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El Carmelo PTA Newsletter

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El Carmelo Calendar

- March 07: Math/Science Exploration, MP Room, 2-4pm
- March 10: Auction Ticket Sales Begin
- March 22-26: Teacher Appreciation Week
- March 24: Stories Under the Stars, MP Room, 7pm
- March 25: Parent Education Talk by Dr. Ginsburg, *Resilience in Children*, 6:30pm, Gunn HS
- March 26: El Carmelo Auction Gala, University Club, Palo Alto, 6pm
- April 1: *Carmeletter* Submissions Deadline
- April 08-10: School Play, *Once Upon a Shoe*, MP Room
April 8 at 4:30pm; April 9 at 7pm; April 10 at 2pm and 7pm



El Carmelo Auction
March 26 2010, 6:00 pm - 11:30 pm
University Club, Palo Alto

Principal's Letter



Dear El Carmelo families,

I wanted to tell you this month how I have been struck by our response to some recent opportunities to explore and expand our parenting together. These are really different experiences that have in common between them the practicing of parenting together. More and more I believe that this is a very important part of how we serve kids and create community at our school.

For example, a few weeks ago, a number of us from El Carmelo attended a talk by Denise Pope Clark (Stanford's Challenge Success) at Fairmeadow School. Denise challenged us to think about our kids in terms of a balanced experience of school, extracurricular activities and home life. Attending this talk gave us a chance to keep this conversation going among ourselves.

Last weekend, the El Carmelo Pancake Breakfast was a really practical way for us to parent our children together. Some of us served in the event by cooking pancakes and sausages. Others helped the kids figure out how to serve the community alongside us, by doing simple jobs at the breakfast. All of us served our kids by bringing them to a simple, fun event with other El Carmelo families. The eating, the playing, the impromptu piano concert in the MP room (applauded by everyone), were all part of what made it feel like a large family gathering.

Tonight, a group of parents started an experiment with me. We are meeting as a Parenting Book Discussion group. We are a small group of parents that meets every couple of weeks. We read a book that we choose and share our parenting practice. We are using some parent education literature but also are placing a lot of importance on sharing our day-by-day experiences. We are finding that we have a lot in common as parents and that we have useful, relevant suggestions for each other. This experiment in mutual deep sharing about parenting will likely influence families beyond our own circle and may become a model for more groups of parents in the future.

Let's keep the parenting conversation going!

Sincerely,
Chuck Merritt
Principal

PTA President's Letter



Dear El Carmelo Parents,

Many thanks to the PTA members who attended the February 9 General PTA meeting. We had a record 47 members in attendance! This was an important meeting. We voted to:

1. elect our PTA Nominating Committee
2. pass our completed PTA Audit
3. pass a PTA resolution in favor of the Parcel Tax Renewal measure

Each of these votes passed unanimously. These issues affect every teacher, family, and child at El Carmelo. We were proud to accomplish our goal of voting on all three items efficiently and in record time!

The PTA has now elected five fabulous members to the Nominating Committee (*Julia Jacobsen, Alli Wong, Maria Derrick, Sherwin Wong and Jennifer Wiener*). These folks, with your help, are responsible for filling PTA positions for next year 2010-2011.

If a Nominating Committee member asks if you have any interest in filling a PTA Board, Chair or activity position for next year, please sincerely consider it. The PTA is all of us working as a team to make it happen. The best way to get to know other parents at El Carmelo and feel connected to our wonderful community is to volunteer side-by-side with other parents and teachers. Plus, it's fun! To those parents who have agreed to continue their PTA positions, or have already stepped up to try something new, we are grateful! Your efforts are invaluable. Thank you very much. Please stay tuned for more information from the Nominating Committee about open positions for next year.

PTA members voted to pass our Audit (conducted by PTA Board Auditor, *Erica Brand*). The Audit spans the time period from June 2009 through December 2009. Erica took on this critical task and verified that our PTA finances are in perfect order. The PTA fiscal year runs June to June, so the next audit will be conducted at the end of this academic school year. Because the PTA underwrites critical resources for El Carmelo teachers and students with a budget of over \$100,000, it is of utmost importance that we continue to keep our finances in good standing.

