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Coming up ... October

- 8 Walk to School day
- 8 Green Team Kids Club – Lunchtime
- 9 Fall Festival, 2-5pm
- 16 Firestone Portraits
- 16 Bon Appétit Dinner
- 18-22 Fall Book Fair, Library
- 20 PTA Exec Board, 9:30 am, Rm. 19
- 22 Box Tops Due
- 22 Principal's Coffee, 8:30am, Rm. 19
- 25-29 Red Ribbon Week
- 25 3 Screens Assembly
- 27 Run for Reading
- 28-29 Minimum Day (1-5)

TNT Assembly Scores High with Flyers

Friday, September 17th was an assembly the students at Fairlands will likely not forget any time soon! Fairlands PTA sponsored the **TNT Dunk Squad** who have been seen at all NBA Team halftime shows, the NBA All Star Game, the Atlanta Olympics, NCAA Final Four Game and Disneyland. Throughout their 2 decade act, they have been featured on numerous TV shows both nationally and internationally. It as a real treat to be able to have them perform for our students and give them a positive message.



Now that's character!

For those who were not able to attend, the TNT dunk squad consists of a 2 man acrobatic performance which combines high flying trampoline aerial stunts with spectacular slam dunks and unmatched sportsmanship. TNT Dunk Squad rocked our assembly with lots of student participation, upbeat music and hilarious interactive skits that were themed

around our school's **Character Traits**.

During their performance, they called out a 1st grade teacher, **Mrs. Smith**, to hold up her hands so they could fly over her head to dunk a basket. Another amazing feat they performed was having a bunch of students (donned in wigs and costumes) stand in a link (see photo) and one of the squad members "flew" over all of them.

Fairlands' assemblies not only keep the students' attention, but they also promote positive messages that students can take away and use in life. A HUGE thank you to **Laura Borges** for coordinating this assembly!

**** Please DON'T try any of the stunts that were performed at home. The TNT Dunk Squad are professionally trained athletes. DO take away their positive, character building messages!*

S"book"tacular Fall Book Fair

The PTA sponsored Fall **Scholastic Book Fair** is "creeping" into the Fairlands library **Monday October 18th, through Friday, October 22nd**. Reading can raise anyone's "spirits" and there will be a monstrous selection of books your little goblins will love! Come join us as we scare up some fun for reading at the Book Fair!

Book Fair Hours:

- Mon, Oct 18: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tue, Oct 19: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. **Family Night***
7:00 p.m. **Spooky Story time**
- Wed, Oct 20: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thu, Oct 21: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, Oct 22: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Check out the [website](#) for more information.



Fairlands PTA: President Perspective

PTA has been working hard to plan enjoyable and community building programs / events for your children.

So far, we hosted Walk-Through Registration and provided easy sign-ups for **eScrip**. Why not support Fairlands as you shop! Register your Safeway and/or credit cards safely and securely on-line at www.escrip.com. We sold **spirit wear** to promote school pride and our **Green Team** educated visitors on all things "**GREEN**". We also sold pre-orders for the **yearbook** and **PTA memberships**.

In September, we hosted our **FREE Ice Cream Social** where we served 1100 bowls of ice

cream and sponsored the school's **TNT assembly**. The assembly from this amazing troupe was a first for Fairlands not only because of the high flying performance but because the entire school was able to participate as it was located outside on the blacktop.

October is another busy month. Our **3rd Annual Family Fall Festival** is on **October 9th**. The **Fall Book Fair** is the week of **October 18-22**. Please watch for more information. **Reflections** entries are due **October 22** and **Red Ribbon Week** is the week of **October 25-29th**. Our next assembly, **3 Screens Productions**, will be held on **October 25th** and

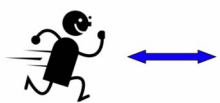
the **2nd Annual Run for Reading** event will be held during the school day on **October 27th**. See below for more information about this great event.

Our next **General PTA meeting** will be on Monday, **November 8th** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 19. **Reading Specialist, Elaine Hilbelink**, will be our guest speaker. She will be giving an overview of our reading programs at Fairlands. All Fairlands families are invited and welcome to attend. Please mark your calendars!

If you have any questions about PTA or any event we are planning, please visit our website, www.fairlandspta.com, or contact me at President@fairlandspta.com.

