



Nixon News

A Nixon PTA Newsletter

June 5, 2009—Issue 11

Principal's Corner *By Mary Pat O'Connell*

CALENDAR

Fri. June 5 Tonight!

5th Grade Karaoke Party
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Nixon Theater

Mon. June 8

5th Grade Swim Party
Fremont Hills Swim Club
10:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Wed. June 10

Last Day to Pre-order
Innisbrook School Supplies

Thurs. Jun. 11

5th Grade Promotion
8:30—10:00 a.m.
Nixon Theater

Thurs. Jun. 11

Last Day of School
Minimum Day
Early Dismissal
1:15 p.m.

Fri. Aug. 21

Nixon Registration Day
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Tues. Aug. 25

First Day of School

Tues. Aug. 25

Back to School
Coffee Reception
8:15 a.m.

Fri. Aug. 28

Next Nixon News
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Dear Nixon families,

This school year is nearly complete and I'd like to encourage you to take the time to reflect with your children on all that they have learned this year. Be proud of their accomplishments so that they will also take pride in what they have achieved. Please accept my sincere thanks for your support in my first year here at Nixon. It has been my pleasure to get to know your children and to lead this wonderful team of teachers and support staff.

I would like to thank every parent for supporting your child doing homework this year – practicing spelling words and math facts, encouraging reading every night, looking over the writing, and purchasing the materials for those special projects. Your child's learning has been increased from your effort.

I would like to thank every parent who has contributed time in his/her child's classroom this year – to read with a student, to help with math groups or science activities, to answer questions, to encourage, to organize class parties, and/or to accompany field trips. You have made an important difference.

I would like to thank every parent and grandparent who has signed up for eScrip, written checks for study trips, purchased gift wrap, bought spiritwear, and donated to PiE and PTA. There are many parts of our instructional program that simply would not be possible without your generous contributions.

I would like to thank our PTA President, Gioia Allegretti, the members of the PTA Executive Board, and all PTA committee chairs. I would like to thank all of the par-

ents who organized our Back-to-School picnic, our Math Night, supported our production of Charlotte's Web, organized our school assemblies, maintained our website, published our Nixon News and eNews, coordinated our amazing array of enrichment classes, managed our sale of spiritwear and giftwrap or contributed to the marvelous success of our International Night celebration. I am tremendously grateful to Teal Derrer and her team of crossing guards who keep our students safe day after day after day in our congested parking lot. Nixon's PTA is a vital part of this school because of your contribution of time and expertise. Thank you for making a space in your busy lives to give to this organization.

I would like to thank our School Site Council chairs Beth Most and Page Hetzel, and all members of our School Site Council. Site Council has the important responsibility to oversee the effort to continuously improve the education of our children. Thank you for your serious commitment on behalf of all of our children.

I would like to thank the staff of Nixon School for their inspiring commitment to providing the highest quality education to the students of this school in a culture of caring. We have a wonderful team – both teachers and support staff! I look forward to continually learning and growing together.

We have a few changes in our teaching staff for next year. We'll be saying goodbye to Nixon teacher, Joe Young. At this time, district plans for Nixon will result in one fewer classroom next year. This need to reduce our staff by one teacher coincides

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About *Nixon News*

Nixon News is a PTA funded newsletter, designed to serve as a parent educational and information resource. It is published on Friday (except when holidays interfere) every three to four weeks. Submissions should be sent via e-mail to the editor, Julie Tomz. Either type the text directly in the body of the e-mail or attach a Microsoft Word Format file. If your article is on paper and cannot be submitted electronically or if you have a photo or graphic, please contact the editor for instructions. Deadlines are announced on page 2 (see below) of every issue. They are normally (but not always) the Thursday the week before publication. Articles may be edited for spelling, grammar, clarity, and length. All submissions must include your name and contact information.