PTA members voted unanimously to pass an El Carmelo PTA resolution in favor of the Parcel Tax Renewal Measure A scheduled for a mail in only ballot election in May 2010 (see below). The Parcel Tax renewal is intended to maintain current class sizes and avoid teacher layoffs. If the Parcel Tax Renewal Measure A fails, our schools stand to lose \$9.4 million in annual funding which could be devastating to El Carmelo.

You will be hearing from El Carmelo's volunteer Parcel Tax Campaign representative *Erica Brand* with more information about the "Support Our Palo Alto Schools 2010" campaign. You can also visit <http://www.supportpaloaltoschools2010.org/>.

Thank you PTA members for coming out in record numbers to vote at the PTA meeting!

Jennifer Mutz
El Carmelo PTA President

Resolution Endorsing Palo Alto Unified School District's Parcel Tax Renewal Measure on the May 4, 2010 Ballot

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) Board of Education voted unanimously to place a measure on the ballot this spring to renew our parcel tax for another six years and increase the rate by \$96 annually (\$8 per month – from \$495 to \$589 per year) to help offset budget cuts to core instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, funds from this measure will be used to preserve core academic programs such as reading, writing, math, and science; minimize class size increases and layoffs for dozens of teachers; continue teacher professional development and training; and protect critical courses, including art and music, that challenge students, prepare them for college and the workforce, and help those struggling with the basics; and

WHEREAS, if the parcel tax does expire and Palo Alto schools lose \$9.4 million in annual funding on top of other funding reductions, the impact on each and every one of Palo Alto's schools will be devastating; and

WHEREAS, this election will be conducted entirely by mail with all registered voters receiving a ballot the week of April 5 and all ballots being due by May 4;

NOW THEREFORE, EL CARMELO ELEMENTARY HEREBY RESOLVES TO ENDORSE THE PALO ALTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX RENEWAL MEASURE ON THE MAY 4, 2010 BALLOT.

Family Math and Science Exploration!

El Carmelo Multipurpose Room, Sunday March 7, 2– 4pm

Come and join us for an afternoon of Hands-on Science Experiments and Intriguing Math Games

What can you do with a battery, some metal, and magnets?

Make a motor, a bell, pick up the magnets...anything else? Come and explore.

True or False? Every time you see white, all the colors of the spectrum are present.

Mix colors of light and find out!

Make hovercrafts and knot puzzles. Go on a treasure hunt.

Study exothermic and endothermic chemical reactions.

See sound waves and magnify creatures with a microscope.

Explore space sand, play number games and puzzles, and many more.

Sponsored by the **El Carmelo PTA**

Questions? Contact *Stephanie Youngquist*, 327-4284

Auction News

By *Carrie Leontis*

Get ready for the El Carmelo Auction!!!

When: Friday, March 26th, 6pm

Where: University Club of Palo Alto

Why: Fun with El Carmelo parents, enjoy great food, dancing, raise money for our school!



Things to remember for the big night:

1. Book a babysitter. The event is from 6pm – 11:30pm. If you can't stay out that late, the check-out process (paying for auction items) begins at 10pm.
2. Buy tickets. Tickets are available starting March 8th, at \$46 per person. You can buy tickets by filling out the ticket form (they will be sent home) and returning it to the office with a check, or at the ticket sales tables set up on several dates after school.
3. Do your homework - peruse the auction catalog prior to the event. The auction catalog will be sent home on March 12th or for a sneak peek, go to www.elcarmelo.paloaltopta.org.

Other ideas to prepare for the auction:

Talk with other parents in your classroom or neighborhood about reserving a table together. (Helpful hint: if you decide to reserve a table with other parents or friends, take a moment to plan and clarify who will be at your table. Then, fill out table reservation forms consistently.) Invite another couple to join you at the auction – make it a double date! Or, find others who are going solo and plan a “stag” table. Start filling out absentee bid sheets (even if you'll be attending) and get a head start on those items you really want to buy.

If you really want to go all out on auction night:

Start practicing your dance moves (e.g. electric-slide, hokey-pokey, funky chicken). Put together your Alice in Wonderland costume to be a part of the auction theme. Start saving up your dollars for all those items you'll be bidding on!

If you can't attend the auction, you can still bid!!! **Absentee bid sheets** can be filled out for any item and are due Thursday, March 25, by 2:30pm. So much work goes into planning a wonderful, fun-filled night for our auction. Soon it will be time to kick back, relax, and enjoy the evening. This is our school's biggest fundraiser, and it promises to be a great event!

