

HEARST HEADLINES

November 28, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| November 29 | PTA General Meeting 7pm Hearst Library |
| December 1 | ELAC Meeting 3:15 Room B-2 |
| December 9 | Family Movie Night 7pm |
| December 22 | Minimun Day |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 6 | Holiday - No School |

SCHOOL NEWS

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please be advised that Hearst Elementary does not provide supervision of students before 8:00am on Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9:00am on Wednesdays. Phone calls may be made home to families asking them to return to school and pick-up their children if students are dropped off before the times listed above.

Request from the Health Office

The Health Office is in desperate need of BOYS gently used jeans and sweatpants (size 5-10). Elastic waist for the smaller sizes would be greatly appreciated. When you go through your child's closets and drawers, please think of us.

PTA NEWS

Giving Tree Program

PTA's Caring Heart Committee is pleased to announce the Giving Tree Program for the months of November and December. Please donate gift cards from Raleys, Safeway, Target, & Walmart to our Hearst families in need. You can drop them off in the office to Rina and Debi. Last year, we were able to provide 25 families with gift cards totaling over \$2,500 to help them during the holidays! Also, there will be a jar in the office where children can donate spare change for this program.

Chevron will be generously donating a bag filled with winter necessities for these families as well. Thank you Chevron and Hearst families for making a difference!

Thank you for your recipe submissions!

A big thank you to everyone who submitted recipes for our Hearst cookbook! Get ready as our Hearst Cookbook elves work their magic to bring this masterpiece to you!

PTA General Meeting Tuesday November 29

Hearst PTA's General Meeting is November 29th at 7pm in the Hearst Library. Did you purchase your Hearst PTA membership for our 2016/17 school year? This is your opportunity to keep up to date on what your PTA Board has been working on. **ALL MEMBERS** are welcome!

Monarch Night Out brings you: Hearst Habit Night! December 6

The first Tuesday of every month we will have a fundraiser at **The Habit Burger Grill from 3-9pm**. Our first one is Tuesday, **December 6 at 6770 Bernal Ave**. 20% of all sales will be donated to Hearst Elementary. Gather your friends and family and have dinner at The Habit. Flyer is required at time of food purchase. Please bring the flyer and give it to the cashier when placing your order. Take out and eat in both okay. (Flier will be available in this Wednesday's folder and for download on our PTA site, www.hearstpta.com/hearsthabit after this Wednesday)

**Family Movie Night: Finding Dory on Friday December 9,
@ 7pm**

Free for all Hearst families, the Hearst PTA brings you Family Movie night featuring the movie "Finding Dory". ALL Students must be accompanied by their parent or guardian for the entire evening. Snacks will be available for purchase and all proceeds will benefit 5th Grade Outdoor Ed! (Cash only please). Bring blankets, pillows, or chairs. All chairs must be placed along the MU walls.

Only 350 spots are available. Please RSVP as soon as we make our Eventbrite link available!

**Reflections Celebration hosted by PPIE on December 12
@ 7pm**

PPIE will be hosting a reception at its 333 Division Street office on 12/12/16 @ 7:30 pm to showcase all the wonderful Reflections submissions by Pleasanton students. Sweets and refreshments will be served. Please come!

Auction News - Host a Party!

AUCTION NEWS: Aloha! Hearst Hula 2017 Auction at Castlewood Country Club March 18, 2017! Looking for local businesses to sponsor the auction. A sponsorship of \$200 or more we will help market your business on our auction website and other school communications.

Contact: Becca Choudhry - BeccaChoudhry@gmail.com or Tara

Brown: TaraReneeBrown@gmail.com and check out our new website: www.HearstAuction.org

Thank you for your support!! Mahalo!

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Box Tops: \$300 earned and let's get ready for more

We've received our submission confirmation from the Box Tops for Education program. Congratulations for collecting 3,000 box tops and earning \$300 for Hearst! We are on our way towards reaching our goal of \$1,000 for the year!

Please continue to submit box tops to the front office. Remember to:

- * Clip those box tops (and Bonus Box Tops) carefully around the perforation.
- * Check them carefully to ensure there are no expired ones.
- * Place them in a plastic bag, labelled with your child's name, teacher's name, and grade.

DISTRICT NEWS

Nominations for gifted and talented education

(GATE) testing are being accepted now

Nominations due December 2, 2016

Schools in Pleasanton are preparing for the annual Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) testing period.

The purpose of GATE testing is to identify and motivate highly able students to realize their full potential. The District works with school staffs to provide high quality differentiated opportunities for learning that meet students' particular abilities and talents and to focus on the areas of need.

Students from grade 3 to 7 in Pleasanton Unified School District (PUSD) are offered the opportunity to be tested at least once for GATE identification. Students may be tested several times, as often as every other year.

Students in grades 4 to 7 must be nominated by a teacher, parent, or other school staff to be tested for GATE services.

- Parents may nominate their child by submitting a completed Parent Nomination / Questionnaire / Permission for GATE to the Special Projects Office.
- Parents wishing to nominate their child are encouraged to talk with their child's teacher about

the benefits and implications of GATE testing.

- The Parent Nomination for GATE form can be found on the district web site http://www.pleasantonusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=308228&type=d&pREC_ID=712593. There, parents can read the instructions and download the District GATE Nomination Form.
- Nomination forms are also available at each school site.

Students are not eligible to be nominated if they took the CogAT test last year.

Students will be tested during the school day at their own school. A letter notifying parents/guardians of the testing dates and other information will be sent home mid January. Testing occurs during the month of February and is administered at each school on different days during this period.

Blanket CogAT testing for all third grade students in the district will be administered in February. Parents of students in third grade will receive a Permission to Test letter in early January.

NONDISCRIMINATION

The District's programs and activities shall provide equal access to and shall not unlawfully discriminate based on actual race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics and against students who are members of special populations. Special populations include, but are not limited to, students with disabilities; students from economically disadvantaged families, including foster youth; students preparing for nontraditional fields; single parents and single pregnant females; displaced homemakers; and students with limited English proficiency. (20 USC 2302, 2354, 2373)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)
(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)



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