



The Cubby Chronicle

Marc Schweitzer, Principal

December 2006

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

COMMUNCIATION AT DONLON

Our School

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Grades levels served: K- 5

Our Mission

The Donlon community is committed to preparing all of our students to lead happy, healthy, and productive lives. We strive to create caring and informed citizens who are ready to participate in a culturally diverse society.

Our Goals

- ◆ Students will reach their intellectual potential and mastery of the highest standards.
- ◆ Students will realize social, emotional, and healthy physical growth.
- ◆ Students, staff and the school community will be active participants in school leadership and governance.
- ◆ Students will develop a lifelong love of learning.

Communication between your school and our community is very important to the entire Donlon staff. We make every effort to communicate information in an effective and timely manner. It is important to us that we continuously look for ways to improve and adjust our communication so that all of our families are receiving important updates and/or information. One of the important ways we do communicate here at Donlon is via the Donlon E-Connection. On most Fridays, we send out an electronic update with information about upcoming events as well as information on student achievement. We also use the Donlon e-connection to communicate with our families in the event of an emergency.

Another reason we rely on the Donlon E-Connection to communicate important information is to support our Go Green effort. Go Green is the district wide recycling and conservation program where we teach students to make environmentally sound decisions. Our intent is to model conservation behaviors by attempting to cut down on the amount of paper we consume on a daily basis. Communicating via the Donlon E-Connection helps us achieve the goal of conservation and has allowed us to reduce the amount of paper we use here at Donlon.

If you have not signed up for the Donlon E-Connection, you may do so by following these simple steps:

- 1) Go to the district website at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us
- 2) Click on the "Public Information" link found on the left hand site of the district's home page
- 3) Now click on the "E-Connection Sign Up" link found on the Public Information page of the website.
- 4) Enter the e-mail address where you want to receive the information
- 5) Check off the school(s) from which you want to receive information--be sure Donlon is one of the schools checked
- 6) Click on the "submit" button--you will now receive the Donlon E-Connection as well as e-connections from any other school you may have checked

Please contact our office at 426-4220 if you have any questions and/or difficulties signing up for the Donlon E-Connection. We appreciate you joining our email list in support of our efforts to efficiently and effectively communicate with you and, at the same time, encourage sound environmental behaviors.

Marc Schweitzer
Principal, Donlon School

Donlon Lifeskills of the Month:

Patience, Sense of Humor,
and Compassion

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The Conflict Manager program is finally underway. Student volunteers from the third, fourth, and fifth grade attended a one day training to learn the mediation process. The students not only learn conflict resolution skills, they also become valuable role models for other students. Conflict Managers are assigned to a particular area on the playground and work in pairs. Conflict Managers attend monthly meetings and wear a special T shirt. Please encourage your student to use this valuable resource.

In October and November, I visited the kindergarten classrooms to talk about Stranger Safety. This program has the following objectives:

1. To create an awareness of strangers, to practice assertive refusal skills, and promote safety.
2. To help students understand and differentiate between good, confusing, and harmful touches, to practice assertiveness skills and to seek adult assistance.
3. To help children maintain a sense of security and optimism while teaching them the basic skills to assess uncertain situations.

The students watched "Too Smart for Strangers", a Walt Disney video featuring Winnie-the-Pooh characters. Students were taught three important things when they encounter a stranger: Say "No!", RUN AWAY and TELL A GROWN-UP. Please remind your child that the world is basically a safe place and that they need to be smart by staying away from strangers, remembering to say "no!" and getting help.

Compassion is the focus behavior for the month of December. There is no time like the present to act with compassion by giving to others. There are plenty of opportunities to choose from: care for the environment (plant trees, pick up litter at a beach or park); care for the sick or elderly (arrange to play bingo or sing with seniors); create care packages for the homeless (toiletries); and donate gently used books and games

For more information check out these websites and books to help foster compassion in your child!

www.dosomething.org

www.kidscare.org

www.thinkquest.org



How We Made the World a Better Place (K-3), The Fairview Press

The Kid's Guide to Social Action (4-6), Barbara Lewis, Pamela Espeland, Caryn Pernu

"Never Doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

Counseling groups are now in progress and cover a range of topics. If you believe that your child could benefit from a group, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I am on campus Tuesdays, Thursdays and Wednesday afternoons.

