



Addison 101

Welcome to Addison! We look forward to an exciting year. Below is a collection of resources you might find helpful during the school year. This handout does not capture everything; however, it does provide highlights. More detailed information will be sent over time through the Addison e-Advisor, our website, emails and other channels. This overview is broken out into six sections:

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I. Communications

Addison Directory

The Addison Student Directory is available online and in hard copy. The hard copy directory provides staff and family contact information. You can find the directory on the Addison PTA website at <http://addison.paloaltopta.org/directory>. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Crady mcrady@gmail.com.

Addison Website

The website is the one-stop shop for everything you need to know about Addison. Please visit <http://www.addison.pausd.org>

Addison News

Get the latest information on Addison by signing-up to one of the following:

- ◆ **Principal Amanda Boyce's Twitter page:** <https://twitter.com/PrincipalBoyce>
- ◆ **Addison e-Advisor weekly newsletter:**
<https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001x9-V8yQglyFGwlqZvxHjNA==>
- ◆ **Addison PTA Facebook page:** <https://www.facebook.com/AddisonElementary>
- ◆ **Addison PTA Twitter page:** <https://twitter.com/AddisonPTA>

Parent/Grade Level/Classroom Email Lists

Watch for messages from the principal, your child's teacher, the staff, PTA, room parents, etc. You should be on the correct classroom and grade level lists automatically from the information you gave when you registered your child with PAUSD. Use the code you were given when you registered your child with PAUSD to access the online directory and ensure that your contact information is correct.

On-site Bulletin Boards

- ◆ **PTA/Site Council:** You will find PTA and Site Council meetings, agendas, minutes and events posted on the bulletin boards located in the glass cases outside the library across from room 4.
- ◆ **Classroom:** Outside each classroom, you will find school events and parent volunteer sign-up sheets.

II. Scholarships for Students and Families

Scholarships are available for all activities at Addison. The Addison PTA wants all students and their families to participate in all that Addison has to offer. Please see Nancy Panayides in the office if your family is in need of a scholarship to attend or participate in any activity.

Thanks to funding from PTAC, Addison provides **breakfast** for any interested student. Breakfast will be served from 7:45-8:05am every day in the MP Room. Students will need to stay in the MP Room until our assigned teachers can provide campus supervision outside. This is a wonderful opportunity to make sure all students are well fed and ready for a new day.

III. Get Involved

There are numerous ways to get involved at Addison. You can talk to your child's teacher and the room parents and ask how you can get involved at the classroom level.

Throughout the school year the PTA seeks volunteers- whether it's joining the PTA team, helping at events, or contributing to the annual auction. This is a great way to meet other families in our school community. Check out opportunities listed under the following sections:

- ◆ [IV. Fundraising Events and Programs](#)
- ◆ [V. Children's Programs and Events](#)
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- ◆ [PTA Positions \(see PTA section below\)](#)

If you are interested in volunteering, please download a form at <http://addison.paloaltopta.org/get-involved/volunteering> or feel free to directly contact the parent volunteer(s) responsible for an event or program.

PTA (Parent Teachers Association)

The Addison Parent Teacher Association is an active organization open to all members of our community who join. The PTA fundraises to create opportunities to build a strong community, help establish parent networks, and provide financial support for Addison school programs.

Joining and participating in the PTA is a great way to play a role in your child's education. The membership fee is \$8/person or \$15/family. You do not have to be active in the PTA to be a member nor are you obligated to volunteer at school or attend meetings. Your membership adds volume to our "voice" and supports the members who are active. Anyone can join and every membership counts! When you join the Addison PTA you also join the California and National PTA in their efforts to improve the education, health, and welfare of every child. Membership numbers count in a significant way; our representatives are lobbying the California legislature for education funding.

Volunteering is great way to connect with other families. If you are interested in volunteering for the following PTA positions (unfilled for the '16-'17 school year), please contact PTA President Tamlin Connel-Kinnan tamlinsantos@msn.com.

◆ Exec. Vice President	◆ Costume Bank Coordinator	◆ 2017 May Fete Parade Float
◆ Teacher Appreciation Lunches	◆ Special Ed & Inclusion Rep	

Site Council

The Addison Site Council is responsible for reviewing and approving the School Plan and other school-wide policy issues. The council is composed of an equal number of parents and staff. Elections for parent members are held in the spring. Meetings are once a month. If you are interested in participating, please contact Principal Amanda Boyce aboyce@pausd.edu.

IV. Fundraising Events and Programs

Book Fair

September 27-29, 2016

Addison Multipurpose Room

The book fair is a fun and easy way to get gifts and stock up on some good reading while helping raise funds for Addison. The book fair is also a fun place to work! To help, please contact Monica Davisson monicaandwill@yahoo.com or Jen Ko jencho_461@yahoo.com.

“Be True To Your School” Addison Auction

Saturday, October 22, 2016, 6-10 p.m.