If you have questions, please contact:

Ana-Maria Dias

Auction Chair

650-326-5854, Anamaria_am99@yahoo.com

Teachers' Appreciation Week (Mar 22-26, 2010)

By *Yuhong Kong*

Teachers appreciate being appreciated, for teacher appreciation is their highest award.

Teachers have often been likened to gardeners and students have been likened to flowers. A good gardener would water, fertilize, prune, and weed for their flowers in hope of the best growth. Likewise, our teachers in El Carmelo have been caring, passing on their knowledge, and at the same time also providing necessary discipline to their students in trying to bring out the best in each one of them as a special individual. As our children thrive in school, it is now time for them to think about how to show their appreciation to their teacher's hard work.

Why show appreciation?

First of all, it is natural for us to want to feel valued and appreciated. Expressions of thanks from our children will give our teachers the recognition they deserve, will warm their hearts, and deepen the bonds between them and the students. Our teachers will feel better about their lives and will be more motivated to seek improvements, and to strive for excellence in their humble careers. The expression of gratitude will also bring about a profoundly positive effect on our children. Their lives too will be enhanced as they achieve a positive sense of themselves by cultivating the feelings of thankfulness.

How to show appreciation?

The most important thing is to let your teacher know that he or she is appreciated. Don't wait until March 22nd. Start now in preparing a note of appreciation for your child's teacher. Have discussions with your children by asking them what they like about their teachers, in which way they are fond of their teachers, what they have learned from their teachers, what good manners they can display to their teachers, etc. You may also encourage them to draw a picture to express their feelings. More instructions will be sent home with your children before the celebration of this special week.

Showing appreciation to our teachers doesn't just benefit the teachers alone, it benefits our children, our school and our community in a very large way. So let's all start preparation for this coming special week and give our teachers the best possible gift we can give -- our heartfelt appreciation.

Leadership Club

El Carmelo's Leadership Club has been busy this year making the world a better place! Led by 4th grade teacher *Kendall Smith* and 3rd grade teacher *Christina Nosek*, the club is comprised of many dedicated fourth and fifth grade students.

Some highlights of the 2009-2010 school year have been putting together Smile Bags for families at The Ronald McDonald House, organizing the annual trick-or-treat for UNICEF event, planting trees on campus, starting a collection for the people of Haiti with over \$800 raised and counting, and now organizing The Soup-er Bowl for The Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

The Leadership Club meets once a month to discuss projects and will continue in the 2010-2011 school year. All fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to join!

Once Upon a Shoe or The Rhymes and Mimes of Mother Goose and Her Traveling Troubadors

We hope you will come watch our El Carmelo actors in this funny story about how Mother Goose's children saved the family from having to move from its large, comfortable shoe to an old sneaker in the wrong part of town.

Rehearsals for El Carmelo's theater production of *Once Upon a Shoe*, written by Joseph Robinette, are under way!

Performances:

MP Room, El Carmelo Elementary

Thursday April 8 at 4:30pm, Friday April 9 at 7pm

Saturday April 10, two shows at 2pm & 7pm

Tickets:

Tickets can be purchased at El Carmelo before the performances. You can also purchase them now at the Children's Theatre, located at Lucie Stern Community Center or by phone (650-463-4970) 1:30pm - 5pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

Tickets are \$1

Ana-Maria Dias, Auction Chair

650-326-5854, Anamaria_am99@yahoo.com

El Carmelo Creative Works Show & Sale

Saturday, April 24, 10am - 3pm

Attention all El Carmelo neighbors and friends,

Do you have a creative outlet that gives you great satisfaction? Do you like to knit, paint, create note cards, design clothes and scarves, or make beaded jewelry? Have you ever wondered if you could sell your creations?

Here's your chance to showcase your creative works: El Carmelo Elementary School is hosting our first ever "El Carmelo Creative Works Show & Sale!" on April 24, 10 am - 3 pm, in our MP room. If you belong to the El Carmelo community, or live in our neighborhood, you are invited to participate in this exhibit.

We'll have tables in our MP room featuring creative masterpieces from our neighborhood, and the public will be invited to come, look and purchase whatever is for sale. You can display and sell your creative works.