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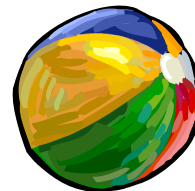
with Joe's interest in challenging himself to teach a different grade level at a different school, so he will be moving to Duveneck School. We will miss Joe's energetic spirit, his extensive knowledge of all things technological, his commitment to excellent teaching, and his warm and friendly presence. (*If your child had Joe as a teacher, encourage him or her to stop by next week to say good-bye to him.*) We are also saying good-bye to Susie Davidson who has been job sharing one day per week in kindergarten with Jody Harrier for the past several years. Susie will be returning to full time teaching at El Carmelo next year where she has also been involved in a job sharing arrangement. We know that her nurturing style will be much appreciated there. Neither Joe nor Susie will be very far away so we hope to cross paths often within our district. We wish them both all the best in their new positions. Jin Choo will be joining Jody Harrier as a job share partner one day per week. We welcome her from her present role as a teacher at Hoover School. Our reading specialist, Sue Chakos, expecting a baby in August, will be on maternity leave for the first half of next year, and special day class teacher, Marie Legrand, will be returning to us in the fall from her maternity. Daughter, C., was born in late March. We are appreciative of the fine job that Christine Segerhammer has done this spring filling in for Marie.

Almost all of the remaining Nixon teachers will be continuing at their present grade levels. Beryl Deremigio is moving from 5th to 3rd grade to help us as one of our larger class groups moves up into 3rd. Beryl taught third grade previously, so I appreciate her flexibility in helping us meet our needs. The continuously dismal state of the California budget will have an impact on our Palo Alto schools. We are planning for class sizes of 21 in grades K, 2 and 3 and a class size of 22 in first grade, as compared to 20 students this year. Classes at grades 4 and 5 will maintain at 23 students per class. While we certainly wish that this were not necessary, the impact of state budget cuts in Palo Alto is far less than that in many of our neighboring districts.

One final reminder to all of our families for the summer is to **READ, READ, READ!** Try to have a reading time during the day when you and your child each read books or magazines or newspapers that interest you. Plan it...put it on the schedule on the refrigerator! Children get better at reading by reading! It sounds so simple and obvious, but it is easy to forget during the summer. Pick some read-aloud chapter books for the summer. Be sure your child has a library card. Make reading such an enjoyable part of your summer that your child will remind you when it is time for a return trip to the library!

I'm looking forward to some leisurely reading myself as soon as I can bring things to a close here. We'll spend some family time at Tahoe and we're thinking about a trip to Colorado, but we aren't very well planned as yet. It's the slower pace of summer that renews my energy for another year. I wish for you a safe, relaxing summer with plenty of family adventures – to the beach, the park, the Exploratorium or the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.... See those of you returning back here on August 25.

Mary Pat O'Connell



Incoming PTA President's Letter

by Daisy Zook

Dear Nixon Parents:

I am writing to you as the incoming PTA president at Nixon for the 09-10 school year. This next year I and a group of very talented and experienced PTA Board members will be focused on activities that will enrich the learning experience of your children and create a strong sense of Nixon community. Your child spends over 40% of his/her waking hours at Nixon each day. This is their home away from home. Your child does not spend all of this time just in the classroom. There is library time, computer time, P.E. and Music, Noon Art, recess and the list goes on. The opportunities for you to participate in these activities are many and varied. I encourage you to plan now to spend some of **your** time next year volunteering here at Nixon to discover just how special this place really is.

The mission of the PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families by representing our members and empowering and supporting them with skills in advocacy, leadership and communication. The PTA can only exist if we have your support. If you have an hour to give, we have an hour's project that has your name on it. Don't like what's being offered? Have an idea? Let us know. The shape and feel of our Nixon Community depends on you – so please share your thoughts. Together we can make Nixon the community we all want it to be. Please feel free to contact me or any of the Executive Board members with your ideas, feedback and to get involved. Our contact information is listed below.

I would like to leave you with a story as we end the school year and have you thinking about how you might participate next year:

Whose Job is it?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was asked to do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

Have a wonderful Summer. See you in August Everybody!

