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## **GREENE NEWS**

## **PTA Needs Your Continuous Support**

It's not too late - please consider giving to our school! Every gift to the PTA makes a difference, our School Fund goes towards vital programs that enhance your child's experience every day they are at school. Please fill out your forms and drop them into the front office or pay online at <a href="PTA Webstore">PTA Webstore</a>. Don't forget to include Corporate Gift Matching!

#### Volunteers Needed for "Just Parties" Kick-Off

We need several parents' help to make our Kick-Off Party successful in the evening of **10/11**. Please sign up <u>Setup, Check-in & Check Out</u>. Additionally, if you plan on attending the kick off and Haven't RSVPed yet, please do so now for <u>Kick Off Party</u>. For questions, please contact <u>Susan Scheel</u>, Wendie Karel, or Julie Grady.



## New! 7 th Grade Parent Volunteers Needed for Challenge Days

All 7<sup>th</sup> graders will participate Challenge Days on **10/15** (Cobalt Team), **10/22** (Socrates Team) and **10/29** (Forest Team). Challenge Day, led by 2 professional facilitators, is a 1-day highly interactive and energetic program where approximately 100 students, 25 staff & community members come together to break down barriers & create connections. We need parents to volunteers for this full day program from 7:45am to 3:20pm. Click "Challenge Days" for more info.\_To sign up, please click Cobalt Team, Socrates Team and Forest Team. Questions? Please contact the Assistant Principal Magdalena Fittoria.

#### **Donate Your Used Towels to Greene's Arts Classroom**

Used soft bath towels (a bath towel size or larger if available) are needed for our teachers and students use for arts classroom clean-up. Please drop off your donation to the front office starting **10/1**.

Good Eggs - 5% of every grocery order will go back to PTA
Please visit Good Eggs, enter the code GREENE2018 and click "Shop

Now." 5% on all orders in **October and November** will go PTA. One can enter the code before 10/1 to join early; New to Good Eggs? You will get a \$15 discount. If 20 new families sign up Good Eggs using GREENE2018, PTA will receive a \$500 bonus.

## Int'l Walk N Roll Day - Bike or Ride Share to School, 10/10

Are you gearing up for Greene Walk N Roll day? All students at Greene are encouraged to walk, bike, skate, ride the bus/shuttle or carpool to reduce the congestion in the school zone, making the streets safer for everyone. We will have two stations distributing raffle tickets and fruit snacks for everyone who arrives by alternate transportation including carpool, bus and walking.\_For suggested route, please check <u>Walk N Roll Map</u>. Also, we need parents' help, please sign up at <u>UptoUs</u>.

# 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Skating Party is now ready to register

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Skating Party is here - 11/07/2018 from 5:30 - 7:30pm in Winter Lodge at 3009 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. \$25 for early bird before 11/06/2018, \$27 after or at the door. The price includes skate rental, pizza, hot beverages, and dessert. Before purchasing tickets for your students at PTA Webstore, please read "Parent's Approval and Student/Participant Waiver." By paying for your ticket, the buyer signifies that he/she has read, understands, and agrees to bound by the terms and conditions of the waiver. Please help us be "Greene" and purchase tickets online via PTA Webstore. If paying by check/cash, please submit the payment form along with payment to the envelope marked "7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ice Skating Party" in the office. Questions? Contact Ice Skating Party.

#### **Greene Remarkable Reader Nomination**

Do you know a student who ALWAYS has their nose in a book? Who consistently dressed up as book characters for Halloween? Who would rather read than do just about anything else? Who read more than 10 books this summer alone? Who has read every single one of our 72 Naruto manga or Harry Potter twice? If you answered yes, please consider nominating this student for recognition. Nominations are open 10/3 to 10/11 @ "Remarkable Reader"

## Science Fair Registration is still open

Deadline on 10/31. Click <u>Registration</u> now to enter. More info, check <u>Science Fair</u> site. Questions? Send to our <u>PTA Rep</u>.

## Study Abroad & Exchange Student Program - 10/17 @ MPR

Parent Network Presentation for All PAUSD parents. Plan ahead and learn about programs for middle and high school students. Speakers from Dream Volunteers, Amigos de las Americas summer program in Panama, AFS U.S. government exchange program to multiple countries, Neighbors Abroad, Palo Alto's sister city exchange programs to Japan and Oaxaca, and Adolesco for

Europe. **10/17, 8:30-10:00am in Greene's MPR.** Questions, contact <u>Naoko Fujii</u>.

#### Joint PTA Parent Ed. Night "Screenager"

"Growing up in the digital age" - Do you concern your child spends too much time on screen? Do you worry your child being cyber bullied? Come with your children for this special film "Screenager" on 10/17, 6:45-8:30pm at Greene MPR. Right after the film, there is a discussion panel with some key experts and high school students. Info about the film, check <u>PTA Site</u> or <u>Screenager</u>.