Reine Anderson, School Counselor 426-4221

Students honored at Library book awards evening



On October 26th, 2006, the Pleasanton Library held its 31st annual Newcott Caldebery Award ceremony. The name of the Library's summertime book writing contest is taken from the prestigious national Newbery and Caldecott children's book awards. The following students from Donlon School were given awards for books they submitted:

1 st	Kushaan Bahl
5 th	Lauren Antilla
5 th	Tiffany Nguyen
5 th	Katie Reed



Their books are available for checkout at the Pleasanton Public Library. Congratulations to these young authors!

The Wrap on Sally Foster!

Thank you to all Donlon families, teachers, and staff who participated in this important fundraiser. This was Donlon's most successful giftwrap fundraiser ever! Our target was to net \$15K for the school. Due to your efforts and support, we netted over \$20K for Donlon! The money has been allocated as Teachers' Grants to all Donlon teachers and specialists for use in their classrooms. Every student at Donlon benefits from this fundraiser! Thank You!

A hearty Thank You and Congratulations to Andrew Neciuk in Mrs. Heid's First Grade Class. Andrew is Donlon's Top Dollar Seller and won the Grand Prize! Andrew and a friend will be Mr. Schweitzer's guests for a movie at Regal Cinemas and lunch. Way to go, Andrew!



Congratulations to the following classes who sold the most dollars for their Grade Level. Each class celebrated with an Ice Cream Party on Friday, November 3rd. Congratulations to Mrs. Jager's SDC class, Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten class, Mrs. Heid's First Grade class, Mrs. Ericson's / Mrs. MacChesney's Second Grade class, Mrs. Thomas's Third Grade class, Mrs. Grilli's and Mrs. Neidle's Fourth Grade classes (a tie!), and Mrs. Crepeau's / Mrs. Draggoo's Fifth Grade class. Thank You!

Mrs. Schussel received a special prize for having the classroom with the highest level of participation in the giftwrap sale. Thank You!

The Special Drawing for the Nintendo DS Lite and four CD Boom Boxes was held at the October 27th Flag Salute. Ryan Hogue won the Nintendo DS Lite! Annelise Dutcher, Will Muat, Jessica Schmidt, and Hannah Williams each won a CD Boom Box in the raffle drawing! Congratulations!

The Top-Thirty Dollar Sellers were Ollie Allen, Logan Caton, Samantha Clevenger, Laren Cyr, Michelle Cyr, Danielle Deike, Josephine Dugoni, Dustin Dukleth, Madison Duval, Morgan Gamecho, John Garcia, Amanda Harding, Allison Harizal, Erika Holman, Lauren Hottle, Ragan Lacy, Wyatt Munsch, Andrew Neciuk, Hannah Palatino, David Ray, Kelly Renton, Jessica Schmidt, Karlee Schweitzer, Mackenzie Shields, Ethan Stebbins, Emma Sundstrom, Stephanie Tasto, Diana Tschirky, Garrett Wrenn, and Katelin Young. Go Cubs!

A heartfelt Thank You to the many parent and staff volunteers who helped with this fundraiser. Special thanks to Terrie Bovaird, Liz Ray, and Lorri Young for their creative ideas and many hours of dedication to the project! The Sally Foster product sorting & distribution and the eight Ice Cream Parties just wouldn't have been possible without the enthusiastic help from Shawn Batoy, Kathaleen Beach, Miriam Bettencourt, Carol Bolt, Terrie Bovaird, Shelley Casey, Jacque Collins, Jeannette Cyr, Kristin Doctor, Charlene Earle, Christine Ferrel, Della Grassi, Tom Grassi, Don Hogue, Michelle Jorgenson, Sandra Keir, Shirley Kilgress, Julie Kluj, Carolyn Lacy, Kelly McIntosh, Michelle Miller, Pat Pecot, Liz Ray, Rosario Reimer, Denise Robb-Williams, Donna Rodriguez, Marc Schweitzer, Cecilia Shultz, Rob Silva, Erin Simonson, Krista Tasto, Isabella Tommasini, Christy Verbeck, Lorri Young, and Gena Zevanove. THANK YOU!

