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Palo Alto Premiere of "Oskar and the Big Bully Battle!"

Mon. March 16, 6pm, Nixon Elementary School Theatre, 1711 Stanford Avenue, Stanford. Suited for adults and kids from Young Fives through grade 6, this is a humorous and insightful tale with some important life lessons for everyone. It will teach your child how to speak up and stand up for what is right when either they or someone else gets bullied. All parents and students are invited to this free theatrical debut, brought to you by PAUSD and TheatreWorks. 6pm: Community potluck, 6:30-7:15pm: Performance, 7:15-7:45pm: Interactive activities for parents and students to reflect on the play. Live Spanish translation will be provided. This performance launches PAUSD's 4th annual "Not In Our Schools" program, a month-long community awareness campaign to stop all forms of intolerance and hatred. Info: www.info.paltopaltopta.org

District-wide Parent/Community Information Night

On the K-5 Elementary MATH Materials Adoption - including information sharing and discussion time. Wed., March 11 7- 8:30pm, Nixon Elementary School M.P. Room. 1711 Stanford Avenue, Stanford. Questions? Call Ginni Davis (Assistant Superintendent - Educational Services) at 329-3709 or email vdavis@pausd.org

Working Wonders: Gently-Used Baseball and Softball Equipment Drive

It's that time of year- baseball and softball season has arrived! The gloves, bats and other baseball equipment that your child has outgrown can open a whole world of opportunities for an under-resourced child. We will be collecting gently-used baseball and softball mitts, youth aluminum bats [under 21 oz], batting helmets, cleats, and unstained white pants as well as new baseballs and softballs. March 9-20. Pitch in at the following collection points: Walter Hays and Duveneck Elementary Schools. Questions: contact Jean Young at jean@jeanyoung.com.



Working Wonders After-School Activity

Wed. April 8, Walter Hays Multipurpose Room. Kids- Come help clean, oil and polish donated baseball and softball equipment and make it like new! Then we'll wrap it up with your personal note to send to an under-resourced child! Questions: contact Jean Young at jean@jeanyoung.com.

Palo Alto PTA Council Presents: Creating an Inclusive Community

A workshop conducted by Flaurie S. Imberman. Thurs. March 19, Dinner 6:30pm, Workshop 7-8:30pm, Jordan Middle School Library. Please join us for an evening designed to promote practices in our daily lives that will help foster a commitment to diversity that includes all members of our community. Ms. Imberman teaches Spanish and Latin American History at Castilleja School, where she also runs a monthly seminar for adults on issues of multiculturalism and inclusion. Info: PTA Council Community Outreach Chairs Delia Perla, deliaperla3@yahoo.com, Florence Srinivasan florescrinivasan@gmail.com

Playing With Poetry Vacation Camps

TheatreWorks fun and creative camps are a great way to spend school vacations. Full day camps during both spring and summer breaks, that were inspired by the popular Playing With Poetry in-school residencies. Vacation Camps are skill building workshops in which students engage in language based activities, movement, music, and improvisational theatre games. Presentations of student-generated pieces are given at the end of each camp. Spring Break Camps at Addison Elementary School. 1 Week: March 23-27, 2009, Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm. Grades K-5. Summer Camps at Barron Park Elementary School. Three 2-Week Sessions to choose from: June 22-July 3; July 6-17; July 20-31. Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm. Grades K-5.

Fill Your Spring Break With Theatre!

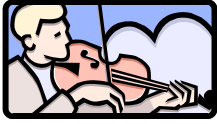
Palo Alto Children's Theatre is offering fun, high quality, interactive theatre classes over spring break (March 23-27) that enliven imaginations, get kids working together, and instill a lifelong love of theatre. All classes are taught by professional teaching artists with a talent for teaching kids. Classes include Story Acting (age 4-6), Playing Along (age 7-8), Camp Sneak Preview (age 8-11), Beginning Hand Sewing (age 10-13), Intermediate Machine Sewing (age 13-18), and Scenic Painting (age 11-18). For more information, please visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre or call 463-4930.

Bonnie Lockhart presents Songs and Music Games from Around the World.

From *This Little Light of Mine* to the Caribbean *Tingalayo*, this program of diverse folk music invites children and families to join in the fun. Move to the call and response of *My Friend the Drum*, plant seeds to the traditional *Bella Hortelana*, and join Bonnie on stage for an impromptu rhythm band finale! Menlo Park Library, 800 Alma Street, Menlo Park. Mon., March 23, 6:30pm.