Daisy Zook

Incoming PTA President

Executive Board Members:

Executive VP	Gioia Allegretti
VP-Student Programs	Suzie Lincoln
VP-Family Programs	Catherine Matterson
VP-Fundraising	Sheryl Humble
VP-Communications	Tim Edmonds
Treasurer	Karen Jacobson
Financial Secretary	Joyce Hung
Secretary	Harriet Roeder
Auditor	Emilie Lind
Historian	Jo Marcus
Parliamentarian	Leisa Waschura
PTA Council Rep	Kim Bomar

IT IS TIME TO RE-ENROLL FOR THE FALL!

Families with students currently enrolled in PAUSD should have received a letter that provides instruction on how to re-enroll and update information. Please do it now!

Contact Becky in the front office if you have not received your information from PAUSD or need assistance.



A Very Special Thanks

Together we have worked hard to provide the best possible programs for our students. Your volunteering in the classrooms, driving on fieldtrips, tutoring, contributing financially, participating on committees, signing up for eScrip, supporting noon supervision, working in the library, providing staff with meals and treats, International Day, Book Fair, Pumpkin Festival, and Bike Safety are just a few examples of your generous spirit. We have had a wonderful year. Your children have learned that school is a place to learn, make friends, support one another and laugh. The Nixon staff would like to thank you for your support and partnership. We wish you rest and many fun-filled family adventures this summer. We will see you again the first day of school on Tuesday, August 25th.

The Nixon Staff

What's In It For ME?

A message from incoming PTA President, Daisy Zook

Benefits of PTA membership affect each child in the classroom, every member and the school community. The following are PTA benefits for the *individual member*:

- Professional development: Develop skills in leadership, public speaking, advocacy, conflict management and interpersonal relationships
- Access to information on issues and programs that affect the education, health, and welfare of your student
- Opportunities to attend workshops and online e-learning programs to develop skills and knowledge
- Opportunities to apply for PTA scholarships and grants to continue one's education: graduating high school senior, classroom teacher, school nurse, counselor and PTA volunteer
- Connection with teachers, principal and staff: Learn about the curriculum, classroom activities and what programs are available at your school
- Knowledge of the structure of the school administration and school district
- A voice in issues that affect your student: Have the right to attend PTA meetings, ask questions and vote on issues that affect your student
- Collaboration in advocacy efforts
- Friendships with others having the same interests in student success
- A sense of community

Download the brochure *Membership Benefits...You, Students, Your School* at the California State PTA website, www.capta.org. To order free brochures (pay only postage) e-mail info@capta.org or call (916) 440-1985.

GREEN TEAM NEWS

From Annie Godfrey-Webber
*A PTA Sponsored Program

On May 19th Nixon parents Karen Matthys and Yuvel Spector attended the second annual PAUSD Green Team Conference. Green Team representatives from the district along with those from a couple of local private schools attended and made presentations on their Green Team best practices - including recycling, composting and earth week activities. For more information go to uptous.com and request to join the Palo Alto Sustainable Schools Committee.

The last Green Team meeting of the year was held again on the first Friday of the month: June 5th LRC 2 at 11:50 a.m. for adults and 12:00 p.m. for students. On the agenda we formally extended May's Waste Watchers duties until June 11 and got feedback on the school year's Green Team activities. Please consider joining us next school year as the Nixon Green Team and the Waste Watchers help make a positive impact in our community.

May's Waste Watchers

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Photo by Annie Godfrey-Webber

DO YOU WANT TO ORDER SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE FALL?

**A PTA Sponsored Program*

It is now easier than ever! Now you can order online at Innisbrook. Select "Buy School Supplies" and enter our school number: 120560. Pay with a credit card at check out. Be sure to choose NEXT YEAR'S grade for your child. You can order from now until June 10, 2009. Your supplies will ship directly to Nixon for you to pick up at registration right before school starts. You can also fill out the attached order form and return a check to the office or your child's teacher (one order form per child). Questions? Contact Judy Koebel or Innisbrook customer service at 1-800-334-8461 (M-F 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m. eastern time).



Is There A Doctor In The House?

By 5th Graders K. C., G., W., and M. K.