It's easy to participate! Sign up through the auction bid sheet. Everyone who signs up will be given a spot. The cost is \$10 to participate and gets you table space. In addition, we ask that you give 10% of your sales to El Carmelo School. In return, we will advertise the event throughout Palo Alto. The families of around 12,000 students in the Palo Alto Unified School District, as well as the general public will be invited to visit our show.

This El Carmelo Creative Works Show & Sale is our own creative fundraiser for the El Carmelo PTA, but more importantly it is also an opportunity for all of us to get together and enjoy the magic of art all around us.

If you have questions, please contact:

Ana-Maria Dias, Auction Chair

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Bingo Night rocked and it rolled!

El Carmelo gave away a total of 35 Rick's Rather Rich gift certificates to all the Bingo winners of the night – some players may have collected enough certificates for a banana split or a flat of fudge! Yum.... good game.

Thanks to all of you who helped make it a fun success: *Ken Chalmers, Moala Soloa, Erina Dubios, Asmita Runge, Eujung Hong, Joy Zhang, Claire Krugler*, our families and everyone who helped to clean-up after.

A special thank you to *David Duran* for being the charismatic MC of the evening – you did an exceptional job!

Thanks again.

Christine Hodson and Celina Tracy

Bingo Night Chairs

Don't Forget To Buy Your Auction Tickets!

Auction tickets are \$46 per person. To purchase your ticket simply return the ticket order form that was enclosed in the invitation, along with a check to the school office.

Or you can buy your tickets at school during the following times:

Wednesdays, March 10, 17 & 24: before and after school by the office, and by the kinder yard

Thursdays, March 11 & 18: after school by the office

Additional ticket order forms are available in the school office or you can download them from from our website at www.elcarmelo.paloaltopta.org.

If you would like to help with ticket sales, please contact

Oi Ha Lam at oihalam@gmail.com.

Family Service Day

A huge thanks to the El Carmelo families who contributed to and volunteered with the 2010 Give It All Away Day sponsored by the El Carmelo Green Team, PTA, and Youth Community Service! The story is simple - we ask agencies what they need, collect it all week, and then deliver it to agencies serving our region. Families can clear out gently used items and kids learn the value of giving to others. Over 50 students and parents joined us for the big sort on Saturday, January 30. They were helped by numerous alumni including *Ysabel Sanchez* and many members of Girl Scout Troop 60897. Thanks to you all El Carmelo donated and delivered over 117 boxes and bags to families in our region served by:

Asian Americans for Community Involvement - <http://www.aaci.org/home.htm>

Friends of the Palo Alto Library - <http://www.friendspaloalto.lib.org/>

InnVision - <http://www.innvision.org/about/index.php>

St. Anthony Padua Dining Room - <http://www.paduadiningroom.com>

Special thanks to our staff champions *Jennifer Fernandez, Diane McCoy, and Chuck Merritt*; and to the moms who went the extra mile to deliver on Monday: *Karole Goldie, Molly Goodman, Laura Schneider, and Cynthia Tham*.

El Carmelo: You Made A Difference!

Volunteer Opportunities

By the El Carmelo Nominating Committee: Chair *Julia Jacobsen, Alli Wong, Sherwin Wong, Maria Derrick, and Jen Wiener*

Parents generously volunteer both in the classroom and on the PTA to support our teachers, principal and children. Thank you to everyone who volunteers – your efforts truly make a difference.

The Nominating Committee is charged with filling the PTA positions for next year, and we have several opportunities that are still available. Please consider signing up—it's informal, fun and often the position is what you make it. There are several opportunities that can be done from home! No matter your circumstance, there's a volunteer position that fits what you have to offer.

Some of the positions still open are listed below – if you think you'd like to do something that's not on the list, please let us know. We would love to talk to you and give you more information about any position or something new you might like to try. Please contact the Nominating Committee Chair *Julia Jacobsen* (juliacjacobsen@gmail.com or 856-7935) or any member of the Nominating Committee for more information.

The Nominating Committee will post a complete list of both filled and open positions in the PTA case in early March. Thank you for helping!!!

