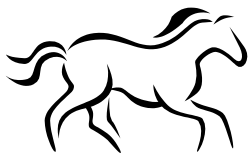


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PTC News

Can it already have been three weeks since the start of school? While the easy-going days of summer seem like a distant memory, there is something exciting about the return to school. It was so wonderful to see so many eager and supportive families at Maidu's and Excelsior's Back to School Nights.

Even in the early weeks of school, there are a great number of PTC volunteers to thank. Class Assignment Night (CAN) ran smoothly, thanks to coordinator **Nancy Zavesky** and volunteers **Sharon D' Nelly Warady, Lorrie Drucker, Mary Hart, Margot Birch, Janice Craig, Jenny Milne, Sarah Jenkins, Suzanne Sampson, Erica Fong, Linda Hansen, Tami Lynch, Sherilyn Petterson, Lori Carson, Beth Thomas, Tami Jackson, Molly Scholes, Susie Williams, Lori Bauer, Carolyn Brosnan, Jessica Steele, Jessica Rafanan.** A special thanks goes to the custodians at both Maidu and Excelsior, **Richard, Eric and John**, who set up for the stuffing party and CAN.

The Parents Assisting at Lunch (PAL) program has hit the ground running. Over 80 people have signed up to be lunchroom helpers. Those who've had the opportunity to assist already include **Elaine Arndt, Dean Bliss, Nicole Guild, Rachel Wright, Susie Williams, Donna L. Reynolds, Sherilyn Petterson, Quynh Ngyuen, Joyce Stubee, Sharon D'Nelly Warady, Angela Kirton, Sandra McGregor, Susan Grahame, Ingrid Snedecor, Julie Caputo, Jennifer Mobell, Stephanie Washburn, Stacey Zerlaut, Sharon Sullivan and Coleen Columbo.** Thanks to those who have signed up for September, as well. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact jrafanan@comcast.net for information.

Speaking of lunch, the Roseville Joint Union High School District (RJUHS), is in charge of hot lunch at our schools. If you have any questions or concerns about the hot lunch program, including the new Point of Sale system, visit www.rjuhsd.k12.ca.us/food/foodmain.html for contact information for food service staff.

Fall is a busy time at our schools, so be sure to read on for important information on upcoming events and programs. Happy September!

- **Jessica Rafanan**, MEPTC President



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have an hour or two to volunteer? Join us on Wednesday, September 30th between 9-11am in Maidu F5 to visit with friends and assemble catalogs for the PTC Fall Fundraiser. Drop the kids off at school and meet us there. Contact Angela Raffin at a_raffin@yahoo.com or 792-6799.

Key September Dates

Thur	10	SCRIP orders due (Delivery on 9/18)
Fri	11	Maidu Jogathon Pledges Due
Thur	17	Excelsior Picture Day
Fri	18	Maidu Jogathon
	18	Excelsior Jogathon Pledges Due
Tue	22	PTC General Meeting 11am - 1pm (ExecBoard 10 - 11 am), Maidu F5
Thur	24	SCRIP orders due (Delivery on 9/30)
Fri	25	Excelsior Jogathon
Mon	31	Excelsior Adjusted Day, 9:05am-12:35pm

SCRIP Program News

The SCRIP Program raised **over \$20,000** last year without costing you a dime – be sure to find out how you can participate in this **FREE** on-going program. It's open to parents, friends, relatives, neighbors, staff... everyone.

PAPER SCRIP orders are due Thursday, September 10th. You'll be amazed at how much money the school can capture through pre-paid groceries and goods! You choose the business, the business lets the school keep a portion of your purchase, and you get 100% of the value to spend in-store or on-line.

Remember to turn in your HELP US, HELP YOU form. Let us register or fill your request for grocery loyalty cards!

You shop. Schools gain. Kids win!

Make participation your "way of life."

Visit www.meptc.org/ptcscip.html for more information, or email your questions to meptc_scrip@yahoo.com



New at Maidu -

Waste Free Wednesday Lunches!