Nerves, Heart, Lungs, Eyes... OH MY! If you had walked into the Nixon Theater on Thursday, May 21, that's definitely what you would have said. The Nixon 5th graders worked on a Human Body research report. The topics varied from the Central Nervous System to Skin and Fungus. All the other grades got a valuable chance to explore the body through these reports. Everyone enjoyed the presentations, especially the presentations with chocolate and other treats! The first graders in Ms. Brereton's class even wrote a letter to their 5th grade buddies in Ms. Deremigio's class to express how much they loved their presentations. Here's what they said:

Dear A-3,

We loved all of your pictures and presentations! We learned a lot from you! We learned about the Spleen, Blood, Bones, the Heart, the Brain, Nerves, Teeth, the Lungs, Throat, Mouth, Eyes, Stomach, Thyroid, and other parts of the body. We also learned about diseases that affect the body, like Cancer, and Heart Disease. Thank you for giving us a Health Fair! You all did a great job! You were brave to talk in front of many people! Was it fun giving presentations to people? Rock on!

Love, C-3

5th Grader K. N. said:

It was a great experience participating in the Community Service Health Fair. I learned a lot from doing all this research and planning out how to do this report. I also had to think a lot about how I would get the younger kids to come to my board and stay hooked on a these big chunks of information. It was very interesting how other people designed their boards and was awesome to learn about other parts of the body that your classmates studied. It was amazing to just walk around and see all the colorful pictures and neat presentation boards. I thought this Community Service Health Fair was a great way to practice presenting info in front of people.

From 5th Grader S. C.:

"Did you know that the brain reaches its full weight when you're 6 years old?" I began with this statement when explaining my research report to a younger student. I was nervous at first but lots of kids came up to me to learn about the brain. Half way through, I'd had 30 some little kids at my booth and I was proud of myself for educating the younger kids.

Honestly speaking, it was hard, deciding on a part of the human body, choosing 3 questions on the topic, finding answers to them, typing them up and putting our board together, but the hard work paid off. Our boards were very nice-looking, with neat touches and fascinating information. Even the parents who came to the Health Fair were very impressed.

When it was all over, I felt like celebrating. The last big project of 5th grade was done! I know I had learned a lot by examining other people's boards and teaching others about my own board.

And from 5th Grader C. S.

On the day of the Health Fair all 88 fifth graders set up their presentation boards for the students at Nixon. The theater was packed! Parents and teachers also joined in learning about the body. The purpose of this event was so others in the Nixon community could learn more about the body and different diseases, and how to stay healthy. It was an exciting event for those who learned and those who presented.

Is There A Doctor In The House? Continued...

Photos by Vicki Dempsey

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Site Council Election Results



Congratulations to new 2009/11 Site Council members Rika Bosmans, Alli Deeter, and Julie Tomz. Athina Quake-Peiou will be the 2009/10 Chairman, replacing Beth Most, and will continue in her second year of service. The council is made up of six parents and six faculty/staff members who are elected by their peers for a two-year term. The Nixon Elementary School Site Council is responsible for developing the Site Improvement Plan (SIP) and its priorities, as well as crafting the budget to implement the plan. Meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 2:40 p.m. in the teacher's lounge. All are welcomed to attend.

The Library Corner

From Janice Mulholland

Photos by Sarah Patanroi

Daisy Zook and her hardworking team of volunteers have done a terrific job this year helping our students in the Library. Parent volunteers check books in and out, keep the shelves well organized and help with processing new books. All library books should now be returned so the facility is ready for the close of school.

If you get an opportunity, please thank your child's library volunteer:

Gili Aspitz, Elizabeth Chung, Stephanie Copeland, Ruth Ann Daines, Lori Delp, Madeleine Ekholm, Liz Fendorf, Mika Furukawa, Cassandra Gencarella, Kim Grimm, Youn Hong Jee, Page Hetzel, Edward Huang, Anna Hwang, Liselotte Jorgensen, Jiyun Kim, Rachel Krantz, Trinh Le, Choi Bo Lee, Suzie Lincoln, Brenda Liu, Claudia Magalhaes, Joy Margerum, Alexandra Pow, Anu Sandhu, Heavenly Senegal, Akiko Shimoda, Keiko Shimono, Mion Siu, Diane Steinberg, Heba Tantawi, Eva Trockel, Akiko Tsuruta, LeisaWaschura, Annie Godfrey-Weber, Sophia Wu and Daisy Zook.