PTA Board Positions

VP Fundraising - Board position (oversees fundraising strategy and efforts)

VP Communications - Board position (does 1x weekly eNews, and participates on Carmeletter editing team)

Corresponding Secretary - Board position (writes notes as needed)

Historian - Board position

PTA Positions

Auction Co-Chairs - A team responsible for the School Auction

Back To School Supplies - Bulk purchase of school supplies, ready by first week of school

Bicycle Safety - Coordinate Bike Safety efforts, and runs annual 3rd Grade Bike Rodeo

Book Fair (Spring Scholastic) - Coordinates spring book fair

Coffees with Principal - Coordinates informal coffees every couple months, including a Kinder Coffee, first Thurs of school

PIE co-Chair - Representative from El Carmelo to PIE organization, share with Alli Wong

PTA Council Rep - Attends city PTA meetings (1x per month)

School & Traffic Safety - Coordinates Walk & Roll Day & PAUSD Traffic Safety Rep

International Day - Coordinates & promotes annual international dinner

Spirit Shop - Runs school spirit shop

Theater/School Play - Produces school play

PTA Positions done mainly from home

Carmeletter Editor - Issue published 1x per month on average

Carmeletter Editor Back up - Assists/shares work with Editor

Data Entry One Check Form - Early fall, to share with Maya Venkatraman

Student Directory Assistant - Validate student directory information, as needed

Room Parent Coordinator - Communicates (via email) with all room parents about school information & announcements

For more detailed descriptions visit the El Carmelo PTA Web site at: <http://www.elcarmelo.paloaltopta.org/board.html>

"Building Resilience in Children and Teens: Preparing Our Children for Life"

Dr. Kenneth Ginsburg

Thursday, March 25, 2010

6:30-8:30pm (6:00-6:30pm: Community Social & Resource Fair)

Gunn High School Spangenberg Theatre, 780 Arastradero Road, Palo Alto

Admission is FREE / No RSVP

Please carpool and arrive early, parking is limited

Live Spanish translation available



Dr. Ken Ginsburg will discuss how to raise resilient children who can deal with stress in an increasingly complex world. Dr. Ginsburg's unique perspective emphasizes the developmental strengths of youth, equipping parents and educators with skills needed to better teach kids to help themselves.

Learn how to:**Support children and teens to develop positive coping strategies.****Recognize the red flags that may indicate when a youth is at risk.****Help youth develop the seven C's: competence, confidence, connection, character, contribution, coping & control**

Dr. Kenneth R. Ginsburg, M.D., MS Ed, FAAP, is a nationally renowned pediatrician, specializing in Adolescent Medicine at our nation's largest adolescent health clinic in Philadelphia. He is also the director of Health Services at Covenant House of Philadelphia, a shelter for homeless and disenfranchised youth. His books include "*A Parent's Guide to Building Resilience in Children and Teens*," "*But I'm Almost 13; An Action Plan for Raising a Responsible Adolescent*," and is co-author of "*Less Stress, More Success*."

Thanks to our many generous sponsors: Palo Alto Council of PTAs & local PTAs, Challenge Success, Youth Community Service, Adolescent Counseling Services, SHARE (Student Health Awareness through Resource and Education), Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, The Children's Health Council, Palo Alto City Libraries, All Saints' Episcopal Church of Palo Alto, Congregation Beth Am, St Mark's Episcopal Church of Palo Alto, Grace Lutheran Church of Palo Alto, First Presbyterian Church Palo Alto, Nature's Alley Floral Shop, Los Altos-Mountain View PTA Council & local PTAs, Mountain View-Los Altos High School Foundation, Mountain View High School Challenge Success, Los Altos United Methodist Church, Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Kepler's will sell books.

Directions and event details: <http://info.paloaltopta.org/>

Stories Under the Stars

Mark your calendars and plan to participate in one of El Carmelo's most cherished traditions!



Stories Under the Stars
Wednesday, March 24, 2009
7:00-8:15 p.m.

El Carmelo Multipurpose Room

With special stories read by:

Chuck Merritt

John Walton

Leslie Bell

Dave Howell and Clarence the puppet

Wear your coziest pajamas, bring along your favorite stuffed animal and snuggle with a pillow and blanket for a great time.

We will promptly start at 7:00 p.m.

Immediately following the program, refreshments will be served in the courtyard.

Parents, please remember this is not a drop-off event.

Adults must accompany their children.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer,
 please contact

Alli at Allison_wong17@yahoo.com or Laura at lauratannenwald@comcast.net

A HUGE 'Thank you' to all these volunteers ...