Maidu is kicking off a new program called "Waste Free Lunch Wednesdays." Our goal is to reduce waste generated by lunch packaging materials by 15% and increase awareness about environmentally friendly lunch packaging materials. It's easy to participate! Remember when your child brings lunch from home on Wednesdays – pack lunch items in reusable containers along with a cloth napkin and a refillable drink container. For more detailed information please review the [flyer](#) included as part of the Class Assignment Night packets. Watch for updates in each newsletter on the program's progress and tips and tricks for packing a waste free lunch.



T-shirt Orders

The deadline for ordering school apparel is quickly approaching. Maidu orders are due Friday, September 11. Excelsior orders are due Friday, September 18. Check out the designs and download an order form from the online Wednesday folders.



Are You Ready to Jog?

It's that time of year to support our kids as they raise money for Maidu and Excelsior schools. The Jogathons are PTC's largest fundraiser and determine the amount of money we have to support our schools' libraries, Art and Science Docent programs, assemblies, field trips, classrooms, etc. during this school year. If you haven't already received your child's pledge envelope and Jogathon packet, please look for it in your child's backpack this week and begin calling those family members, friends, and neighbors who can support your child's efforts.

Our goal for Jogathon this year is to raise \$39,000.00 which is 44% of PTC's projected budget for the 2009-2010 school year. With just over 1,000 students attending Maidu and Excelsior schools, that works out to \$39.00 per child. However, we realize that raising this amount may be difficult for some families and are instead **asking that each child raise at least \$25.00 in pledges** with the hope that many families will be able to do more.

Thanks to a very generous sponsor, Learning Express Toys, **every child that turns in a pledge will receive a \$5.00 coupon** to spend at the Learning Express store (no minimum purchase is required.) And every child that turns in a pledge of at least \$25.00 by the due date will be entered into a raffle to win great prizes ("per lap" pledges will be calculated for raffle eligibility using the 18 laps run average from last year's event.)

So what are you waiting for? Get on the phone or take a walk with your child to see how much your family can raise for our wonderful schools. With a little effort, you may be surprised at how much you can contribute toward another fabulous school year!

Key Jogathon Dates

Friday, September 11th: Maidu Pledge Envelopes due back to school
Friday, September 18th: Excelsior Pledge Envelopes due back to school
Friday, September 18th: Maidu Jogathon Event Day
Friday, September 25th: Excelsior Jogathon Event Day

E-News Reminder

Remember, Wednesday folders will be posted online on the District website. This is the last week for paper service. For additional information and to sign up for the new service, Maidu parents can go to www.eureka-usd.k12.ca.us/maidu/folders and Excelsior parents can go to www.eureka-usd.k12.ca.us/excelsior/folders.

Maidu Jogathon Event Schedule

7:00-9:00am	Setup (volunteers needed)
9:00-9:30am	3 rd Grade
10:00-10:20am	Kindergarten
11:00-11:30am	2 nd Grade
12:20-12:50pm	1 st Grade
12:50pm	Cleanup (volunteers needed)

Excelsior Jogathon Event Schedule

7:30-9:00am	Setup (volunteers needed)
9:30-10:00am	4 th Grade
10:20-10:50am	5 th Grade
11:10-11:40am	6 th Grade
11:40am	Cleanup (volunteers needed)

THANK YOU Jogathon Business Sponsors!

It was a very tough year to solicit Jogathon donations from local businesses, but these businesses stepped up to make our event possible:

Bannai Family Dentistry
French's Insurance
Tricks Gymnastics
Karen Peak, CPA
Dr. Kristie Trang, Optometry
Kovar's Satori Academy of Martial Arts
A Woman's Place

Many thanks also to **All Awards** for printing our Jogathon tshirts at cost and **Learning Express** for their amazing donation of raffle prizes and \$5.00 incentive coupons.

Please remember to thank our generous Jogathon Business Sponsors with your patronage this year! You can find contact and website information about our Business Sponsors on PTC's Website (www.meptc.org) and in our student directories. Thank you Sponsors!

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