We hope your child enjoyed the 5th Annual End of the Year Book Exchange. Children brought in gently used books and traded them for "new-to-you" books for summer reading. They picked out one more book than the number they brought in to exchange and enjoyed the selection and variety of books offered. Thank you for participating and encouraging your child(ren) to explore the wonderful world of books.

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Students Speak

Last month's question:

What are you most looking forward to doing over the summer vacation?

B. C., Kindergarten:

I can't wait to create carnival games at home for me and my cousins to play! They are coming to visit right after school ends!

C. B. - 3rd Grade:

I am looking forward to finishing our fort in the yard.

I. M. - 3rd Grade:

I am most looking forward to seeing my cousins from England and going to New York City and Boston.

A. O. - 1st Grade: I am most looking forward to doing my science and going to Raging Waters, and one more thing—going to SCRA (Stanford Campus Recreation Association).

J. W. - 4th Grade:

I'm most looking forward to going to Lake Madrone over the 4th of July and the dance party we have there.

O. S. – 1st Grade:

Going on a trip with the family.

J. S. – 4th Grade:

Traveling around Europe with my mom and going to Mountain Camp with my friends including Eric.

L. X. - 4th Grade:

I am most looking forward to going to Vancouver and Horseback Riding Camp over the summer vacation.

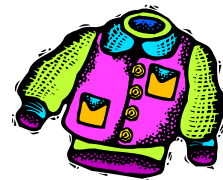
Congratulations to O. S., whose name was drawn from the group of contributors this month.

He will receive a prize from the Nixon Spirit Shop.

We look forward to more student contributions next school year!

WHAT THINGS OF YOURS ARE LURKING IN THE LOST AND FOUND?

The contents of the lost and found will be donated during the last week of school. Remember to check to see what items belonging to your family are hanging in the Nixon closet instead of yours!



Bicycle Safety Program A Big Success

A PTA Sponsored Program

On May 21, the 3rd grade class completed a three-part PAUSD Bicycle Safety Program. Bicycles were delivered and the students donned their helmets, and put their feet to the pedals. Everyone successfully practiced being safe and predictable cyclists by using hand signals and riding on the correct side of the roadway. They learned to look for traffic before they came out from a driveway, crossed to a different side of the road, crossed through an intersection, or moved into the street to avoid an obstacle in their path.

This year we also had a few third graders on scooters and one on rollerblades! Sixty students completed the program and they did a fantastic job! Of course, we couldn't have done it without the many fabulous people who generously donated their time to help make this program happen! Many, many thanks to the to all the 3rd grade parents who helped during the program on Thursday morning. There are too many names to list here, but you know who you are and please know how much your time and help are appreciated! A big thank you to Kathy Ruppel and Kim Grimm, who will be organizing this event next year and who graciously stepped in this year to help set up the course and help out at the event.

Thanks also to Kathy Durham who coordinated and planned this program for the PAUSD, as well as the Palo Alto firefighters, the Stanford police, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, and to the Stanford Cycling Club who all generously donated their time to teach our third graders. And last, but most certainly not least, a very special thank you to our incredible 3rd grade teachers— Alison Curtis, Amanda Gantley, and Kristina Hayes who not only seized the opportunity to help our kids understand the benefits of life skills lessons taught in the Bicycle Safety Program in the classroom, but also stepped out on to the blacktop to lead “stations” during the event! One last thank you to all 3rd grade parents who supported the program by bringing your students to school with their bicycles and helmets. This required special effort, so thank you for going the extra mile. Finally, I did want to pass on to parents a few safety concerns that were brought to our attention by the professionals helping with this event. Some children were riding bicycles that were either too small or too big for their body size. Several helmets also were not properly fitted or adjusted, so these are things to keep in mind and correct, as necessary, to keep your child safe. I hope that you will talk to your children about what they learned and continue to practice their new skills to reinforce the importance of these lessons.