Community Events for the PAUSD Area – March 6, 2009

Music and Arts



Sculpture Family Day

Sun., Apr. 5, 2– 4pm
Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell
Road, Palo Alto

Come for a sculpture-making celebration! Make magical animals of all kinds, wooden figurines, and much more. Inspired by the Palo Alto Art Center's exhibitions Joe Brubaker: Somnambulists and Tales from an Imaginary Menagerie. Admission and activities are appropriate for ages 5 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All Family Days are free, thanks to the support of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation.

PAUSD Music and Art Teachers Faculty Concert and Art Show

Sun. April 5, Art Preview 3:30pm, Concert 4pm, Reception/art sale 5:15pm, Spangenberg Aud., Gunn. For the 17th year, PAUSD Music Teachers will present a chamber music concert. The art teachers, who also teach grades 4-8, will participate in this event by showcasing their artwork and offering it for sale. Proceeds from the concert provide scholarships for district Music students in grades 4-8 by audition. To sign up for an audition time, students must be in attendance at the concert. Proceeds from the sale of the Art will be awarded to a PAUSD art student. Tickets may be purchased by sending a check made out to "PAUSD" and a SASE to the Music Office, 25 Churchill Ave., Palo

Alto, 94306 before Fri. March 20. Tickets will also be available at the door. Adults \$12.00 (\$15 at door) Student/Senior \$5.00. Info: 329-3944, music@pausd.org

Palo Alto Children's Theatre 10 Minute Playwriting Contest

The Palo Alto Children's Theatre (PACT) is now accepting entries for its first 10 Minute Playwriting Contest. These original plays may be submitted in one of three categories: Child (age 8-11), Teen (age 12-14), and Young Adult (age 15– high school). Deadline is March 31. Winning plays receive a staged reading and reception at PACT directed by a professional director and performed by members of the PACT acting ensemble, as well as a cash prize donated by the Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre. For more information or to obtain an entry form, please call the Children's Theatre at 463-4930 or visit www.cityofpaloalto.org/childrenstheatre

Children's Fine Art Classes Presented by the Palo Alto Art Center

Registration Time for Spring Classes and Summer Studio Camps for Kids Classes and Workshops in all Media . Registration is underway! Summer Camps Registration Lottery Deadline: March 12, 5pm. Summer Camps Registration for Non-Residents starts March 26. Spring Classes Start April 3. Summer Studio Camps Start June 22. For more great Art Center classes and registration visit Enjoy online or call 329-2366

Parent Education

SELPA I CAC Parent Ed: "Legislation"

Wed. Mar. 18, 8:45-11am, Loyola Elementary School Multi, 770 Berry Avenue, Los Altos. Hear staff members of Federal and State Representatives discuss what's in the pipeline for Special Education students and families, ask what parents can do to help fund programs and services, and share ideas for future legislation. Sponsored by the SELPA I CAC (www.selpa1cac.org). Free.

Challenge Success Parent Education Seminar

Challenge Success co-founders Jim Lobdell and Denise Pope will teach a five-week spring seminar through the Stanford Continuing Studies Program entitled, "Raising Well-Balanced Children in a Fast-Paced World." Parents of children ages 5-12 will examine current research on childhood stressors and learn specific strategies to promote physical and mental health, engagement in school, and overall well-being for their children. Stanford University Apr. 29, May 6, May 13, May 20, and May 27 from 7-9:30pm. Registration opens Feb. 23 online at Stanford Continuing Studies. www.challengesuccess.org

CAC Parent Education Program: Anxiety - How To Help Your Anxious Student

Mon. March 16, 7:30pm, Board Room, 25 Churchill. Anxiety can have an adverse impact on students' academic performance. Research studies have found that nearly 10% of children in school experience anxiety at a high enough level that it can adversely affect their academic performance. However, the impact is not solely on academics, anxiety can also significantly affect students' peer relationships and places them at risk for other problems (e.g., substance abuse, depression, etc.). This talk will focus on the challenges that anxious students face and what parents can do to help them. Questions: Janet Dafoe, 208-1224.

"What Every Parent Should Know About Eating Disorders"

Tues., March 24, 7pm - 8:30pm. Freidenrich Auditorium, first floor Packard Children's Hospital. Speaker: Dr. Rebecka Peebles. This seminar is free of charge, but space is limited. Please call 724-3783 to reserve your seat!

Sports Opportunities for Kids

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

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