

MPF Newsletter

Fall 2013



It's hard to believe we have already finished the first trimester of the 2013-2014 school year! MPF would like to wish all of our ENRICH! families a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

Upcoming ENRICH! Events

- MPF Board Meeting - Weds., December 18, 2013 at 6 p.m.
Location: Gravenstein School, Room 20
- Kindergarten Nutcracker - Thurs., December 19 at 5 p.m.
Location: Gravenstein School, MPR

Your MPF Board is Hard at Work for You!

The 2013-14 Magnet Program Foundation Board is busy building a strong, integrated community of support around your ENRICH! Program. A core element of strengthening the ENRICH! community is to facilitate communication between all of its members and to provide consultation and feedback to the administration on key MPF-funded program elements, including enrichment classes and field trips.

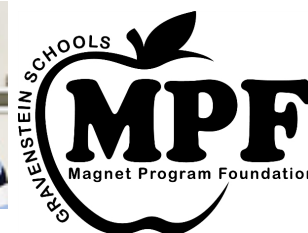
The MPF Board also provides oversight in collecting and allocating monthly donations and managing an annual budget of approximately \$225,000. Parents are always welcome at MPF Board meetings and can forward questions and comments to mpfcontacts@gmail.com.

Your 2013-14 MPF Board members are:

- Arif Virji (President) & Tracy D'Ambrosi (Member at Large) - Dean, 4th Grade; Valentina, 6th Grade
- Adair Look (Vice President) - Lange, kindergarten; Austen, 2nd grade; Jansen, 4th grade
- Yvonne Kleinfeld (Treasurer) - Halina, 7th grade
- Nicole Cvitanovic (Co-Secretary) - Brian, 2nd grade; Patrick, 5th grade
- Kathleen Walsh (Co-Secretary) - Zachary, kindergarten; Abigail, 2nd grade

Members at Large

- Alexis Boutin - Eva, kindergarten; Rosey, 2nd grade
- Audrey Schrock - Corban, 3rd grade
- Delia Plikuhn - Cassidy, 4th grade



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- Douglas Evans - Benjamin, 2nd grade
- Kurt Williams - Janice, 2nd grade
- Jim Barrios - Isabelle, wait list for 1st grade
- Michele Gray - Colin, 2nd grade; Aidan, 4th grade
- Mike Bollinger - Camille, 7th grade

MPF Now Accepts Credit and Debit Cards

Exciting news! You can now enjoy the ease of making your monthly donation to MPF by credit or debit card!

Many families have yet to send in their Donation Commitment Forms. This new form of payment makes your Donation Commitment easier than ever. Knowing how much each family plans to give is essential for budgeting the enrichment classes, social events, and field trips that our children so enjoy and benefit from.

Simply fill out [this form](#) and mail it to the address below. Then, your credit/debit card will automatically be charged each month at the pledge rate you have set.

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Please note that all major credit/debit cards are accepted, with the exception of American Express. If you have any questions about the status of your Donation Commitment Form, contact [the MPF bookkeeper](#).

MPF Donation Commitment Form Contest Results

Congratulations!

to Mrs. Hanchey's Kindergarten class for a 100% turn-in rate for their donation commitment forms! Her students received their Gravenstein hooded sweatshirts (pictured below) and thanks from MPF members last week. In second place was Mrs. Candau's 1st grade class, with an 82% return rate, and Mrs. Crandall's Kindergarten class took third place, with 81% of families turning in forms. Thank you to all of the families who participated in this fun little contest, which has helped MPF budget for the future. It is great when the families, teachers and students get together to help our ENRICH! program grow!



