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Great Glass Pumpkin Patch

Thousands of glistening glass pumpkins and other unique glass art objects return to Palo Alto, when the Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, and the Bay Area Glass Institute, present the 14th Great Glass Pumpkin Patch. Held at the Palo Alto Art Center, this beloved autumn event—and the largest glass pumpkin patch of its kind in California, will be on display from Tues. – Wed., Sept. 29 – 30, from 10am– 9pm, and Thurs. – Fri., Oct. 1 – 2, from 10am – 5pm. All glass pumpkins and other glass art are available for purchase only on Sat. - Sun., Oct. 3 – 4, from 10am– 5pm, rain or shine. For more information, call (650) 329-2366, or (408) 993-2244 or visit www.greatglasspumpkinpatch.com.



HindiforUS Classes:

Offered by: US Hindi Association (USHA), an educational NonProfit. Engaging and highly interactive after school program that is designed for children growing up here. Beginning Hindi language class covers the alphabet, numbers, colors, poems and conversational Hindi. Games, puzzles and other interactive tools will be used to make it fun. El Carmelo Elementary. Sept. 2009 - May 2010. Grades K- 5. Hindi Level : Level I Beginner (no prereq). Registration: www.eduhindi.org. Contact: info@eduhindi.com, (650) 493 - 1566

Mandarin Class at Jordan Middle School

Saturdays 9–11am
Fall semester: Sept 12 – Jan. 23. Spring semester: Jan. 30 – June 6.
Mandarin, Pinyin, traditional/simplified Chinese. Classes open for students from age 4 and above (pre-K-12). Adult Mandarin Class for those who want to expand their cultural horizons. To register, please complete the enrollment form at www.hwashinschool.org

Airport Day

Sat., Sept. 12, 10am to 4pm, 1901 Embarcadero Road (at the airport) Palo Alto Airport Day - Free open house, free airplane rides (8-17 yrs), displays and activities for kids of all ages. Admission and parking are free. There will be planes and helicopters on static display, and fly-overs of interesting aircraft. There will be many educational booths and displays on aviation topics, as well as other community interests like the Baylands, live birds of prey exhibits, food vendors, and lots to see and do.

Palo Alto Library Events:

AfterSchool Special: The Library's Got Talent

Sept. 23, 3:30pm

Can you play an instrument, juggle, or wiggle your ears? Come show off your amazing talent and win some cool prizes! Kids in grades K-5 may enter the contest. Registration is required. Children's Library, 1276 Harriet St. Registration Ends: 9/23/2009 at 3pm

Lizard Lady

Sept. 30, 3:30pm

If you like snakes and lizards and want to see some real live slithery ones, this program is for you! Teresa will bring her collection and share her knowledge about these amazing creatures! Mitchell Park Library, 3700 Middlefield Rd. These programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Palo Alto Library.

Menlo Park Library Events:

Fri., Sept. 18 7pm – Author **Ellen Klages**

Share the joy of reading as a family with the Peninsula Library System's We Read Together program. Welcome Ellen Klages, author of this year's selection, *The Green Glass Sea*. This compelling story of an 11-year-old girl and her scientist father is set in Los Alamos, New Mexico – a town abuzz with activity as famous scientists and mathematicians work on a top secret government project known only as "the gadget." Little does anyone know how this "gadget" will change their world.

Thurs., Sept. 24, 11:15am – Kids' Day Story Time with author **Alex Beard**

In his new children's book *The Jungle Grapevine*, fine artist Alex Beard brings to life an African savanna filled with humor and misunderstandings. Alex Beard is a painter whose extensive travels through Africa inspired this book. Kids' Day is an interactive art experience in which Alex Beard reaches out to children of all ages encouraging participation in the creative process. Kids' Day is not a class, but rather an opportunity for children to have fun with an artist and the arts.

Menlo Park Public Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park.

