

MPF Newsletter

Spring 2014



It's hard to believe we have entered the third trimester of the school year! Spring is upon us and summer fun is just around the corner.

Up Next at ENRICH!

- Sonoma Co. Spelling Bee, Gr. 7-8 - Tuesday April 1, 4 p.m.
- Hillcrest Trimester 2 Awards - Tuesday April 1, 10:30 a.m.
- Gravenstein Trimester 2 Honor Roll - Friday April 4, 1:15 p.m.
- State Odyssey of the Mind (Hillcrest) - Saturday, April 5
- Apple Blossom Parade (Hillcrest band) - Saturday, April 12
- MPF Board Mtg - Thurs April 10, 6 p.m., Gravenstein Room 20
- Hillcrest Open House (Gr. 6-8): Wednesday April 23, 5 p.m.
- Gravenstein Open House (Gr. 2-3): Thursday April 24, 5 p.m.
- Gravenstein Open House (Gr. K-1): Monday April 28, 5 p.m.
- Gravenstein Open House (Gr. 4-5): Weds. April 30, 5 p.m.

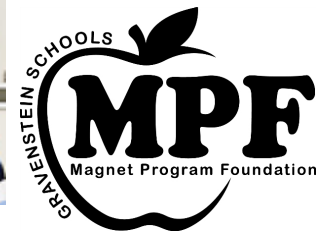
The MPF Board Needs Your Help!

Here is your opportunity to have a greater voice in your child's educational development and enjoy the social benefits of sharing your ideas with other MPF-involved parents: join the MPF Board! Board meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the Gravenstein campus. We keep the meetings lively and meaningful, and we share the workload for any agenda items that need attending to in between meetings.

Elections will be held in early April so that we can install new officers at the next meeting, on April 10. *We currently do not have enough candidates running to constitute a quorum.* We would especially like to have better representation for Hillcrest students!

If you are interested in joining the MPF Board, please send a brief biography with your name, the names and grades of your children, and any interesting information you would like people to know about you. Please submit your picture and bio *no later than April 3* to mpfcontacts@gmail.com

Your Board is Completing Another Successful Year!



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The 2013-14 ENRICH! Magnet Program Foundation Board continues to work diligently in addressing topics ranging from course offerings to field trips to funding challenges. 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. 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)
- 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
- 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

ENRICH! Sponsored Activities



7th Graders Journey to Asia(n)

Mr. Dexter's 7th grade ENRICH! class spent a fantastic day in San Francisco this semester. The trip began with a docent led tour of the Asian Art Museum's exhibit: Buddhism and Hinduism in Art: Gods, Demons, and Avatars. In addition to learning about the history of the artwork, the students were encouraged to physically contort their bodies to recreate many of the intricate poses they were seeing in the sculptures and paintings. Following lunch in Golden Gate Park, the students then went on to explore the gardens and architecture of the Japanese Tea Garden.

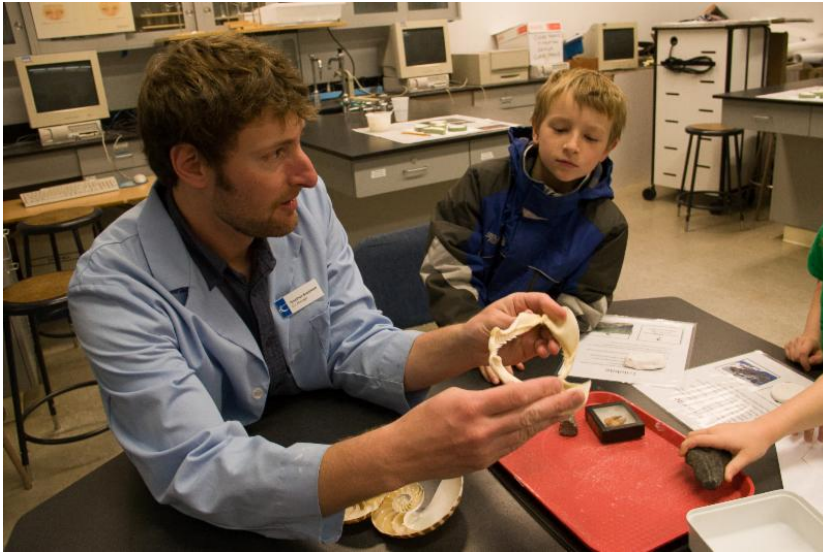
- by Dan Dexter

4th & 5th Graders Impress with their Pas de Bourree

Students from the 4th and 5th grade ENRICH! classes put on a lively performance for friends and family on March 10th. Attendees were delighted to numbers to songs from the Lion King, Aladdin, Little Mermaid and Beauty & the Beast. Miss Amy has done a wonderful job building the dance skills of the students and all appeared to enjoy performing.

2nd Graders Time Travel at Chabot Space & Science Center

Mrs. DeBolt's 2nd grade class learned the finer points of fossil identification and fascinating facts about early life on planet Earth from archeologists at Chabot Space and Science Center. Students also learned about the far reaches of our solar system and the tools astronauts have used to visit space. They ended the day pushing & pulling hands-on exhibits in Bill Nye's Climate Lab.



Quinn Craven-Pittman learns how sharks jaws grow.

1st Grade Gets Hands On With Nature at Spring Lake

Mrs. Gruner's 1st Grade Enrich class got hands on with nature on their field trip to Spring Lake. They learned about different types of wild life, insects, and the natural balance of various living things all while hiking around Spring Lake's beautiful surroundings. They were able to handle various beetles, worms and even sea stars. They ended the day with a puppet show of various habitats to show the importance of every living thing within those environments.

- by Melody Tufo

Kindergarteners Go for The Gold!

An enthusiastic horde of Kindergarteners visited the Rohnert Park Gymnastics Center in January where they learned to run faster and jump higher than ever before! Students enjoyed an indoor zip line, foam pit, rings, and tumbling mats among other challenges.

Many children experienced these activities for the first time adding a sense of empowerment and achievement to the sheer fun of exploring the world of gymnastics. Students learned the importance of strength, balance, and coordination in staying fit and active. A raucous foam block battle topped off a fantastic day outside the classroom where they had a chance to exercise their bodies in addition to their minds.

One of the unique benefits of participating in an enrichment trip such as Rohnert Park Gymnastics is that students have an opportunity to face and overcome their own challenges such as fears of heights or jumping. An activity that may have previously caused hesitation becomes a fun-filled challenge creating a sense of lasting achievement and fond memories.



Alexis Wilson braves the zip line.

MPF Now Accepts Credit and Debit Cards

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.

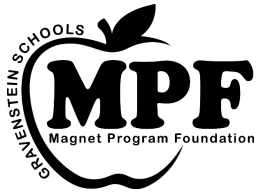
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Please note that all major credit/debit cards are accepted, with the exception of American Express. If you have any questions about the status of your Donation Commitment Form, contact [the MPF bookkeeper](#).

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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