Thank you to everyone, and safe cycling!

Shalina Miklos

Nixon Coordinator for Bicycle Safety

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CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Farewell From The Nixon Class of 2009

Fifth graders offer a bittersweet good-bye to their wonderful teachers and staff throughout the years who have made their elementary experience so wonderful and memorable. Bittersweet because although they look forward to joining the ranks of Middle School (and are certainly well prepared) they will definitely miss the friendly, supportive faces they have come to know and love at Nixon. No matter what year a student enrolled in Nixon, be it kindergarten or 5th grade, they felt a warm connection with their peers, their young friends in Buddy Classes, and teachers and staff who were so instrumental in their educational and social experiences. A huge thank you also goes out to the many, many, parents who have volunteered over the years in the classroom, library, computer lab, driven on field trips, organized parties, and given of their time and talent to enrich their elementary school life.

5th Grade Champs!

By K. C., G. W., and M. K.

Drum Roll PLEASE! All of the 5th grade classes competed in a World-Wide Math competition known as the Math Olympiads. The 5th graders are very proud of themselves, and have every reason to be. Everyone got a Special Certificate saying that we got into the top 20% of all the 5th graders in the world who participated. Some of the classes even got into the top 10% of Division E (4th, 5th, and 6th grades). Congratulations everyone!

5TH GRADE FAMILIES GOING TO TERMAN SIGN UP FOR eNEWS:

Terman PTA welcomes the class of 2012! We encourage you to subscribe to the Terman eNews now so you will receive the most up-to-date information about Back-to-School procedures and events via eNews in August. And, by subscribing now, you can get a head start on getting connected to the Terman community. To subscribe, please visit the Terman website at <http://www.terman.pausd.org/eNews.htm> and click on the appropriate link.



Nixon Enrichment Class Summary Fall 2009

We are lucky to have almost all of our enrichment providers returning to Nixon for the upcoming Fall semester: Bridge, Chess, Clay, Hoops, Math F4Ed, Music, Science, Spanish, and Sports&Fun. This year Learnika will offer a new Mandarin program for 1-3 grades. Real Science, a new science program is also starting this year. Finally, for those interested in Math online, EPGY is added as an option for math.

Most classes will start the week of September 8 and end by December 18. Please note that enrichment classes are not part of the Nixon program. The school only leases space to the providers. They are responsible for all supervision during enrichment classes and they charge tuition. For scholarship opportunities please check with the individual providers or the Nixon main office.

The table on the next page provides a tentative schedule of all enrichment classes which will be offered by independent providers in the Fall of 2009.

If you have questions, feel free to contact one of the Enrichment Coordinators:

Katrin Vejar-Richter

Elizabeth Pierce

Athina Peiou-Quake

Real Science - A New Enrichment Class Offered Next School Year



Real Science is a weekly after school program that will emphasize hands on, developmentally appropriate science using the scientific method for grades K-5. Working in small groups with help from each other, Stanford students, and teachers, our students will do an experiment and write a very brief report in class every week. The semester will culminate in a collaborative project where students ask a question, develop a testable hypothesis, do an experiment and reach a conclusion. Real Science will be real fun, highly engaging and empowering. Real Science is taught by Katie Talbot, a Nixon mom and scientist with many years experience in academia and industry, including three years experience teaching high school chemistry and biology.

Learnika Learning Center In College Terrace

Living Spanish after school enrichment program at Nixon, has opened "Learnika" a language and tutoring center in College Terrace (formerly the Klutz location). Our goal is to help students achieve academic success in a fun and motivating way. Spanish, Mandarin, Math and homework help are offered at the center for private or small group classes all year around. Get 10% off on tuition by enrolling your child in any of Learnika's summer classes during June 15 - 29, (except Spanish Immersion Summer Camp)! Also check out our Spanish Immersion Summer Camp in Palo Alto. To Learn more about our programs visit: www.lernika.com or contact Natalia de la Chica.



