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AUSD COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Superintendent's Recommendations for 2006-07 Spending Reductions

After reviewing input received from community, staff, and employee group leadership, the Superintendent has developed a \$500,000 spending reduction plan for next year that will be presented at the February 14 Board of Education Meeting. The Board will make its final decision at the February 28 Board of Education meeting. To review the list of spending reductions and read background information, log on to the district's website, www.alameda.k12.ca.us and go the "What's New?" link. Board meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at Alameda City Hall, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue.

Kindergarten Information Night Is March 8 at All AUSD Elementary Schools

The school district's annual Kindergarten Parent Information Night will take place at each AUSD elementary school on **Wednesday, March 8**, from 7-8:30 p.m. Parents will have the opportunity to meet principal and school staff, learn about the kindergarten program, and pick up a kindergarten enrollment information package and 2006-07 registration forms. Information will also be provided on how to pre-register for on-site day care where available. The first day that completed 2006-07 enrollment forms

may be turned in to school offices is **Tuesday, March 14**. Please help us spread the word to your pre-Kindergarten friends.

Adult School Spring Quarter Classes begin Monday, March 13

Watch for the class schedule mailed to all homes in Alameda. Registration begins online, www.alameda.k12.ca.us/adult and in person on Monday, February 27.

Raising a family can be challenging for the best of parents.

Don't struggle alone. Family therapy is currently available at Alameda Family Services, formerly Xanthos, Inc.). Evening appointments offered, Medi-Cal accepted, first four sessions free for families in Alameda with a school aged child. For more information or to do a phone intake call (510) 522-8363.

Alameda Interim Main Library To Close March 6-19

The Interim Main Library on Central Avenue, next to Alameda High School will be closed from March 6 through March 19 in order to convert its collection to a new security & inventory system. During the closure period, the West End Library at 788 Santa Clara Ave. (747-7767) and the Bay Farm Island Library at 3221 Mecartney Rd. (747-7787) will be open their regular hours, Monday through Thursday, and Saturdays.

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar for these important dates...

February

- 27 Registration begins for Adult School Spring Quarter Classes
- 28 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm – City Hall
- 28 *Alameda Community Band Winter Concert* - Kofman Auditorium
- 28 Deadline for submitting open enrollment applications

March

- 8 *Kindergarten Information Night* at all AUSD Elementary Schools
- 10 *March 10-13* Trimester Break (no school)
- 14 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm – City Hall
- 25 EHS Presents *Mythbusters* in Kofman Auditorium
- 28 Board of Education Meeting 6:30pm – City Hall
- 31 *Alameda Science and Technology Institute* Parent Information Night (grades 9-11)

Next PTA Council Meeting...

March 29, 2006 - 7:00pm

**Chipman Middle School
Multipurpose Room**

UNIT REPORTS

Alameda High School February Report

College Night for Student Athletes and Parents

AHS Athletic Boosters is sponsoring *College Night For Student-athletes And Parents* February 22 from 7 PM - 9 PM in the Little Theater. Thinking about playing sports in college? This program will feature a guest panel of college reps to answer your questions about college athletics. The program is free and open to students and families from all high schools in Alameda.

New Class Offerings

AHS is pleased to offer three new elective classes. They include *Introduction to Animation, Computer Game Design, and The Law and You.*

College Bound Students

Under early acceptance, we were excited to hear that two students received admittance to Stanford and another signed an athletic scholarship to attend UCLA.

Fundraising

The AHS baseball program held its annual crab feed and auction on February 4th at the Alameda Veteran's Hall.

AHS also hosted its fourth annual school-wide fundraiser, Monte Carlo Night, February 11th at the Officers Club.

Chipman Middle School February Report

Chipman Outreach

Chipman Middle School's Outreach Committee did an amazing job of organizing volunteers to help

provide a better holiday season for several families from Alameda. We held our second annual coat drive and were able to give many coats, blankets and sweaters to those who needed them.

Teacher Appreciation

On Valentine's Day Chipman's PTA showed their appreciation for our wonderful teachers by bringing in coffee, bagels, donuts and holiday goodies for the teachers to have throughout the day. This is our second show of appreciation for the teachers and they deserve many, many more!!

Fundraising

Chipman's Fall Book Fair raised approximately \$1,000 worth of new books for the classrooms and library.

Haight Elementary School

February Report

Family Fun Nights

In response to our very successful *Family Game Nights* in December and January we have another great event planned for Friday, February 24. We invite all students and families to join in our next Family Game Night.

Safety Night

On February 15 we held our *Safety Night* for students and family presented by Alameda Police and Fire Departments.

Fundraising

We held a tasty and successful Chevy's Night on February 9th.

Upcoming Events

Haight School is busy preparing for our March Reading Mad-

ness month and everything else happening in March (our Spring Bookfair, Reading Nights, & Island Jumpers).

Longfellow Elementary School

February Report

Mascot Contest

This last week Longfellow PTA choose three finalist from the "*New Mascot Drawing Contest*". In the coming weeks the Longfellow community will be choosing one of the drawings to be displayed on our T-Shirts.

Award Ceremony

On the 27th of January Longfellow held it's first Award Ceremony. Children that scored advanced in the STAR test last year that are now in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade were awarded medals. Certificates were handed out for citizenship and attendance for all grade levels.

Potluck Literacy Night

On February 1st, we held a Potluck Literacy Night. Four teachers, Longfellow's Head Teacher and some students did a short reading lesson for parents. This was done to show parents some of the techniques that teachers when reading with children.

Longfellow Newsletter

In the middle of January Longfellow PTA printed and sent out it's first newsletter of the year in both English and Spanish. Our next newsletter will go out in the Spring. The newsletter had information on PTA fundraiser and events.