- Margo Tschirky, 2006 Donlon Sally Foster Fundraiser Chairperson

DONLON TOTAL TALENT SHOW!

Tuesday, February 6th, 2007
 Amador Theatre
 Art Viewing is from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Live Show is from 7:00-9:30 p.m.



Prepare for excitement! It's Donlon's Third Annual Talent Show! Anyone can participate in this exciting event.



LIVE SHOW AUDITIONS

Audition dates are December 6th and 8th in the Donlon MPR from 3-5 p.m. Pick up a permission slip in the office and bring it to your audition.

ART SHOW ENTRIES

Any art must be registered by January 25th and turned in by February 2nd. Pick up an art submission form in the office and attach it to your artwork.



WE NEED SOME VOLUNTEERS!

Calling all parents! The talent show really needs you to help make this happen. We need six ushers to get people into their seats. Ushers will work from 6:15-9:45 p.m. and will also be able to watch the show. We also need a Set-Up crew from 2:00-5:00 p.m. to help hang artwork. Finally, a Clean-Up crew is needed from 9:30-10:00 p.m. to help take down the artwork. Any questions, please contact Julee Samuli at 426-6071 or at ejsamuli@earthlink.net.

BACKSTAGE HELPERS (4th and 5th graders only)

If kids would like to help working backstage for the show, please submit a permission slip at a scheduled audition date. Space is limited and spots will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket Sales begin on January 10th and end on January 26th. Watch for information in your Wednesday envelope! Hope you come to see the show!!!!

A Christmas Carol for Children at the Library

Traveling Lantern Theatre Company out of San Diego will perform a child's version of the holiday classic, A Christmas Carol, at the Pleasanton Library on Saturday, Dec. 9th, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Scrooge lives a bitter and empty life until he is forever changed by a special Christmas Eve journey, which reveals all the good in the world and that it's not too late for him to be a part of it all.

Please note that free tickets to this show will be limited to children 1st grade and older. Tickets will be distributed to children from the children's desk 30 minutes prior to the start of the program. We regret that due to the popularity of this program, we will only be able to include parents and younger children if space becomes available.

Patrons are asked to please arrive on time as doors will close to late arrivals at the start of the program.

For more information about library programs, please check the library's website at:
<http://www.ci.pleasanton.ca.us/services/library/programs-events-child.html> or
 call the Children's Desk at (925) 931-3400 ext. 8.

Holiday Gift Shop is Almost Here!

Your child's opportunity to do some holiday shopping is coming soon. Our shop will be open for students to preview gift items during lunch on Monday, Dec 11th, then it will be open for shopping during the following hours:

Tuesday, Dec. 12th

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

lunch times

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13th

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

lunch times

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 14th

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

lunch times

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Friday Dec. 15th

For Kindergarteners only:

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. We will close during the flag salute at 11:00 a.m.



Raffle Prize: In Wednesday envelopes on December 6th, each child will find a raffle ticket that they may turn in to be entered in a raffle for a huge cuddly teddy bear and a wagon of toys! The tickets must be turned in by Friday, December 8th, to be eligible for the drawing that will take place Monday, December 11th. There will be a box for tickets by the lunch tables. Students do not need to participate in the shop in order to be entered in the raffle.

We're looking forward to helping make this a memorable holiday season for your families!

If you have any questions, or if you are able to volunteer some time to help, please contact:

Jacque Collins 426-6825 tj.collins@sbcglobal.net

GO GREEN NEWS

Donlon continues to find new ways to reduce waste. During October's Bingo night, we were able to recycle all the plastic water bottles, soda cans, pizza boxes, and bingo cards. Way to go Donlon. Thank you, parents, for supporting the efforts that night! Thank you to Patty Hanafee & Kathaleen Beach for getting the word out.

- * After the Holidays, we will begin planning for Donlon's own "piece of green", the school garden. I could use some help with the design and creation of this. If this is your thing, give me a call.
- * Wal-Mart recycles our plastic bags for \$5 a bag. Keep sending your clean, empty grocery/shopping bags into the school. All money will be used to buy more playground equipment.
- * JANUARY 10th****NEXT RECYCLING DAY

If you'd like to receive your copy of the Cubby Chronicle via email, please contact me with your name and email.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Any questions or offers of help are gladly accepted.