A Huge 'thank you' to all these volunteers from the El Carmelo PTA and Community....

...Give It All Away Day: *Megan Fogarty*, fabulous event Chair and her energetic team of helpers including students, parents, alumni, and Girl Scout troop 60897.

...Bingo Night: *Christine Hodson, Celina Tracy* for heading up this beloved annual El Carmelo family night, along with fabulous helpers *Ken Chalmers, Moala Soloa, Erina Dubios, Asmita Runge, Eujung Hong, Joy Zhang, Claire Krugler* and everyone who helped to clean up after.

...Pancake Breakfast: *Andrea Jelks, Maya Venkatraman, and Beata Madej* for spearheading this fun filled family breakfast and generously cooking hundreds of pancakes along with helpers *Evi Klein, Lawrence Dong, Javad Mostofzadeh, Gordon Chen, Ann Holum, and Alex Kass.*

....Parent Education: *Carrie Manley*, dedicated Parent Education Chair, for bringing renowned speaker, author, and educator *Denise Clark Pope* to PAUSD to speak about Challenge Success to our parent community.

...PTA Audit: *Erica Brand*, our thorough PTA Board Auditor who worked with PTA Treasurer *Christine Hodson* to conduct our audit and confirm that our PTA finances are in perfect order.

....PIE Campaign: *Alli Wong*, the El Carmelo PiE (Partners in Education) representative, along with the support of co-rep *Elizabeth Ludwig* to whom teachers and parents are extremely grateful for their successful and critical PiE fundraising efforts at El Carmelo.

....Auction Art Sessions: *Ana-Maria Dias*, for organizing a phenomenal all-school auction art project. Kids from every grade were offered the opportunity to create art that is related to this year's Auction Gala! Assisting were Creative Advisor *Michele Kasper* and the following list of parents from each grade:

Kinder Parent Helpers: *Sarena Kim, Shannon Silva, Jen Wheaton, Jim Leontis, Elena Kostrygina, Patricia Campbell*

1st Grade Parent Helpers: *Karole Goldie, Nina Hansen, Maria Derrick, Liu Ding, Sherwin Wong, Doreen Rehbock,, Rashmi Hunt, Jennifer Chu*

2nd Grade Parent Helpers: *Erina DuBois, Shirley Siu, Erin Duran*

3rd Grade Parent Helpers: *Shewin Wong, Jeannette Cheng, Marjorie Sayer*

4th Grade Parent Helpers: *Jennifer Chu, Jen Mutz, Carrie Manley, Anna Chan*

5th Grade Parent Helpers: *Deepali Joshi, Ping Wang, Maria Whealan, Marjorie Sayer, Oi Ha Lam*



SupportPaloAltoSchools2010.org

Our local schools in the Palo Alto Unified School District (PAUSD) provide a world-class education to students and consistently rank among the best in the state and nation. Exceptional teachers, innovative programs, dedicated parents and the support our schools receive from our community all contribute to high levels of student achievement year in and year out.

Locally controlled parcel tax funding first approved by voters in 2001 and renewed in 2005 has helped to maintain student success and retain qualified teachers across the District. But this vital funding is set to expire unless we vote to renew it in a special mail-in ballot election this spring.

This, along with state budget cuts to education, threatens our current level of student achievement. PAUSD needs this measure to continue our local tradition of academic excellence.



Funding from the new measure will create local, stable funding that cannot be taken by the state. Help PAUSD provide students with an education that prepares them for success in the 21st century economy by voting YES.

The Parcel Tax Renewal Measure will :

- ✓ Preserve excellence in core academic programs such as reading, writing, math, and science
- ✓ Minimize class size increases in all grades
- ✓ Retain qualified teachers and school employees
- ✓ Maintain training programs and activities that support high quality teaching
- ✓ Help protect critical high school course offerings and electives, including art and music

Strong Fiscal Accountability:

- ✓ Every penny must stay in PAUSD and cannot be taken away by the State
- ✓ Expires in six years and cannot be extended without voter approval
- ✓ An Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee and mandatory annual reports ensure funds are spent wisely
- ✓ Senior citizens may file for an exemption

YES! I Support Palo Alto Schools!

I would like to help the campaign:

- You may use my name publicly as a supporter
- Phone banking
- Walking my neighborhood
- Put a sign in my yard
- Donate. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

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