Lucie Stern Community Center

Not only is it Addison's biggest fundraiser, it is also a wonderful way to spend time with and get to know the other parents at Addison (and it is a lot of fun!). Come as you are or even better dressed in school spirit inspired gear that goes along with our theme, “Be True To Your School.” Our goal is to raise \$125,000 help fund events, programs and supplies at Addison that aren't covered by the school budget.

The Addison Auction needs both volunteers and donations to make it a success! Put your thinking cap and come up with a fun, creative way to donate to this year's auction. A party, a dinner, tickets to a show - be creative or contact the committee for ideas! If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Williams laurenwilliams7@gmail.com or Adrienne Germain aegermain@gmail.com.

Partners in Education (PiE)

Partners in Education (PiE) is a nonprofit foundation dedicated to enhancing educational excellence for every student in the district. As budget cuts continue, PiE has played an increasingly important role in supplementing core programs funded by the district. PiE donations are used to pay for our classroom aides, the Junior Museum Science program, Spectra Arts program, reading specialists, and school counselors. By supporting PiE, you are supporting Addison. For more information about PiE, please visit <http://papie.org>.

Fundraising Programs – Helping Addison

We are fortunate to work with a number of organizations and business to help raise money for our PTA. Local businesses and corporate sponsors will donate money to Addison in exchange for your patronage. Check out all of the opportunities to help Addison while you eat & shop in the “Fundraising” section of the PTA website – addison.paloaltopta.org/fundraising.

V. Children's Program and Events

Library

Addison is fortunate to have an incredible library orchestrated by librarian Patricia Ohanian. Students visit the library once a week for formal lessons and borrowing, but students are welcome anytime to browse, borrow, read and research. Please stop by with your child before or after school. For volunteer information, please contact Jen Ko jencho_461@yahoo.com or Monica Davisson monicaandwill@yahoo.com.

Birthday Book Club (BBC)

During monthly Birthday Book Club celebrations, birthday students select a new book or an old favorite from the Addison library collection. The book is then dedicated to the student using a specially designed Birthday Book Club bookplate. The birthday student can be the first to check out their birthday book. Every child is welcome to participate during his/her birthday month. Parents are welcome to help their child select the book.

Noon Art (Last Tuesday of each Month)

Noon Art offers a creative outlet for students. Past projects include bubble art, spin art, and decorating the May Fete parade float. The Noon Art team works with all grade levels, and is happy to welcome parent volunteers to help with the hands-on artwork or with preparation. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Merritt Grooms merritt@merrittgrooms.com or Elaine Jek elainej@gmail.com.

Noon Chorus

Noon Chorus, available to K to 5th graders, is offered in the fall and spring. Practices take place in the MP room every Wednesday during lunch recess. The singers perform at Addison for parents and students, and have the opportunity to perform at Channing House and a SF Giants game. The kindergartners have their own holiday performance. Contact Jennifer Ibbhotson-Brown lbbotson@gmail.com, Joanna Finnis joanna.finnis@gmail.com or Jillian Maxim scjillian@hotmail.com.

Noon Science (Second Tuesday of each Month)

A K-5 crowd favorite at Addison, noon scientists explore a wide range of subjects from rocket propulsion and electricity to fallible human perceptions and physical structure of our brains. The sessions take place during the lunch hour. The students get hands-on experience with fascinating natural phenomena. Volunteers don't need an in-depth knowledge of science only a willingness to help learn and share in the fun. To volunteer, contact Kirsha Quigley kirshaq@gmail.com.

Life Skills and Project Cornerstone's Developmental Assets

The Life Skills program was developed in keeping with our school's vision of helping children become caring, inclusive, and responsible individuals. Life skills are discussed in our weekly assemblies, in the classrooms, and on the playground where the students can observe and apply what they've learned. Our goal is that students internalize these values to help them navigate difficult situations throughout their lives. ***Life skills are respect, generosity, responsibility, acceptance, courage, perseverance, compassion, honesty, cooperation and citizenship.***

In addition to Life Skills, PAUSD has partnered with Project Cornerstone via YMCA Silicon Valley to help deliver Developmental Assets to the classroom. Developmental Assets are the positive values, relationships, skills and experiences that help children and teens thrive. Young people with high asset levels are most likely to make healthy choices, while those with lower asset levels are more likely to get involved with negative or risky behaviors like violence, trouble in school, drug and alcohol use and more. Each class will have a parent volunteer who teaches students about a specific asset each month. To learn more, please visit <http://www.projectcornerstone.org> or contact Lisa Taggart lisa@fleetfeetmenlopark.com.

After School Programs at Addison

Tired of driving your child to lessons/classes after school? Tired of rushing home from work to pick up your child by the time school is out? We have the answer for you! Have your child participate in one of Addison's many After School Programs. Your child can stay at Addison after school and enjoy challenging and fun programs such as Chess, Art, Math, Tennis, Dance and Theater. Sign up information can be found on the Addison website at <http://addison.paloaltopta.org/programs/after-school-programs>. Contact Purvi Kapadia purvi_r@yahoo.com.

