.

If you work for a company who would like to sponsor this event, or are interested in volunteering, please contact the run chairperson, Dawn Pettey, 461-5006 or [azcatssd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:azcatssd@sbcglobal.net).



### Fairlands Spirit Wear



Just a reminder there are still some Fairlands Spirit Wear in stock. We currently have most sizes of the pigment dyed shirts, limited sizes of raglan style shirts and sweatshirts and we still have the exclusive Fairlands baseball caps and CA Distinguished School license plate frames. Order forms are available in the front office.

- Fairlands Hats \$14
- License Plate Frame \$5
- Fairlands shirts \$14
- Fairlands Sweatshirts \$26

If you have any questions, contact Becky Simons at [pbsimons@comcast.net](mailto:pbsimons@comcast.net) or 846-8146.

### See's Gift Certificates



The Fairlands Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is sponsoring a See's One Pound Gift Certificate Fundraiser! These certificates can be redeemed at any See's store in the continental US.

They are \$15.00 and the certificates will never expire! Order forms are located in the office. Checks should be made out to the Fairlands PTA and returned with your order form to the office. These certificates will be available for purchase throughout the school year. If you would like your certificates before Valentines Day, please return your check and order form to the office by Tuesday, February 10th.

If you have any questions, please contact Coleen Azuma at 462-9443 or Becky Simons at 846-8146. All proceeds will go to the Fairlands PTA Fifth Grade Pigeon Point Scholarship Fund.

### Make a Difference Week

Make a Difference Week at Fairlands is February 2 - 5. Our PTA is leading the effort in collecting donations for local shelters. We are collecting toiletries including shampoo, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste and toilet paper, and Band-Aids. Please send donations in a bag to your child's classroom.

### Welcome to the **GREEN** Page. . .February Edition



How long does it take to go **green**? You may be surprised to learn, that it takes less than a minute and more than a lifetime. Every day, we make lots of choices that can be more or less **green**: whether to turn off a light, leave a car idling stop, a dripping faucet, or using paper or plastic.

Here are a few **green** changes which are easy, cheap and healthy. I'm sure you and your family can think of hundreds more. Try a few of these today:

- Take reusable tote bags to the grocery store
- Drink from a stainless steel water bottle
- Buy a travel coffee mug
- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs
- At the gas station, tighten your gas cap
- Text messages sent from a cell phone use 30 times less energy than sending an e-mail from a desktop computer
- At the ATM, say no to a receipt
- Buy environmentally friendly household cleaners, laundry detergents

### Fairlands PTA Environmental **Go Green** Upcoming Events

- **March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day Celebration
- **April 22, 23, 24:** Earth Day Extravaganza

Wal-Mart Kids Recycling Challenge is moving along. To date, we have successfully recycled **107, 60-gallon collection bags!** Keep em' coming! Challenge ends March 15th.

**Go Green** is always looking for parent volunteers to help make a difference and raise environmental awareness. If you are interested in volunteering and what to learn more about our program, contact Ruth or Kathy. Monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month in the MPR @ 9:30am. Everyone is welcome.

**Green** Wishes,  
 Ruth Dessouky & Kathy Bean

## Community News and Events

### Adult Education Classes Amador Valley Adult School will offer the following classes in the next few months:

#### College Planning Night for Juniors and their Parents

Wednesday, 2/11/09, 7 - 9 p.m.

Amador Valley High School Theater.

#### Cool School Moves: Improving Your Child's Academic Performance Using Brain Gym®

Thursday, 2/19/09, 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Hearst Elementary, Room B28

#### Co-Parenting

Thursdays, 2/5-3/26/09, 7 - 9 p.m.

Pleasanton Middle School, Room 801

#### Family Dynamics and Self-Esteem: Your Child's Emotional Life (Partnership with Pleasanton PTA)

Monday, 2/2/09, 7 -8 p.m.

Walnut Grove Elementary Multipurpose Room

#### Financial Planning for Families with Special Needs Children

Wednesday, 2/4/09, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Amador Valley High Library

#### Parent Project: Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior

Fee: \$95

2/17 - 5/5/09, 6 - 9 p.m. (no class 4/14)

Pleasanton Police Department.

#### Parenting Your Aging Parent, Wednesdays

2/18, 3/18, 4/22, & 5/13/09, 7 - 9 p.m.