Winter Lodge Ice Skating Lessons

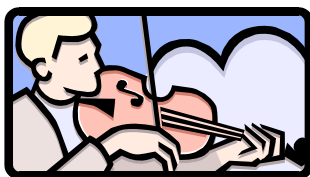
Winter Lodge offers ice skating lessons for all ages and abilities. The fall classes begin Sept. 28 and run for 8 weeks for \$144.00, including rental skates, practice time and a half hour lesson once a week. Registration begins Sept. 15 from 9:30am-12:30pm. Please call 493-4566 or visit www.winterlodge.com

Community Events for the PAUSD Area – August 29, 2008

Music and Arts

Scottish Country Dance for Children

Boys and girls ages 7 through 16 invited to try Scottish Country Dance (SCD) at a free class on Mon., Sept. 14, 3:45pm. Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1715 Grant Road, Los Altos, CA 94024. No experience or partner needed - and no need to be Scottish! Wear sneakers, jazz, or ballet shoes. Sponsored by the nonprofit Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. SCD is social, energetic, and co-operative. Typically danced in groups of eight people, it offers a fun alternative to competitive team sports. Regular class resumes on Sept 21. \$6 per class. Contact Michelle at purplepousette@yahoo.com for more information. <http://southbay.rscds-sf.org>



Treasures from the Mexican Museum

The Palo Alto Art Center is honored to present Treasures from The Mexican Museum: A Spirited Legacy from September 26, 2009 through April 18, 2010. Palo Alto Art Center Hours: Open Tues.- Sat. 10-5pm; Thurs. 7-9pm; Sun., 1-5pm. Admission is free. For more information on related exhibits and programs, call 650-329-2366 or visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/artcenter.

Parent Education

SELPA I CAC Parent Ed Seminar: "Momfulness"

Wed. Sept. 23, 9-11am. Covington Elementary School Multi, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos. Parenting can be stressful, especially if your child has an IEP. Come hear Denise Roy, mediator and family therapist, and author of Momfulness and My Monastery is my Minivan, talk about how to use mindfulness to discover peace, joy, and wholeness while parenting, even while your child may present special challenges. Denise has the gift of being able to help you change how you look at your life in order to make it better. Of course, her advice is not just for moms. Sponsored by the SELPA I CAC (www.selpa1cac.org). Free. No registration necessary.

Canopy's Tree Walks

Sat. Sept. 12, 10am-noon. Treat yourself to some fresh air, a healthy walk and a new perspective. Canopy's free Tree Walks provide informative guided tours of the trees in our neighborhoods on the second Saturday of each month. Canopy's next tree walk is Sat. Sept. 12 in Palo Alto, 10am to noon. Visit www.canopy.org or call Canopy at 650-964-6110.

Sports Announcements

Flag Football

Registration for fall flag football league is now open. The league will take place on Sundays at Gunn High School in Palo Alto, and will feature 5-on-5 non-contact flag football for boys and girls ages 4 to 15. The cost to participate is \$120, and each participant receives a jersey, shorts, flags, mouthpiece, league t-shirt, end-of-season trophy, and more. The deadline to register is Sept. 28. For more information, please visit www.PlayFlagFootball.com.

AYSO Kinder League Soccer

The AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization) Kinder league (Under 6 Girls & Under 6 Boys) will be continuing to register kids until September 19. The Kinder league starts on Oct. 3, and ends on Nov. 14. More information can be found at www.ayso26.org

Sports Opportunities for Kids

For current sports opportunities, visit: palylink.paloaltopta.org/pages/sports.html



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Welcome Back From PTA Council!

Community Kiosk is a bi-weekly calendar of local events brought to you as a service by the Palo Alto Council of PTAs. The Kiosk appears in all PAUSD elementary school newsletters and is intended to save paper by consolidating flyers from outside organizations into two pages of brief announcements. When possible, we direct you to a Web site or contact person for further details. You can also find the Kiosk on the PTA Council Web site, www.paloaltopta.org. If you wish to publish a brief announcement of a not-for-profit, nonsectarian, non-political event, please submit it to kioskeditor@paloaltopta.org