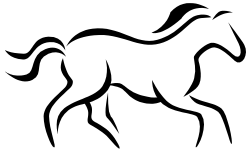


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## PTC Calendar

### March

W-F	24-26	Maidu Bookfair Continues
Thur	25	Maidu Open House
	25	Maidu Bookfair Late Night Sales
Fri	26	Maidu Bookfair Last Day
M-M	29-4/5	No School - Spring Break

### April

Tue	6	School Starts
Wed	7	Parent Presentation, "Cell Phones, Texting and the Internet", 6:30-7:30 p.m., Excelsior MPR
Thur	8	SCRIP orders due (deliv. 4/16)
M-F	19-23	STAR State Testing (2nd-8th grade)
Tue	20	PTC General Meeting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Maidu F5
Wed	21	Maidu Site Council Mtg, 2:45 p.m.
Thur	22	SCRIP orders due (deliv. 4/30)
Fri	23	STAR State Testing - Last Day
Mon	26	Excelsior Adjusted Day
Thur	29	Excelsior Open House

## Why Volunteer?

I joined Maidu Excelsior PTC just about two years ago. If you had asked me even a year ago why I am a PTC volunteer, I might have stumbled over my words, and ended up answering, "Well someone asked me to, so I did."

Just two months ago, I was asked to answer that same question, this time on video. After careful consideration, I found that my answer was different than before. Yes, my involvement started at the suggestion of a friend, and truly I thank her, for I have learned more about our schools than I would ever have known otherwise. I have met and worked with so many wonderful parents and teachers. Above all, I have realized that we can make a difference, not only for our own children, but for children across our schools.

Now more than ever, parents make the difference. PTC is looking for interested parents to take a role in our Board and in coordinator positions. Please consider taking a role in PTC for the coming year. More information on volunteer opportunities is offered in this newsletter.

Thanks for your support!

*Jessica Rafanan, MEPTC President*

## Last Call for Excelsior Yearbooks

The last day to order Excelsior Yearbooks is March 26<sup>th</sup>. Also there will be group pictures that day for the yearbook for various clubs – Band, Choir, Spanish, Journalism Club, Knitting, DI, Conflict Management and Student Council.

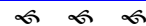


## Maidu Bookfair Continues Through Friday!

Maidu's Bookfair continues this week through Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. The Kick-Off Party on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> was a great success.

PARENTS: You are especially welcome to come to the Book Fair during your child's library time - please ask your teacher for day & time. Please contact Amanda McCarthy @

['amandamac99@yahoo.com'](mailto:amandamac99@yahoo.com) to volunteer or donate items. Please contact Mila Lindley @ ['mpldal@yahoo.com'](mailto:mpldal@yahoo.com) with any questions. Check out our webpage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/maidu>.



## Nominations Open for 2010-2011 PTC Board

Support our schools and kids by joining the PTC Board. It offers personal growth in planning skills, opportunity to support an excellent cause and new friendships in working with caring and talented parents, teachers and staff. For more information, please contact [Jessica Rafanan](#).



## Coordinator Positions Open

PTC is working on filling coordinator positions for the 2010-2011 school year. Visit the [MEPTC documents and forms webpage](#) and click on Coordinators for 2009-2010 for descriptions of the coordinator responsibilities. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator [Tami Lynch](#).

## Scrip News

Keep a look out for some new and exciting ways to earn money for your classroom at Maidu's Open House this Thursday, March 25.

### FREE MONEY

Raise money for your school by using your existing household shopping budget! Swipe your registered SAFEWAY CLUB CARD – your receipt will show “Your qualifying purchases have been accumulated towards eScrip. Thank you.” Swipe a registered RALEY'S QUALITY OF LIFE CARD – your receipt will show “Thank you for using your Quality of Life Card.”

Make every purchase count for our schools by making sure all of your cards are registered! Macy's, Mastercard, Visa, American Express, Discover and Debit Cards can be registered on eScrip.com.

If you still aren't sure – please contact us! 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).

**The next paper scrip orders are due NO LATER than Thursday, April 8!** Order online anytime at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com).



### Waste Free Wednesday Tip - Reusable Drink Containers

Breaking the disposable bottled water habit reduces the use of fossil fuels and toxic greenhouse gases that result from manufacturing plastic bottles, most of which end up as landfill waste. A stainless steel water bottle works as a perfect replacement for a juice box or plastic water bottle. And, while purchasing a thermos or steel bottle may seem a bit pricey at first, you'll save money over time because of its durability — even more if you fill it with water rather than juice. Remember to pack a waste free lunch on Wednesdays!



### Calling all 6th grade parents! Olympus PTC needs you!

The following positions need to be filled by April!

\* Co-President

\* Secretary

Coordinator positions for:

- Pledge drive

- Staff appreciation

- Hospitality

To sign up please go to the [Olympus Jr. High website](#), click on PTC at the left of the page and download the volunteer form. You can return the form to your current school office. This is a great opportunity for you to be involved in your child's Junior High experience!

Be in the know! Volunteer now!

Questions? Call: Sheryle Washburn - 390-8041

Amy Girard - 768-2697

### Thank You From ESF

Thank you to the many Maidu / Excelsior families who contributed to the Annual Giving Campaign 2010. You really stepped up this year to support our children in providing programs and teachers that are critical to a well rounded education.

Public education is free, but a good education is not. Our state budget cuts and declining enrollment means fewer dollars coming into our district for key elements. What does this mean for your child?

- School closures means larger classes
- Larger classes means less personal attention to each child
- Excellent teachers means higher API scores.

Thank you for being a part of sustaining our schools. If you have not contributed and would like to give by cash or check please return it with your child in the Wednesday folder. You can also give a one-time OR recurring donation by logging onto [www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.eurekaschoolsfoundation.org) by **March 31st**.

Thank you,

*Shelli Teed-Bose*

*Maidu Parent*

*Chair, Annual Giving Campaign*



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