Amador Valley High, Conference Room B

#### Stop Using Coercion and Do Something That Really Works

Wednesday, 2/25/09, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Harvest Park Middle School, Room B18

#### The "Strong-Willed" Child

Wednesdays, 2/11 & 2/18/09, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Harvest Park Middle School Room, B18

Classes are free unless otherwise indicated. To register, please call the Amador Valley Adult School at: (925) 426-4280. For more information visit

[www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted](http://www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted)

### Pleasanton Public Library

Chabot Space & Science  
Center Presents:

#### Chabot To Go!



- Pleasanton Public Library
- Saturday, February 28, 2009
- Drop in any time between 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- For grades K - 8

Library Meeting Room: Love science? Looking for ideas & inspiration for the next science fair?

The "Chabot Sampler" brings an assortment of favorite activities selected from a variety of science areas including astronomy and space science.

No registration required.

### Like To Join One Of Our Library Book Clubs?

Grades 4-5 & Grades 6-8



Join us for a monthly mid-week break of good reading, lively conversation, a snack & more!

Wednesdays each month at the Pleasanton Public Library.

- 2nd Wednesday, Grades 4-5 Club  
2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13
- 4th Wednesday, Grades 4-5 Club  
2/25, 3/25, 4/22, 5/27
- Grades 6-8 Club  
2/18, 3/18, 4/15, 5/20

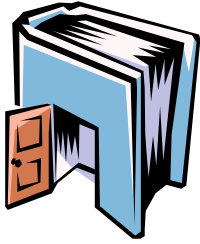
7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Library Meeting Room  
Registration is over, but a waiting list is still available at the Children's Desk.  
Registration is limited to 20 per group.

Each club is run the same way, but reads different books. Please check at the Children's Desk for the next titles to be read.

*Questions? Please call the  
Children's Desk, 925-931-3400 x8*



Please recycle this newsletter when you have finished reading. Thank you!



**Announcements for  
Parents/Educators**

*Keep The Door Open!*

**CAC/SELPA**

*A parent Community Advisory Committee for the  
Tri-Valley Special Education Local Plan Area*

<http://TriValleySELPA.org>

*SELPA/CAC Workshop*

**Informed, Empowered Parents**

**Presented by: Linda Wurzbach**

*Learn how to improve your IEP meetings & gain  
a better understanding of your parental rights.*

**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

**7:00-9:00 PM**

**Bernal Room**

**Pleasanton USD District Office**

**4665 Bernal Ave., Pleasanton**

*Reservations not required.*

**All CAC workshops are FREE!**








*From Dublin: 680 South, Bernal Ave. exit, cross over First St.,  
driveway on the left.*

*From Livermore: Stanley Blvd., left on Bernal Ave., driveway is on the  
right just before First Street.*

For more information, call the Tri-Valley SELPA office at  
925/ 426-9144.



# February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 EA/Go Green Meeting, 9:30am in MPR 	5	6 Talent Show, 7PM in MPR 	7
<b>Make a Difference Week</b>						
8	9 No School - Lincoln's Birthday  <i>Lincoln</i>	10	11 PTA Executive Board Meeting, 9:30am	12	13	14 
15	16 No School - President's Holiday  <i>Washington</i>	17 PTA Meeting, 7pm in MPR	18 Fairlands Flyer Article Deadline 	19	20 Jump Rope Assembly 	21
22	23	24	25	26 Founders Day Luncheon	27	28

## March 2009

- 4: EA/Go-Green 9:30am, MPR
- 6: Family Fun Night, 6:30-9:00pm, MPR
- 9: Science Fair – Project Drop-Off
- 12-13: Minimum Days – Conferences
- 13: Science Project due in MPR
- 16: Science Projects Interview
- 17: Science Fair at Fairgrounds from 6pm-9pm
- TBD: Assembly- *Theatre of All Possibilities*
- 18: PTA Exec. Board Meeting, 9:30am
- 18: Fairlands Flyer article deadline
- 20: Principal's Coffee, 8:30am, MPR
- 24: **PTA Meeting, 7:00pm, MPR**
- 27: Multi-Cultural Night, MPR

## April 2009

- 1: EA/Go-Green 9:30am, MPR
- 6-7: Assembly – *Walk Thru the American Revolution* (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 7: Book Swap Drop-Off
- 8-9: Book Swap, MPR
- 8: PTA Exec. Board Meeting, 9:30am
- TBD: Assembly- *Will and Co.*
- 10: No School, Spring Break
- 13-17: No School, Spring Break
- 20: School resumes
- 20-24: Earth Week
- 21: **PTA Meeting, 7:00pm, MPR** -Elections
- 22: Fairlands Flyer article deadline
- 24: Rummage Sale Drop Off, MPR
- 25: Rummage Sale, MPR
- TBD: STAR/CAT Testing (2-5)