ENRICH! Sponsored Events

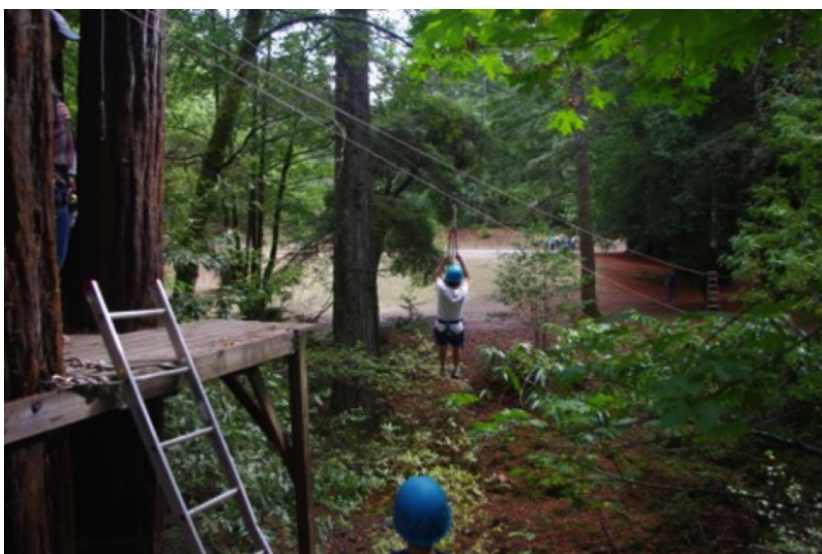


4th graders visit the Mendocino Coast

By Maraline Olson

Mrs. Hillier's class had an amazing adventure at the Pacific Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Fort Bragg.

Students enjoyed zip-lining across the creek. They learned climbing lingo and safety, before climbing up to a platform and jumping off. For some it was very easy, while others were nervous until they landed at the other side. Regardless, everyone wanted to do it a second time!



Students also learned to work as one unit on the balancing platform. This exercise let them realize that even the slightest movement can disrupt the group's unity.



The trip wrapped up with a closing ceremony on the beach attended by students, parent volunteers, and PEEC staff.

Happy Pumpkineers Visit Peterson's Farm

Kori Hanchey's Kindergarten class enjoyed a day at Peterson's Farm picking out that perfect pumpkin for carving a jack-o-lantern or simply decorating to place by the front door. The driest October in over 30 years provided a mud-free visit to one of Sonoma County's favorite fall destinations.



A Spooktacular Kindergarten Social Raises Spirits

By Jackie Rollag

The Kindergarten Social brought the 4-H Center in Rohnert Park to life with a Halloween party for all ages. The space provided the perfect opportunity for parents to mingle and for ENRICH!

Kindergarteners to frolic. The evite RSVP was up to 120 people!

Ghostly guests enjoyed a taco salad/nacho bar potluck which seemed to be a huge hit. The kids loved the chips and cheese!

Some parents graciously volunteered to purchase supplies and set up various activities. Social party-goers enjoyed a photo backdrop with a professional photographer who donated her services. A huge highlight of the social was a coffin with five different touch/feel boxes. Even the parents enjoyed this one! A pumpkin weight guessing game with 10 pumpkins rounded out the affair with each of the winners taking home a pumpkin.



Other fall festivities at the social included a Halloween wreath tying station (with the kids creating wreaths which were given to the teachers for Halloween), Halloween coloring pages, a doughnut eating contest, and an action-packed broom ball game! Four students from Rancho Cotate High School helped out with set-up, various activities, and clean-up as part of their community service projects. Lots of smiles, laughs and happy kids (and parents too)!

First Grade Social Jumps, Swings, and Rolls

by Melody Tufo

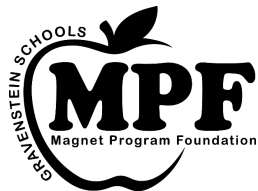
And the judges score it a perfect 10 for the first grade class social, which involved a spectacular day at Rohnert Park Gymnastics! Approximately 40 children and another 40 adults turned out for an active and festive day of tumbling, gymnastics, and body mechanics. Round Table Pizza of Rohnert Park & Clover Stornetta graciously donated pizza and ice cream for the social. The staff at Rohnert Park Gymnastics worked closely with the families throughout the day providing a glimpse into the world of gymnastics for many potential future gymnasts. Families were offered to stay beyond closing and participate in additional games.



Thanks for taking the time to read about our amazing ENRICH! program. As always, feel free to [contact us](#) with any questions.

Sincerely,

The MPF Newsletter Team
(Jim Barrios, Beth Craven, and Alexis Boutin)



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