Addison Kids Club,(AKC)

The Addison Kids Club offers after school care for students, providing a place both safe and nurturing for each child. The program offers varied activities that challenge and encourage children. AKC achieved accreditation with the National After School Association (NAA). Please contact Shawn Hott for more information at akc@paccc.org. To learn more, please visit the AKC website at http://paccc.org/centers/after_school_clubs/11-addison_kids_club_akc.

Field Day

On Field Day, during the last week of school, the kids get to be outside all day playing fun games organized by Addison parents and staff. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ben Ladomirak ben@teevan.com.

VI. Family Programs and Events

Addison Hoedown

Friday, September 30, 2016, 5:30-8:30pm

Addison Playground

Join the Addison community for tasty BBQ, knee-slapping music and great company! Food tickets are available before and day-of for a delicious BBQ dinner with cornbread, watermelon and coleslaw or you can bring your own picnic. It is great fun for the whole family. To help, please contact Peter Drekmeier pdrekmeier@earthlink.net or Frank Klein frank@fkrestaurants.com.

Halloween Breakfast

Monday, October 31, 2016

Breakfast 7:45 a.m.; Parade 8:00 a.m.

Addison Playground

Halloween is a very special time at Addison and we start celebrating the holiday with a yummy breakfast for everyone followed by a school-wide Halloween parade. Bring your camera! Contact Missy Reller mjenmark@hotmail.com or Meredith Ackley ms_ackley@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Ice Skating Parties

These parties are a fun way to enjoy a festive winter night with Addison families. There are two parties at the Winter Lodge.

- ◆ Grades K-2 January 2017 \$18 per skater
- ◆ Grades 3-5 January 2017 \$18 per skater

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Lauren Williams laurenwilliams7@gmail.com, Mirvat Robinson mirvat@mac.com, or Purvi Kapadia purvi_r@yahoo.com.

Heritage Potluck

Date TBD

Addison MP Room

Addison families represent so many different cultures, each with delicious cuisine. Please bring a dish that represents your family's heritage and join us for the annual potluck dinner.

Contact Komey Vishakan kvishakan@gmail.com for more information.

May Fete Children's Parade

We invite your children to participate in the 95th annual May Fete Children's parade with their Addison friends. Addison students will help decorate a float that will be pulled by the 5th grade class and all students are invited to walk along and represent our school. Afterward, there will be a town fair at Heritage Park with music and booths representing organizations from our community. A parent volunteer is needed to head up this event. This is an Addison tradition we don't want to lose, so please help if you can!

Family Science Night**Date TBD****Addison MP Room**

This interactive, hands-on event promotes the appreciation and interest in general science. The whole family is invited to attend. Contact Mary Shapero mary_shapero@yahoo.com for more information or to volunteer.

Family Math Night**Date TBD****Addison MP Room**

This event is designed to make math fun for the whole family through hands-on math activities. Contact Vish Ponnampalam vishpo@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Used Book Sale**Late Spring 2017****Addison MP Room**

A great opportunity for families to donate and buy used books at bargain prices. Contact Jennifer Ott Cameron jottcameron@yahoo.com or Tanya Schornack tanyaann1@yahoo.com.

Helping Hands

The purpose of this group is to solicit help for Addison families that may be in need. A parent may be ill or there might be a family crisis; the Addison community can offer support. Please contact Jamie Merkel jamie.merkel@gmail.com or Jessica Lee jeleenairobi@yahoo.com.

Nature Club

Hike with other families and learn about nature at some of the most popular and beautiful trails in the Bay Area. Contact Amy Adams amy_adams@post.harvard.edu or Peter Drekmeier pdrekmeier@earthlink.net.

Parent Education

Parent Education is an important component at Addison. The goal of the Addison Parent Ed team is to provide programs that are valuable and relevant for parents and staff. Stay tuned for upcoming events. Contact Tanya Schornack tanyaann1@yahoo.com or Sarah Gibbs sarahangibbs@yahoo.com.

VII. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Lost and Found

Located near Room 1 and Room 2 is the Lost and Found closet. If your child has lost clothing, lunch boxes, bike equipment, etc. this is a good first place to look for the item. Unclaimed items are donated to charity on a regular basis. An email will go out to everyone on the Addison class email lists prior to each donation pickup as a reminder to check the closet for lost items. Items with names on them are kept longer than unmarked items so please remember to put your child's name on their lunchbox, water bottle, coat, etc.

Emergency Procedures

Addison keeps basic medical supplies and emergency equipment onsite, and the staff receives emergency training on a regular basis. Each classroom contains a red backpack for the teacher to "grab and go" in the event of an emergency. The backpack contains cards/ lanyards for each child, detailing emergency contact information for that child. Medical conditions are also noted on the cards. No student will be able to leave school until they are checked out by one of the adults on the Emergency Contact form that was completed at registration. The initial assembly point will be the Addison playing field. In the event that the playing field or the school becomes unsafe, the children will be walked to Trinity Lutheran Church at 1295 Middlefield Avenue, Palo Alto. It is very important that you keep your emergency contact information up to date.