## Baby Ads in yearbook - Attention 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents!!!

Honor your member of the 1<sup>st</sup> graduating class of Greene MS with congratulatory messages and photos in a baby ad in this year's yearbook. Multiple sizes are available and prices start at \$75. You can create your ad yourself online or have the yearbook staff do it for you. Complete info is available on forms that are located in the office, or click "Year Book". Don't miss this chance to commemorate your child's passage from grade school with a positive message that will last forever. The submission deadline is **November 2**. Questions? Contact yearbook adviser <u>Daryl Richard</u>.

#### **Volunteers Needed for Measure Z Phone Banking**

To increase awareness and support for Measure Z, we will be staffing a phone bank for direct outreach to the Palo Alto voter community. The Greene volunteer evening is on 10/16 from 6-8:30pm at Pacific Union, 361 Lytton Ave., Ste. 200. Phone lists, an outreach script and food/drinks will all be provided. Please sign up at <a href="UptoUs for members">UptoUs for Guests</a> (no login required).

## **PAUSD NEWS**

## Donate/Buy Halloween Costumes - 10/13, 9-2pm @ Paly

Come to our first annual Halloween costume sales at the Paly Flea Market. Shop for vintage glasses, local honey and cool clothes, enjoy tasty food prepared by students, and support Paly's Instrumental music program.

## **Preventing & Combating Cyberbullying Workshop**

Oct. is Cyberbullying Month. Microsoft will provide a free instructor-lead workshop in the classroom in back of their store in the Stanford shopping Mall Topics include "Different way kids participate in cyberbullying", "Impact of cyberbullying", "How to prevent cyberbullying", and "How to set privacy settings on Windows 10 and Xbox." Live classes 7-8pm on 10/4, 10/11 10/18 & 10/25. Register for "in-store events" at Microsoft Palo Alto.

## **Donate Used Toys for Duveneck Harvest Carnival**

Duveneck Elementary school Harvest Carnival is on Saturday 10/20. We needprize donations including toys, games, puzzles, costumes, stuffed toys, sport equipment, art supplies, LEGOs (complete set), books and more! Please drop off outside of Duveneck school front office Toys bins everyday from 10/8 to 10/18 or contact Cannie Seto for pick up. Thank You!

#### **Upcoming School Board Candidate Forums**

7-9pm, 9/27 @District Office, sponsored by League of Women Voters & PTAC 6:45-9pm, 10/2 @ District Office, Focus on Elementary Education 4-6pm, 10/14 @ Greene MS MPR, Focus on Educational Equity & Access 4-6pm, 10/20 @ JLS MS MPR, Focus on Secondary Education Spanish/Mandarin translation & childcare available. Email <a href="Christina Schmidt">Christina Schmidt</a> or Kimberly Eng Lee for questions.

#### PAUSD - Parenting in A Digital World

Dr. Forsell will address the use of digital devices and screen time in the home. She will share ways to use media thoughtfully and how to set technology boundaries with your children. There will also be time to discuss whether your child is ready for a smart phone. Childcare (potty trained children only), Mandarin / Spanish interpretation, and light snacks are available. 10/11, 6:30-7:30pm, SDC Room, District Office.

## **PTAC NEWS**

#### **How to Voting YES on Measure Z**

If you support Measure Z, please vote YES. Here are the steps how you can help:

- 1. Sign up to PHONE BANK with your school.
- 2. Participate in a Precinct walk on 10/6, 10/20 & 11/3.
- 3. Display a lawn sign.
- 4. Go to your polling place on Election Day 10/6, or mail in your YES vote as soon as your mail-in ballot arrives.

## PTAC's October General Meeting

Hear what PTAC has been up to. Light refreshments provided. Executive Board Meeting immediately following. 10/10, 9-10:45am, District Office.

## We Did It! Governor signed our bills!

Thanks for speaking up our students and making a difference through tapping on 2018 CA legislation mobile alert, <u>Click My Cause</u>. Our bills passed all CA Assembly and Senate committees, and the Governor signed our bills of "Suicide Prevention", "Prohibit trying our youth offenders in adult court", and "Increase Family Engagement".

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#### SUBMIT AN ITEM TO THE eNEWS

Before Thursday 6pm, send a blurb including title, location, time and a brief description (in 600 characters) of your event to <a href="mailto:greeneweeklynews@gmail.com">greeneweeklynews@gmail.com</a> with [eNews Request] prefix in the email subject. Greene PTA reserves the right to edit and alter submitted articles for clarity or content.

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