Brenda Hager

Dmhager@sbcglobal.net



Upcoming flag salutes and corresponding themes for the balance of the first semester are as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>
December 15th	Pajama Day
January 19th	Twin Day

GATE Parents

Please join us at the GATE parent meetings, where we will discuss the GATE program at Donlon as well as upcoming activities and events. Below is the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the school year. If you have questions, please contact Michele Brynjulson at mbrynjulson@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or at 925.426.4221.

GATE Parent Meetings			
GATE Parents- <i>parents only</i>	Weds., Jan. 31	7-8 p.m.	Library
Dinner With A Scientist- <i>families welcome</i>	Weds., Mar. 28	6-9 p.m.	MPR Room
GATE Parents- <i>parents only</i>	Weds., May 23	7-8 p.m.	Library

English Learner Parents

Welcome to our school. We are looking forward to getting to know you better at our meetings during the school year. Please join us for a chance to ask questions and plan activities for our program. Here is our schedule for meetings this year. If you have questions, please contact Michele Brynjulson at mbrynjulson@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or at 925.426.4221.

English Learners Parent Meetings		
Weds., Feb. 21	8:30-9:15 a.m.	Donlon Library
Weds., May 16	8:30-9:15 a.m.	Donlon Library

GATE Lecture Series

The GATE Lecture Series at Donlon is held monthly, from October through May, on Wednesday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 9 a.m.

For the 2005-2006 school year, we had eight wonderful volunteer speakers. Our speakers range from scientists and outdoor enthusiasts to musicians, artists, writers, and educators. Unfortunately, we are having a difficult time locating speakers for the 2006-2007 school year. The job is simple: share your special interest, career, or hobby with Donlon students for 30-45 minutes on a Wednesday morning.

For community members interested in considering this opportunity, we invite you to contact our GATE Lecture Series coordinator, Mrs. Finney at bfiney@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. We look forward to hearing from you!



STAR Testing Notice

State testing takes place during the first three weeks of May, 2007. We ask parents to "protect" this very important part of the school year. Please plan all medical and dental appointments, and family travel plans *around* these weeks so that your child may fully participate.

Music Notes by Susan Klas



On Thursday, December 7th at 6:30 P.M., the Fifth graders will have their D.A.R.E. Culmination ceremony and musical performance at the Amador Theater. Students should be in their assigned seats at 6:15 p.m.

** Remember the dress code for the event is as follows: D.A.R.E. t-shirt (tucked in), long slacks/pants (dark color preferred); no sweats, shorts or skirts. **

The 2nd graders have started to learn the songs for their "Famous Americans" performance, which is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on February 22nd. Yes, that is on George Washington's birthday! Mark your calendars for this annual event.

Our school chorus will be singing at the December 15th Pajama Day flag salute. Next rehearsal is Monday, December 11th.

For more news on what is happening in D-30, log onto my web page. The address is: <http://TeacherWeb.com/CA/Donlon/MsKlas/>

All Day Scrapbooking Event

Saturday, January 27th, 2007
 9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.
 Donlon Multi-Purpose Room
 \$35.00 for adults
 \$10.00 for kids**



Hey!!! All you scrapbookers, card makers, stampers, picture organizers....Come join us for some scrapbooking FUNdraising at Donlon in the MPR. We have cool raffle prizes, California Stampin' sponsored make-n-takes, balloon prizes, tool table, SWAP table, lots of uninterrupted time (8 1/2 hours) and lots of ideas! So bring your camera, scrapbooking supplies and friends, reserve a table, and have a great day with us! We also have room for all you Donlon non-scrapbookers who just need space and time to get your photos organized and in albums!!! Come help our school and have fun with your friends.....Look for pre-registration forms in Wednesday mailings!!!! Contact Cathy Widas c.widas@comcast.net or Elena Lambro elambro1@comcast.net for further information.