Students Get Fit while Saving Reading Programs

With even more state budget cuts looming, our school will have little or no funding available to continue the amazing reading programs that we have enjoyed over the years. The PTA is attempting to augment these programs by implementing a program called Run for Reading which was introduced last year.



Each classroom was assigned to a 45 min block to participate. This block of time substituted for the already required time allotment for the students to get their state required PE hours for the month. It was a win-win for all. Students lined up, stretched for 5 minutes, ran or walked for 20 minutes and had a 5 minute cool down all while energizing music was playing by a local Disc

Jockey. The kids had water and shade available as needed. There were even a few teachers joining their students out for a walk.

Students who were able to bring in donations of \$15 or more were given a t-shirt for their efforts and the PTA was able to raise over \$3,000 for reading programs and supplies. With last year's success, the PTA hopes to raise even more funds this year!

PTA in California

Empowering our members with skills in advocacy so that they may speak out effectively on behalf of children is one of the core purposes of PTA. California State PTA has published a Special Election Issue of **PTA in California** with a wealth of information to assist PTA members in engaging in key races and issues for the upcoming statewide election November 2.

Although PTA does not support or

oppose candidates, we do provide opportunities to educate our members about those seeking key offices that will impact the lives of children and family in California. Inside this newsletter you will find responses to PTA questions from candidates for California Superintendent of Public Instruction (pages 3-6).

The entire **PTA in California** Special Election Edition newsletter can be found [here](#). **Don't forget to vote on November 2nd.**



PTA members vote and with almost 1 million members statewide our voices count!

If you haven't yet registered to vote, you need to register at least 15 days before the election. You can obtain voter registration forms from your county elections office, library, post office or DMV office.

School News: Principal's Points

We are off to a wonderful start to the school year! I am very proud of how well our students are doing. They are working hard in class and playing hard during recess. By this point in the year students have learned the routines for their new classrooms. They have learned how to transition from the classroom to PE, music, science lab and computer lab then to the classroom. They have also re-connected with old friends and made ones. It has been a very busy time and they have really adjusted well.

One of our biggest changes this year has been our shift to "Recess Before Lunch". The first few days of school were quite challenging, but now students are playing well and eating even better. If you notice your child is coming home with uneaten food in his or her lunch or if your child shares he did not have time to eat then please discuss further with your child what is happening during lunch. We are

finding that many students who bring their lunch to school are not finishing. The students have 20 minutes to eat their lunch. If the student is hungry and wants to eat early then the student is encouraged to do so. Students who are buying lunch and express that they are really hungry are given the opportunity to purchase lunches a little early as well. We are working to meet the needs of all of our children. We understand that for some students the lunch period will not be sufficient to finish eating, even when they eat right away. The goal is for students to have enough nutrition to feel full, have energy to learn and avoid feeling run down or tired.

Our goal for the month of October is to work on using proper table manners. This includes the following:

- Polite table conversation (*no screaming, yelling, or 'bathroom' talk*)



- Eat your **own** lunch (*do not take food from other children or share your food due to student allergies*)
- Chew with your mouth closed
- No throwing food, papers, drinks, etc.
- Clean up your own garbage and put in the proper receptacle (*Food Scraps/Paper & Wrappers/Plastics*)
- Raise your hand and wait for a supervisor to come to help you when needed
- Walk in the picnic area at all times

We appreciate your help in reviewing the above goals with your child. Together we are cultivating respectful, well rounded citizens who excel both academically and socially.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The partnership between parents and the teacher is critical to ensuring students reach their potential. During the school year we have specific dates set aside for teachers to meet with parents of students who are having difficulties meeting all standards. Teachers will initiate a conference with you if your child is having difficulty. Students who are progressing and either meeting or exceeding standards will not necessarily need a conference. Teachers communicate in a variety of methods the progress of students including weekly progress reports, newsletters,



November 19th

e-mail, assignment books, corrected papers and impromptu conversations and more. If you would like to conference with your child's teacher you may request a conference at any time. Please contact the teacher to schedule a mutually agreed upon time. In addition, I would like to encourage you to illicit from your child how he or she is feeling about school. If you ask your child how their day was you might be met with a shrug of the shoulders and a statement such as, "It was okay". If you ask what they learned today or what they did in school you

might get the response, "Nothing, I didn't learn anything..." Try asking your child one of the following questions instead and see if their response changes:

1. Tell me one thing you learned today.
2. What was the best thing that happened today?
3. Tell me one thing you learned and one thing you still wonder about.
4. What was your favorite part of the day and Why?