Nixon 2009 Fall Enrichment Schedule (September 8—December 18, 2009)

	Class Name	Grade	Time	Dates
Monday	Math F4Ed	All	2:30-4:00	10/05-11/16
	Music Orff-Schulwerk	K 1-2	11:30-12:05 2:30- 3:15	09/14-12/14 09/14-12/14
	Real Science	3	2:30-3:30	09/14-12/14
	Spanish	K 4-5	11:35-12:05 2:30- 3:15	09/11-12/14 09/11-12/14
Tuesday	Spanish Beg	1-3	2:30-3:15	09/08-12/17
	Spanish Adv.	1-3	2:30-3:15	09/08-12/17
	Real Science	K 4-5	11:30-12:30 2:35-3:35	09/08-12/15 09/08-12/15
Wednesday	Music Orff-Schulwerk	3-4	1:20-2:05	09/09-12/16
	Mandarin	1-3	1:20-2:05	09/09-12/16
	Real Science	K 1	11:30-12:30 1:20-2:20	09/09-10/28 09/09-12/16
	Hoops	3-5	1:20-2:20	09/09-12/09
	Chess	All	1:20-2:35	09/09-12/16
	Sports&Fun	1-2	1:20-2:50	09/09-12/09
Thursday	Spanish Beg	1-3	2:30-3:15	09/08-12/17
	Spanish Adv.	1-3	2:30-3:15	09/08-12/17
	Real Science	K 2	11:30-12:30 2:30-3:30	09/10-12/17 09/10-12/17
	Pappa Clay	All	2:30-4:00	09/10-12/17
Friday	Bridge	4-5	2:30-3:30	09/10-12/17
	Science	K (2 sessions) 1-3 (2 sessions) 4-5 (2 sessions)	11:35-12:20 1:20-2:05 2:30-3:15	09/11-10/23 & 10/30-12/11
	Hoops	K-2	1:20-2:10	09/11-12/11
	Music Orff-Schulwerk	K 2-3 4-5	11:30-12:05 1:20-2:05 2:30-3:15	09/11-12/11 09/11-12/11 09/11-12/11
	Mandarin	1-3	1:20-2:05	09/09-12/16
	Spanish	K 4-5	11:35-12:05 2:30-3:15	09/11-12/14 09/11-12/14

Show Your School Spirit This Summer!

Have someone take a picture of you wearing your Nixon School spirit shirt or hat in a summer vacation spot. Email your picture to Nixon News Editor Julie Tomz and it will be printed in the Nixon News for all to see. Astound your friends, amaze your teachers, and win a spirit prize. Better yet, write an article about a summer vacation adventure and see if it is selected for print in our student *Postcards from Afar* section of the paper. Let's spread Nixon School spirit everywhere we go!

Have a Great Summer!



Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

From Vicki Dempsey, Nixon News Editor
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I hope you have enjoyed reading the Nixon News throughout the school year. Perhaps you learned something about what happens in a different grade's classroom, or a little bit more about PiE supported instructors, like our art teachers and computer lab instructor. Maybe you saw your child's photo from one of our fun assemblies, noon art or science, or a field trip? And, of course, you were kept abreast of Nixon PTA, as well as school district activities. With this final issue of 2008-2009, as well as my final issue as News Editor, I am passing the red pen into the very capable hands of Julie Tomz, your new Nixon News Editor. Before leaving, I would like to recognize the unsung heroes without whom Nixon News would not happen. I would also like to encourage every parent and student at Nixon to participate in the making of the Nixon News next year. Your photos, articles and input are what make a great paper and are enthusiastically accepted throughout the year.