**All kids must be accompanied by an adult.

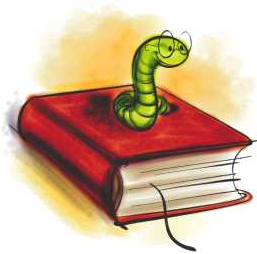
Entertainment Coupon Books for 2007

SELL!SELL!SELL! Tell your friends and families too! Please help us sell these GREAT coupon books. We will be in front of the school each Friday from 2:30 p.m. – 3:05 p.m. (next to the ice cream line), or call or e-mail us your orders! We have about 70 left to sell.....They are \$25 each (checks payable to Donlon PFC). If you have never purchased one of these books, there is one on display in the office for you to look through. The coupons for Safeway and Regal Cinemas alone are worth it and pay for the book!

If you would like to purchase a book or have any questions, please contact Cathy Widas at c.widas@comcast.net (485-3647) or Elena Lambro at elambro1@comcast.net (461-3111)

Red Robin Night a Huge Success!

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our Red Robin Night in October. Together we spent \$2,600 raising just over \$390 for our school. A fun time was had by all. Keep your eyes out for another restaurant night soon!



Families,

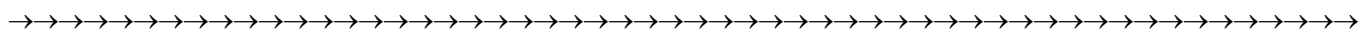
We are pleased to announce the beginning of our Donlon Library Book Drive. You may have noticed the many empty book shelves in our newly remodeled library. Hopefully our Donlon Library Book Drive will help to fill these empty bookshelves with the many titles that are available for elementary school libraries. Since library-quality books need to be permabound, the cost per book is approximately \$25.00.

Each donation of \$25.00 to the Donlon PFC Library Fund will help support our efforts to fill our library shelves with wonderful new books. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated by the Donlon students and community. For each \$25 donation made per family to our Library Book Drive, a sticker which states "Generously donated by the _____ family" will be placed on the inside cover of each book purchased. Your child can check out the book your donation helped purchase the next time your child goes to the school library. We cannot accommodate requests for specific books because the District Media Services selects the books.

Please check with your tax advisor to determine if the donation is tax deductible for you. We will provide you with a letter noting the title of the book purchased by your donation and the amount of your donation. A tax donation receipt will be provided.

This library book drive will be ongoing through June, 2007. As money is placed into the PFC Library Book Drive account, we will purchase books. Please return the bottom portion with your donation. Please put them in the "Donlon Library Book Drive" box in the front office. Make checks payable to "Donlon PFC". Please mark "Donlon Book Drive" on the memo line.

Thank you for your support. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Renton at 426-1582 or jrenton@pacbell.net.



Name _____

Child's Name _____ Teacher _____

Phonenumber _____ email _____

For office use only

Check # _____ Amount of donation _____ Date Receipt/book name given _____

Book Name _____

PFC Update

We hope you will be able to join us at the next PFC meeting on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:15 p.m. where we will continue our discussion on whether or not to convert from a PFC (Parent Faculty Club) to a PTA (Parent Teacher Association). Representatives from the Pleasanton and Peralta district PTA councils attended our meeting in November in order to present information to those in attendance regarding PTA.

We decided to postpone the vote until the January, 2007, meeting so that everyone would have time to do their own research and come to their own conclusions. You must be in attendance at the January, 2007, meeting to cast a vote.

The Holiday Boutique (where vendors come in to sell their wares) will not be happening this year. This is typically a 5th Grade Outdoor Ed Fundraiser. Although we did have a volunteer that may have been interested in being the chairperson, we learned too late that this event takes months of planning, beginning the summer before school begins. If someone would like to take this on for next year's 5th graders, please let me know and I will put you in touch with last year's chair who can provide a wealth of information on how to put on a successful event.

The Holiday Boutique is not to be confused with the Holiday Giftshop. The Giftshop (where students can purchase affordable gifts for their families) will soon take place. Please see the article in this month's cubby regarding this special event.

This year one of Pleasanton's own elementary schools, Valley View, is again asking for donations in order to provide a happier holiday for over 300 families within their own school. Please look for the "Giving Tree" in Donlon's administrative office during the month of December. They are especially in need of gift cards from Safeway, Target, and Walmart. Of course cash donations will also be graciously accepted.