Focusing the conversation helps students to think about specific things they did in school and helps them to reinforce concepts they learned during the school day.

James and the Giant Peach

opens October 8



Watch Fairlands students perform at the brand new Firehouse Arts Center!

Pleasanton Civic Arts and San Francisco Shakespeare Festival have teamed up again; this time to bring to life the beloved story of James and his amazing peach based on the book by Ronald Dahl. You won't want to miss this chance to be in the audience of the first play ever performed on the Firehouse stage. Rehearsals started back in August, and the actors, including two of our very own Fairlands students, Aaron Guerra (4th grade) and Nishaad Trivedi (5th grade), have been working hard to make this a show you won't forget.

The production has two casts in order to allow more students to participate. Aaron Guerra and Nishaad Trivedi are both performing in the Brighton (B) cast. If you want to see a specific actor, make sure that you purchase tickets for the appropriate show as indicated:

[The entire cast list here](#)

- Friday, October 8, 7:30p.m. (B)
- Friday, October 15, 7:30p.m. (NY)
- Saturday, October 9, 11 a.m. (B) & 7:30 p.m. (NY)
- Saturday, October 16, 2p.m. (NY) & 7:30p.m. (B)
- Sunday, October 10, 2p.m. (NY)
- Sunday, October 17, 2p.m. (B)

I Scream U Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream

PTA's first event of the year was a huge success! Lines were seen to the front of the school as our hard working volunteers scooped over 1100 bowls of ice cream on Tuesday, September 14th.



Ice Cream Social Chair, Lisa Camello, did a great job getting everything organized! Thanks Lisa

for doing such an amazing job coordinating and making sure EVERYONE got their ice cream! Huge thanks go out to those that stepped up to help out with the event: Chen Ma, Daryl Green, Jenny Jing Dai, Karen Greene, Katryna DeLuz, Nuria Gnagy, Raghu Sarraff, Sabryna DeLuz, Sherri Calunod, Tiffany Tong, Usha Khullar, Wendy Pottgieser,

Tickets can be purchased at the Firehouse Art Center box office (4444 Railroad Ave, Downtown Pleasanton), by phone 931-4848 or online at www.firehousearts.org. Box Office Hours are Wednesday-Friday, 12-6pm and Saturday, 10-4pm.

*Special 'Student Matinees' on Wednesday, October 13 (B) and Thursday, October 14 (NY) at 9:30am and 11:00am are available for group purchase only. If your school, house of worship, sports team, or other group would like to purchase a block of tickets, please contact Michelle Russo at 931-4847 or mrusso@ci.pleasanton.ca.us.

****Please don't delay purchasing tickets.**
*Firehouse is a small theater and seats are extremely limited.***



Click graphic for larger version.

Ice Cream Social volunteers scooped over 1100 bowls of Ice Cream this year!!!

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A Green View: Green Team

Fairlands is making strides to **GO GREEN** as much as possible. The fabulous Green Team has taken efforts to go above and beyond. They quietly work behind the scenes at PTA events to promote the food scrap program (due to their diligent efforts, we only produce 1/3 the amount of waste compared to throwing everything into one mass garbage can). They can also be found in the amazing Fairlands garden. The garden is full of California native plants, as well as fruits and vegetables that the Green Team Kids Club gets to sample!

Our **Green Team Gurus** are **Kathy Bean** and **Lori Bautista**. Through



Back by popular demand, the **Green Team**, will once again be collecting your old, worn out athletic shoes from **November 15 - 18th**, in conjunction with **America Recycles Day**.

The Nike company takes these grubby shoes and grinds them into material that can be used to make sports courts for kids to play in. To date **Fairlands has diverted over 800 pairs of shoes from landfills!**

As a reminder, we can ONLY recycle used athletic shoes, no cleats, sandals, boots, flip-flops, etc. Also, they must be dry and free of mud with any metal parts removed.

