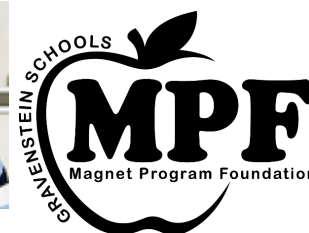


MPF Newsletter

Spring 2014



Enjoy Getting Involved, but Short On Time? The MPF Wants You!

We're reaching out to ENRICH! families to let you know about our Social Coordinator Program and how you can help build our ENRICH! community. It doesn't require much time and can be done behind the scenes and is an ideal way for parents working outside of the home to be involved.

Many of you like to volunteer in class and this is a wonderful way to be involved in our school and make a difference in your family's school experience. Social coordinators are provided a budget to host two class socials during the school year. If you're interested in being your child's class Social Coordinator or have questions, please contact Tracy D'Ambrosi at tad@rjo.com or Lyn Bollinger at lynlan_01@att.net. We'll have a social coordinator meeting in September (date and location to be determined).

ENRICH! Social Coordinator Job Description:

- Be the community building "point person" for your child's class, similar to a room parent.
- Organize two socials per year (one in the fall and one in the spring) for your class outside of class time. This can be done in the evening or on weekends for kids and parents (pre-dance party, bowling, ice skating, picnic, movie night etc...).
- Coordinate teacher appreciation recognition from class (cards, lunch, flowers from the Garden, etc.).
- Welcome new class members and their families. (For any new families that join your class after the school year has started).
- Coordinate families to bring meals or help with rides when there is a new baby or crisis.
- Attend Social Coordinator meeting every 8 weeks.
- Use email to communicate upcoming MPF events to parents and kids and help recruit volunteers for school events as needed.
- Budget: 2014-15 Budget to be determined.

Quick Links

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Is It Time For Recess Yet?



Recess just took on a whole new meaning at Gravenstein Elementary School where a new play structure was unveiled this week. Workers from Creative Builders were busy putting on the final touches on the play structure, manufactured by Miracle Play Structures, so that it would be ready in time for the first day of school. The new structure was made possible by funding from the Gravenstein Union School District.



Creative Builders staff lay down a rubber surface which replaces wood chips around the play structure. The rubber pad is

approximately 2-1/2" to 3-1/2" thick providing a protective surface for students. The application of the rubber material requires specific weather conditions meaning workers had to wait until the morning fog cleared each day allowing the sun to provide a warmer, drier climate for the material to dry.

Stop By and Visit Your 2014-15 MPF Board!

Your input and ideas are always welcomed and appreciated as we get a new school year under way! Parents are always welcome at MPF Board meetings and can forward questions and comments to mpfcontacts@gmail.com.

The primary purpose of the Board is to facilitate communication between all members of the MPF community and to provide consultation and feedback to the administration on key MPF-funded program elements including enrichment elements and field trips.



The Board also provides oversight in collecting and allocating monthly donations and managing an annual budget of approximately \$225,000. These funds provide the means for special field trips (above), enhanced access to arts and music, and Enrichment programs.

Your 2014-15 MPF Board members are:

- Arif Virji (President) & Tracy D'Ambrosi (Member at Large) - Dean, 5th Grade; Valentina, 7th Grade
- Seana Gause (Vice President) - 8th Grade
- TBD (Treasurer)
- Kathleen Walsh (Secretary) - Zachary, 1st grade; Abigail, 3rd grade

Members at Large

- Alexis Boutin - Eva, 1st grade; Rosey, 3rd grade
- Audrey Schrock - Corban, 4th grade
- Delia Plikuhn - Cassidy, 5th grade
- Beth Craven - Rowan, 5th grade; Quinn 3rd grade
- Douglas Evans - Benjamin, 3rd grade
- Jim Barrios - Isabelle, 1st grade
- Michele Gray - Colin, 3rd grade; Aidan, 5th grade
- Mike Bollinger - Camille, 8th grade

MPF Success Stories

The newsletter staff would love to showcase success stories from our students. Did your child win a ribbon for art in the county fair, perform outside of school, win a science contest....let us know!

If your student has accomplished something you feel has been enriched or inspired by the programs MPF provides, we'd love to know about and share them.

Take a Look at ENRICH! Classroom Video

Follow the link to see a snapshot of what happens during an ENRICH! schoolday. Here is your opportunity to see what your child enjoys throughout a great week of enrichment by enjoying this video assembled for parents and prospective parents. [Video Link](#)

Supporting MPF Is Easier Than Ever!

Just a reminder that you can now enjoy the ease of making your monthly donation to MPF by credit or debit card!

Need to make a payment and keep your commitment to help fund MPF? This new form of payment makes your Donation Commitment easier than ever. Each family's donation is essential for funding 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.

MPF
c/o Alice Christensen
P.O. Box 750036
Petaluma, CA 94975

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](#).

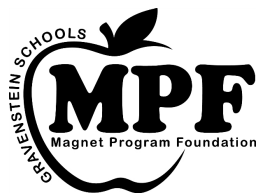
Up Next at ENRICH!

- August 24: MPF Back-To-School BBQ - 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Oak Meadow in Ragle Ranch Park, Sebastopol, CA
- September 17: MPF Board Meeting - 6 p.m. Gravenstein Elementary School, Room 22
- September 1, 2014: Labor Day Holiday - No School

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 and Beth Craven)



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