



# The Mustang-Eagle Press



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## Funding FYI

Much attention is being focused on the state's financial condition and its impact on our schools. As the Eureka Union School District (EUSD) faces over \$2 million in budget cuts in the 2010-2011 school year alone, many questions arise. Arguably the most important is how can the District maintain the quality education our children so richly deserve? The answer is, only with **our** help.

Each year, PTC raises funds that go to our two schools, Maidu and Excelsior. With our families' support, PTC helps provide funds for the art docent programs, assemblies, classroom and school supplies, libraries, staff development, Destination Imagination and more. Again, the money raised by PTC fundraisers - Jogathon, Sally Foster, Scrip and the fall and spring bookfairs - goes directly back to our two schools.

The Eureka Schools Foundation (ESF) supports all of the schools in the District and helps fund the District's libraries, computer technicians, music, athletics and Spanish programs. In recent years, ESF has funded a portion of these programs, with the School District providing the funding for the remaining portion. However, in 2010-2011 ESF is being asked to fund these programs completely.

Now more than ever the District, PTCs, ESF and families need to come together. We need to support our schools not just for the present, but for the future. I have had the opportunity to talk with many parents who moved into this District for its schools; parents who speak with pride and sometimes tears of gratitude in their eyes as they talk about their children's experience in our schools. Our schools have

made a difference in our children's lives. As parents, we can make the difference that enables our schools to remain strong despite financial setbacks.

The support you give our schools - your time, your financial contributions, your ideas and feedback - is truly remarkable, truly appreciated and truly vital.

*Jessica Rafanan, PTC President*



### PTC Calendar

#### January

Wed	27	Excelsior Band Winter Concert, 6 p.m., Excelsior MPR
Thur	28	Maidu Kindergarten Musical, 6:30 p.m., Maidu MPR
	28	State of the District Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Oakhills/Ridgeview

#### February

Thur	4	Scrip orders due (delivery 2/12)
Mon	8	NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Birthday
Tue	9	EUSD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., District Office
Mon	15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
Tue	16	PTC General Meeting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Maidu F5
Wed	17	Excelsior Spring Picture Day
Thur	18	Scrip orders due (delivery 2/26)
	18	Excelsior Roller Skating Party, Roller King
Fri	19	ESF Art Auction, 5-8 p.m., Bayside Church
Mon	22	Excelsior Adjusted Day
Thur	25	Family Bingo Night, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Maidu MPR

## State of the District Meeting

Thursday, January 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Oakhills/Ridgeview

If you were not able to attend Tuesday's State of the District Meeting at Excelsior, you can still attend Thursday night's meeting at Oakhills/Ridgeview. The EUSD will give an update of district goals, including information about what has been accomplished and what they hope to accomplish related to curriculum and instructional programs. They will also provide information about the current state budget situation, and what you can do to continue your support of our district. Ample time will be provided for questions. Lastly, they will discuss ways parents can help to preserve core and enrichment programs in these times of budget shortfalls.



## Waste Free Wednesday - Lunch Tip!

Is your family trying to eat healthier in 2010? Getting bored with packing the same old lunch items? Here are some tips for preparing a healthy and waste free lunch!

1. Talk with your child about nutrition and the importance of developing a healthy body. Together, come up with a family plan, including a list of steps the family wants to take to transition to a more healthful diet. Post the list in a place where everyone can see it.
2. Think Positively. If your child sees you enjoying these changes, he will be more likely to join in.
3. Involve your child. Children of all ages can help with menu planning, shopping, and preparing meals. Children who feel they have had a part preparing the meal will be more likely to eat it.
4. Remember on Wednesdays (or all days!) to pack lunch using waste free items such as reusable utensils, food and drink containers and a cloth napkin.



# Family Science Night

at  
**The Discovery Museum**  
Science & Space Center Friday, March 12, 6-8pm  
www.thediscovery.org

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Planetarium shows, Live Animal presentations, Hands-on Exhibits,  
Docent tours & take-home projects

**Reservations are now being accepted!**  
Event is limited to 150 people, so reserve your spot now!

Look for our flyer in your Wednesday folder for more  
event information and the reservation form

## Family Science Night Quick Facts

**Date:** Friday, March 12, 6-8 p.m.

**Cost:** \$3.00 per person (special family pricing offered; see Wednesday folder flyer for details)

**Open to:** Maidu and Excelsior Families (students, siblings, parents and guardians)

**Where:** [The Discovery Museum](#), 3615 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento (located just 15 minutes from Roseville, east of Watt Ave.)



## Scrip Update

### JUST IN TIME FOR FEBRUARY!

Retail cards and gift certificates (aka paper scrip) are another great way to earn much needed funding for your school. The next orders are due by February 5<sup>th</sup>! Ordering is easy and delivery is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Valentine's Day.

It's not too late to make sure your **Safeway** cards are registered. Please contact us today!

**The next paper scrip orders are due NO LATER than Thursday, February 4!** Order online anytime at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) or extra order forms are available online at [meptc.org](http://meptc.org)

Go to [meptc.org/ptcscrip.html](http://meptc.org/ptcscrip.html) for links associated with the Scrip Program or email your questions to [meptc\\_scrip@yahoo.com](mailto:meptc_scrip@yahoo.com).



## ESF Annual Giving Campaign Gears Up

The Eureka Schools Foundation (ESF) is gearing up for its Annual Giving Campaign (AGC) and it needs your help. Due to significant cuts, the school district is asking ESF to assume 100% of the funding for the programs it currently funds, starting this fall. **In order to reach this new funding need, ESF needs to raise an additional \$300,000 above and beyond what it currently already gives to the district for our:**

- Ongoing library resources & clerks
- Band & choir instruction
- After-school Spanish language instruction
- Computer labs & aides
- After-school athletics & coaches
- Classroom technology

ESF is truly grateful for the parental support of our schools. Much of our district's success comes from the time, effort and financial resources you have already given and ESF thanks you for your involvement and encourages you to take just a bit of time and resources to help maintain our school's prominent status during this year's Annual Giving Campaign. Thank you for your consideration.

To make your donation today go to [www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org). **All whose donations are received before January 31st will be removed from the call/contact list of the Annual Giving Campaign 2010.**

### ESF Volunteer Opportunities

**BE A CONTACT TEAM LEADER!** Be a part of ESF's classroom-based "contact teams," during the upcoming Annual Giving Campaign. We need 3-4 parents from each classroom. ESF will provide you with the training, information and materials necessary to successfully contact families whether by phone, emails or face-to-face. Sign up through your child's classroom by contacting your teacher. Thank you!

### **Give a Day, Get a Disney® Day!**

Volunteer to help with the ESF Annual Campaign and get a 1-day park ticket to Disneyland® FREE! Pre-register at <http://disneyparks.disney.go.com> and follow the 3 sign-up steps. Ticket quantities are limited. Children must be at least 6 to participate. Parents must sign up anyone under 18. Additional rules and details located at [www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org/volunteers](http://www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org/volunteers)

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Chair, ESF Annual Giving Campaign



### **Bingo Night for Excelsior and Maidu Families**

Prizes, food and fun are in store for your family at our annual Family Bingo Night! We hope to see all of you on Thursday, February 25, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Maidu MPR. Reservations are due on Friday, February 19. Pizza & drinks are \$2 and Bingo Cards are \$1. For the safety of our families, **children must be supervised at all times!**

### MEPTC Board 2009-10

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