More information on drop off locations will be sent via the [Fairlands Flyer Weekly E-mail Newsletter](#) and [on-line](#).

their teamwork, diligence and innovation, they have taken a fun, lunchtime program and nurtured it into a full spectrum, hands-on educational experience for our children. Classrooms are able to study things and then head to the garden to feel them first-hand.

This year Kathy and Lori have added another program at Fairlands called Terracycle which allows our school to earn money by simply recycling every day items such as used ink cartridges, old cell phones, empty glue sticks, empty juice pouches, dried up Expo markers and much more. For a complete list, please visit the [Green Team's web page](#).



Interested in the arts? Enter this year's Reflections Program. **"Together We Can..."** is the theme students will "reflect" upon, then they create an original work within **photography, musical composition, visual arts, literature, dance choreography or film production**.

Entries are due on Friday, October 22. For more information or entry forms, please contact the Reflections Chair, [Lori Wreden](#).



We have several fun and easy areas that need some volunteers to help make a successful Green Team this year for our students. See the website's [GREEN](#)

[TEAM PAGE](#) for details on the various volunteer Opportunities. Contact our [GREEN TEAM CO-CHAIRS](#) for details.



Fairlands utilizes the 4 R efforts throughout the year.

Some helpful tips to remember:

- **When leaving any room, make sure you turn off ALL lights.**
- **When doing laundry, make sure you wash a FULL load of clothes, and try using cold water instead of hot.**
- **When using a dishwasher, make sure it is FULL.**



Come enjoy the **"Toasts & Tastes of Fall"** at **Bon Appétit** on Saturday, **October 16th** from 6:30-10:30pm at the Carr America Center in Pleasanton. Our own **Mrs. Michels** will be partnered with a local Bay Area chef. The "culinary teams" will offer a signature hors d'oeuvre or dessert paired with fabulous wines. Also included in the event is a martini bar, live music and lots of fun! **This is the don't miss event of the Season!**

All proceeds from this event will assist in funding programs PPIE facilitates at various school sites and to fill grants submitted by students and teachers of the PUSD. **Bon Appétit is PPIE's major fundraising effort of the year.** The event sells out quickly, so reserve your tickets now!

Contact [PPIE](#) for more information or to purchase your tickets.

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The PTA (Parent Teacher Association), established over 100 years ago, is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization of parents, educators, students, health and welfare professionals, and community members working exclusively to improve the education and well-being of ALL children and youth at home, school and in the community.

The Goal of the Fairlands Elementary PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families in the Fairlands community. We will do this by:

- *supporting educational programs at school, both financially and through volunteer hours*
- *provide social opportunities for the community to come together as families to celebrate our children*
- *to communicate with our membership through our Fairlands PTA website, periodic news and events updates, and providing a student directory*
- *reaching out to our diverse cultural mix in an effort to have all students and family members feel accepted and included in the Fairlands community.*

Step Up! Fight the Flu: PTA Council Hosts Vaccination Clinics

Influenza season is fast approaching, and receiving an annual vaccination is the best defense against this serious and potentially deadly disease. Receiving an annual vaccination is more Important than ever because the CDC now recommends that EVERYONE, regardless of age, be vaccinated against influenza.

To help keep everyone healthy, **PTA Council** will be hosting a vaccination clinic at **Fairlands Elementary in the Multipurpose Location at 4151 W Las Positas Blvd on Thursday, October 28 at 4:00 to 7:00 PM** for the whole family and community. For those that

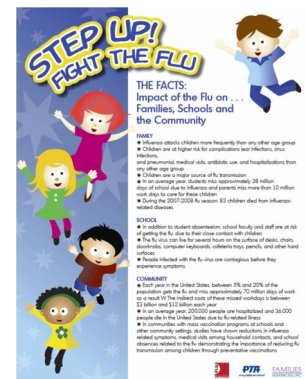
would like it, this year we are also able to offer the whooping cough (pertussis) vaccine at the clinic for an additional charge.

Each flu vaccination will cost **\$30**, or you can opt for the flu mist for \$35. Medicare Part B will be accepted from those who are eligible. Participants will also be able to receive additional tips on staying healthy during this influenza season.

To participate in this convenient clinic, register online at: <https://secure.flubusters.com/home.aspx> . If you are unable to register online, please call 1 (866) 358-2878.



Don't miss this chance to help protect yourself and your loved ones this influenza season. For more information, visit www.flubusters.com/pta.



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