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Town Hall -- Live & Online --

"Everything You Wanted to Know & Now Can Ask School Board Candidates Barb Mitchell and Dana Tom."

Mon., Oct. 26, 7-8:30 pm, PAUSD Boardroom, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo Alto. Join us as Moderator PTA Council President Terry Godfrey asks School Board members/candidates Barb Mitchell & Dana Tom audience questions about education matters that matter before election day. Can't leave home? Watch live over the internet; plug in your speakers or headphones and go to <https://www.livemeeting.com/cc/intercalldemo/join?id=TQ3K44&role=attend&pw=InterCall> to download Microsoft Office Live (free) and view. Candidate questions can be emailed in before to TownHall@paloaltopta.org or posed during the meeting live or via InterCall's "Q&A" tab.

Palo Alto Children's Theatre Annual Costume Sale

Sun. Oct. 4, 9:30am-3pm, Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield, Palo Alto. The Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre in cooperation with the Palo Alto Children's Theatre will be selling costumes and accessories from past Palo Alto Children's Theatre productions including animals, fantasy characters, and vintage clothing in a variety of sizes just in time for Halloween. Flyer: palylink.paloaltopta.org/enews0910/costumesale.pdf. Info: 463-4930



Afterschool French Classes

Have you ever dreamed of speaking French? Do you have French roots and wish to keep the language in your family? Did you just arrive from France and do not want to lose French? Come to EFBA's (French Education Bay Area) after school program at Barron Park School. \$20/hour. French Speakers: K - 2nd Grade: Mon. 3:10-4:40pm, 3rd - 5th Grade: Mon. 3:10-4:40pm. Non-French Speakers: K - 2nd Grade: Tues. 3:10-4:40pm, 3rd - 5th Grade: Thurs. 3:10-4:40pm. Info: efba.us or Judith.Rapoport@gmail.com

CAC Meet the School Board Candidates: Barb Mitchell and Dana Tom

Mon. Oct. 12, 7:30-9pm, Conference Room A, 25 Churchill Ave. Barb Mitchell and Dana Tom, two incumbents running unchallenged for Palo Alto School Board this year will meet with parents of children with special needs and teachers working with children with special needs. Take the opportunity to meet them and let them hear your concerns and issues or just come and share your story. This is an informal Parent Meeting sponsored by Community Advisory Committee for Special Education.

Google and the Power of Doodles

Thurs. Oct. 8, 7:30pm, Boardroom, 25 Churchill
The Palo Alto PTA Council's ArtSpeak! program begins its '09-'10 season with this talk by Dennis Hwang, International Webmaster and Logo Designer, Google. Dennis Hwang is known for his creative reinventions of the Google logo, developed for all kinds of special and offbeat occasions. He'll tell how he got started doing his designs, show some examples, and talk about the challenges juggling this creative pursuit with his full-time job (he's the international webmaster at Google, overseeing all content development). He's also a driving force behind Doodle 4 Google—a nationwide competition for K-12 students to reinvent the Google logo. He'll talk about this exciting program and why Google believes so strongly in it.
Info: artsspeak.paloaltopta.org

PreSchool Family Fun Day

PreSchool Family and Young Fives hosts its annual Family Fun Day on Sat, Oct. 24 from 9:30am-2pm. Fun for ALL Ages! Raffle and Silent Auction, Train rides, Carnival games, Magic shows, Live music, Food and Bake sale, Used Book sale, and more! Free admission; Info: 650-856-0833. PreSchool Family Campus, 4120 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. www.psf.pausd.org

Parents Nursery School Fall Carnival

A day of entertainment, games, prizes and fun for the whole family! Parents Nursery School Annual Fall Carnival. Live entertainment, games and prizes. The public is welcome to participate in the silent auction and raffle, shop for hand-made gifts at the craft store and enjoy freshly baked goods at the bake sale. Costumes are encouraged and all ages are welcome! Sun., Oct. 18, 11am to 3:30pm. 2328 Louis Road, Palo Alto (between Oregon Expressway and Embarcadero Road). Featuring: Mr. Horsefeathers: Magician, Juggler, & Clown.