If you have any questions regarding upcoming PFC events, or any other topic, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always open to new ideas! Let us know how we are doing. Please send us an email at Donlonpfc@yahoo.com.

We thank you for your support this year and we look forward to 2007.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy!

Joanie Klahr
2006/2007 PFC President

Science Fun Fair 2007

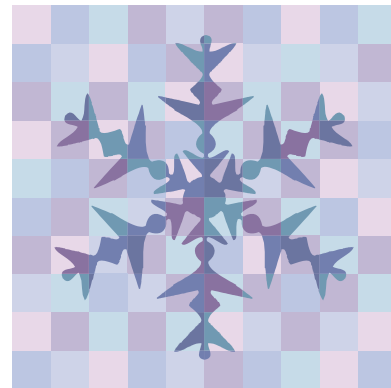
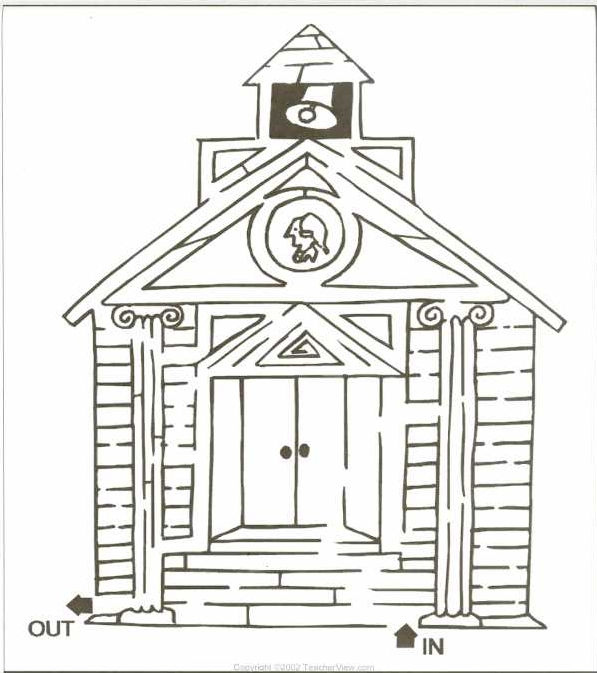


The Science Fun Fair is a non-competitive and fun event, which is open to all elementary students. It gives all students a sense of pride and accomplishment as they prepare and present a science fair project. Participation is voluntary and projects are to be completed at home.

Mark your calendars for this year's Science Fun Fair! It will be held at Donlon on March 27th, and at the Alameda County Fairgrounds on March 28th. Additionally, Science Fun Fair Workshops will be held in the Donlon Library in late February. At the workshops, students may order Science Fun Fair t-shirts, purchase project boards, research topics and copy materials for their project



Have some fun on Winter Break!



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Word List		
BOOTS	COAT	COLD
DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	ICE
JANUARY	MITTENS	SCARF
SLED	SNOWFLAKE	WINTER

California Healthy Kids Survey

The results from the October 2005 administration of the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) were recently released to schools districts across the state. Pleasanton Unified students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 who returned positive parent permission were given the survey. The survey asked questions concerning alcohol, tobacco, and drug use, safety, diet and physical activity, and sexual behavior (grades 9 and 11 only).

Approximately 75% of students at the four grade levels participated in the survey. Results indicated both positive and negative trends and levels. For example, in all grades, the perception of cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana as harmful increased, and 2% or less of students reported smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days. However, the percent of grade 11 students involved in the high risk behavior of "binge drinking" (5 drinks in a couple of hours) stayed at 23%. Also, while the percentage of grade 11 students who have had sexual intercourse remained constant, the percent engaging in "unprotected sex" increased.

In addition to the CHKS, an anonymous staff survey, the School Climate Survey (SCS), was also conducted. This survey included questions to staff members about school climate, connectedness, health related behaviors, academic achievement, and learning supports. The goal of this survey is to provide data that will supplement the information gained from the student survey.