- ◆ First and foremost is Liz Fendorf, the layout editor (retiring this year), who cheerfully brought our pages to life with fun graphics and carefully chosen photos over the last 4 years. She made the *Nixon News* look great and sent off our final draft to the printer. Liz has been a wonderful, supportive colleague. Please welcome next year's layout editor Anjana Patel.
- ◆ Dutifully writing the front page article and keeping us all informed: Principal Mary Pat O'Connell, and PTA President Gioia Allegretti and Vice President Suzie Lincoln
- ◆ Other parents and staff members, who penned occasional articles
- ◆ Students, who deserve special thanks for lively contributions, especially our Postcards section, Classroom Happenings, and Students Speak.
- ◆ Joe Young, and other staff and parents, who sent in event photos. Keep them coming!
- ◆ The distribution work by Leisa Waschura who did the heavy lifting and made sure that all those copies ended up in the right backpacks and mailboxes on distribution Fridays. Thanks for taking on the job again next year, Leisa.

ADVANCE NOTICE ON REFLECTIONS

*A PTA Sponsored Program

Join the National PTA's Reflections Program for 2009-2010—a nation wide arts recognition program for students. Although the Reflections Program follows a "contest" format, emphasis should be on participation and art appreciation. Students may submit original works of art in any of the four arts areas: literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Participation in the Reflections Program is organized by school grade, and at Nixon we will have one division for K-2, and one for grades 3-5. We will have an exhibit at the school of all art works. The theme for next year's Reflections Art Competition (school year 2009-2010) is "Beauty is..." The deadline to submit works will be mid-October 2009, so get a head start and begin working on your entry during the summer! Questions? Contact the Nixon Reflections Chairs, Gili Keshet-Aspitz or Larisa Usich.

Beyond Nixon

Community Sports Opportunities for Students - always updated! Palo Alto AYSO registration is open until June 19. Visit Community Sports Opportunities for Students at <http://info.paloaltopta.org/sports.shtml>

School District Math Survey

Parents and guardians of elementary students are being asked to take a brief online survey to help the District collect data on current practices in supporting students in math beyond the school day. All survey responses are entirely anonymous. A survey should be completed for each student in a family in kindergarten through grade 5, by Wednesday, June 10, 2009. Parents can contact Cristina Ordenana (650-329-3736) for Spanish translation or computer help, and may contact their elementary school to use a school computer if needed. For more information and to take the survey, please go to <http://www.pausd.org/> and see /News Blog:/ *Elementary Math Survey*.

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Palo Alto World Music Day

Sun. June 21, 5-8pm, University Avenue, King Plaza (City Hall), and surrounding streets. The Palo Alto City Council has declared Sunday June 21st as World Music Day. World Music Day is a free music festival that takes place in cities around the world every year on June 21st (the longest day of the year). In Palo Alto, about 30 professional and amateur musical groups will perform a wide variety of musical genres on street corners and plazas: jazz, classical, pop, rock, world music, choirs, etc. All performances will be free and open to the public. This will be a fun and unique event, so book the date now. For more information, please visit www.pamusicday.org. In addition to the City of Palo Alto, event sponsors include the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo

Alto Online, The Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Palo Alto Downtown Business and Professional Association, the Palo Alto Human Relations Commission, Artsopolis, and News For Chinese.

SAVE THE DATE!

2009 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IS AUGUST 4TH

REGISTER YOUR BLOCK PARTY

This will be the 26th Annual National Night Out (NNO), celebration. Palo Alto has been involved since 2004 making this the fifth consecutive year to participate in the national event. As in previous years, we will coordinate efforts with registered Block Parties to receive visits from various City of Palo Alto work groups including police and fire between 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

National Night Out is designed, but not limited to: Heighten awareness to reduce crime, generate participation in crime prevention programs, and strengthen neighborhood spirit and organize your group.

There are so many reasons to get everyone together, but the bottom line is getting to know your neighbors and what better way than to have a party to do it! Food and activities motivate people to come out and have fun. Mix in some important information as a means to gain momentum for people to get involved in a community project or goal. Ultimately, the one night event will create neighborhood unity to continue involvement.

Register your Block Party! Deadline is July 21, 2009

Find information on our website, www.papd.org under Community Involvement. Register for a Block Party on August 4 and receive a visit by Police, Fire and City Staff between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

If you have questions or wish to register your block party, contact Susie Ord, 650-329-2632 or Susie.Ord@cityofpaloalto.org