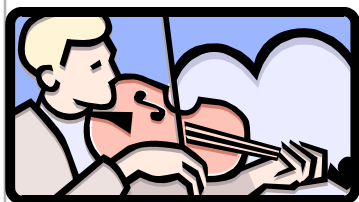
Dine Out For Packard

Thurs. Oct. 8. Support your Children's Hospital by joining the first-ever Dine Out for Packard day, benefiting the patients and families of Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Participating restaurants throughout Palo Alto will donate a percentage of total sales to the Children's Fund, which helps the Hospital meet its greatest needs each year. Info including list of participating restaurants: www.dineoutforpackard.org



Community Events for the PAUSD Area – October 2, 2009

Music and Arts



MOAH Winter Exhibit: Meccano-Mania: A modeler shows his metal

Nov. 20 – Feb. 28, Museum of American Heritage, 351 Homer, Palo Alto. Before there was LEGO, there were metal construction toys. Generations of budding engineers grew up assembling metal models prepared from kits by Meccano, Erector, Metalcraft and others. MOAH offers a glimpse into the model crafter's world of the early 20th century with Meccano-Mania, an exhibit of models by world-renowned modeler Charlie Pack. Regular exhibit hours are 11am-4pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free.

Square Dance Classes

Sun. Oct. 4, Fairmeadow School, 500 E. Meadow, Sun. Oct. 11 and 18, Covenant Church, 670 E Meadow. Modern square dancing combines music with mental and physical exercise suitable for all ages - teens and families welcome. The Stanford Quads are offering free intro nights, Sundays 7-9pm. No previous dance experience of any kind required, no special clothing (but wear comfortable shoes), and you don't need to come with a partner.
Info: www.stanfordquads.org/class, 948-4935

Sports Opportunities for Kids

For current sports opportunities, visit: info.paloaltopta.org/sports.shtml

Parent Education

Current Research on the Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Students

Wed. Oct. 14, 7-8:30pm, Board Room, 25 Churchill, Palo Alto. PAUSD's Elementary and Middle School GATE Parent Presentation by Dr. Tracy Cross, Ball State Univ. The lives of students with gifts and talents are quite complicated. They grow up within many subcultures that have differing notions about giftedness. Consequently, they face dilemmas in their development that their non-gifted peers do not. Most gifted students develop social coping strategies to help them navigate the complicated social waters of childhood and adolescence. This presentation will report the recent research on the social and emotional development of our students with gifts and talents. Flyer: info.paloaltopta.org/docs/091014gate.pdf, Questions: 329-3769

A View of Youth Stress: Warning Signs and Strategies for Coping and Dealing with Stress from the Experts

Wed. Oct. 21, 6:30pm, Cubberley Auditorium, 4000 Middlefield, Palo Alto. The Palo Alto Council of PTAs will host a program on middle- and high-school stress, removing the pressure to be perfect and opening up about depression in conjunction with Lucile Packard Children's Hospital and Adolescent Counseling Services. The panel will include Frances Wren, MD, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Philippe Rey, Psy.D, Adolescent Counseling Services, and a Student Panel of middle and high school students. Resource fair 6:30pm, panel discussion and Q&A 7-8:30pm. Flyer: palylink.paloaltopta.org/enews0910/stressforum.pdf Info: PTA Web site, paloaltopta.org, 400-6960, or sdykwel@kwrpa.com, Packard Children's Hospital, www.lpch.org under "Your Child's Health University" and "Parent Education Corner".

Parent Ed Program: I Think My Child Needs Help - Now What Do I Do?

Wed. Oct. 21, 7-9pm, Covington Elementary School Multi, 205 Covington Rd, Los Altos. A presentation for Special Ed. parents just getting started. The first hour will be a panel presentation by a developmental psychologist, a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, and a speech pathologist who will cover how they assist families who are seeking initial help. Dr. Steve Newton, a Los Altos-based developmental psychologist will discuss private testing and evaluation as well as psychological therapies. During the second hour, the floor will be open for questions and concerns. Sponsored by the SELPA I CAC (www.selpa1cac.org)

Parents Place Workshops

200 Channing, Palo Alto
Parents Place Fall Quarter 2009 workshops for elementary and middle school parents include:

Creative Parenting (preschool-5th grade), M, 10/5-11/2, 6:30-8:30pm, \$175
Connecting With Your Child Everyday (5-11 years), Th, 10/15, 7-9pm, \$35
Children Who Struggle With Homework (grades 2-6), T, 10/20 and 27, 6:30-8:30pm, \$60
Pay Attention (Kindergarten-grade 6), T, 12/8, 6:30-8:30pm, \$35
Registration and full class descriptions: www.ParentsPlaceOnline.org.

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