Currently, District and school staffs are reviewing the results from both surveys to identify possible focus areas for needed improvement. District-wide results have been shared with counselors, and site-specific results have been distributed to school principals. Possible next steps under consideration by the District include sharing the data with the police department and other youth and wellness committees; educating counselors on student alcohol abuse prevention and expanding alcohol awareness in the DARE curriculum and health classes; and providing the parent community with alcohol abuse education and strategies to talk to their students about the issue.

The key findings from the California Healthy Kids Survey, the CHKS technical (full) report, and the School Climate Survey results may be viewed by visiting the District's website at www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Walnut Grove Elementary School Home Tour & Boutique

Sunday, December 10th, 12:00- 5:00 p.m. - Tickets - \$20/person

The Walnut Grove Holiday Vendor Fair and the Home Tour will be combined this year, making it a festive day for anyone who needs to do a little extra shopping or just wants to enjoy the Holiday Season with friends.

The day will begin in Walnut Grove's MPR, where you will pick-up your Home Tour Map & Guide. While at the MPR you will be able to enjoy a hot beverage, purchased from a coffee vendor, and do a bit of shopping from one of the 20+ vendors.

From there guests will tour 6-8 beautiful homes in the Walnut Grove area. See the wonderful decorations, the fantastic interiors, and the stunning remodeling for yourself. Each ticket is \$20 and will allow you to visit as many of the open homes as you'd like and in any order you'd like.

You can end or begin your day at the Molz home, where you can enjoy drinks and eats and do a bit more holiday shopping from additional vendors. It will be a lovely and festive day filled with Holiday Fun.

Current homes on the tour:

Dave & Andrea Lander
Joan & Darrel Laursen
Anna & Stephen Molz

Keep checking because we will add additional homes each day!

We invite you to be part of the Home Tour & Boutique with friends and family. It will be an afternoon to enjoy and remember!

If you would like additional information—please contact either
Anna Molz / molz6@comcast.net or Suzanne Smith / Mikeandsuzsmith@aol.com
or

Check our website - www.walnutgrovepta.net

If you are a vendor and would like to participate in this Holiday Event, please contact Anna Molz

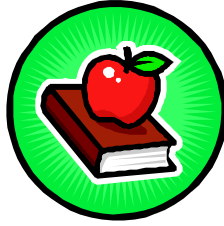
Cubby Deadline

Articles, calendar items, and announcements for each month's Cubby are due the 15th of the month. Please send them to Carlene Bailey at:

cbcubbychron@pacbell.net

Achievement, Partnership & Communication

Donlon Lifeskills of the Month: Patience, Sense of Humor, and Compassion



The Cubby will need a new proof-reader/grammar police after June. If you are interested, please contact Carlene at cbcubbychron@pacbell.net or our current grammar guru—Kim Reed at kim_reed@comcast.net.

DECEMBER 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
					1 Chess Club G.A.T.E. Spec of Science	2	
3	4	5 DARE Rehearsal	6 Robotics G.A.T.E. Parents Lecture Recycling Day	7 DARE Culmination	8 Chess Club G.A.T.E. Spec of Science	9	
10	11	12 Holiday Gift Shop Preview	13 Holiday Gift Shop	14 Principal's Coffee, 9 a.m.-Library	15 Flag Salute	16	
17	18	19 Kindergarten Program, 7 p.m., MPR	20	21 Pizza with the Principal	22 Minimum Day	23	
24	25	WINTER BREAK—NO SCHOOL				29	30
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Dates to Remember:

- 12/1—Chess Club 3:00 p.m.
- 12/1—G.A.T.E. Spectrum of Science 3:00 p.m.
- 12/5—DARE Rehearsal 1:15 p.m.
- 12/6—Robotics 3:00 p.m.
- 12/6—G.A.T.E. Parents Lecture 8:15 a.m.
- 12/6—Recycling Day
- 12/7—DARE Culmination 6:30 p.m.—Amador Theater
- 12/8—Chess Club 3:00 p.m.

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- 12/13—Holiday Gift Shop
- 12/14—Principal's Coffee, 9 a.m., Library
- 12/15—Flag Salute
- 12/19—Kindergarten Program, 7 p.m., MPR
- 12/21—Pizza with the Principal
- 12/22—Minimum Day
- 12/25/06—1/5/07—WINTER BREAK—NO SCHOOL