

# The PHS Bulletin

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## School News

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**Attention: Students who would like to join and play badminton** for the school, please attend a meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 12:45pm in the high school gym. If you cannot attend but are interested in playing, please leave your name with Athletic Director Jeff Peters.

**PHS HIGHLANDER SWEATSHIRTS make great holiday gifts!** Contact any Cheerleader or [kimbelchamber@gmail.com](mailto:kimbelchamber@gmail.com). We deliver! Thank you for supporting Varsity Cheerleading. Checks payable for \$35 to PHS Cheer.

**Piedmont High School Orchestra & Choirs to Present Annual Winter Concert.** Come join the Piedmont High School String Orchestra and A cappella Choir at their annual Winter Concert; Wednesday, December 14th, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Alan Harvey Theater on the PHS campus. The String Orchestra, under the direction of Catherine DeVos, will perform selections by Johannes Brahms, Antonio Vivaldi, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Cellists, Michael Niemuth and Spencer Kim will be featured on the program. The A cappella Choir, under the direction of Joseph Piazza, will perform music by Felix Mendellsohn, Frank Ticheli, and Dan Forrest, as well as choral holiday favorites. A voluntary donation of \$5.00 for adults (students and children are free) will be requested at the door to help offset concert expenses.

**SPUNKMEYER- WINFIELD INVITATIONAL MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT - DECEMBER 15, 16, 17, 2011.** The annual Piedmont High School Basketball Tournament is set to kick off under joint sponsorship this year. The Otis Spunkmeyer Corporation and Winfield Construction Company are co-sponsoring the tournament which will be played on December 15, 16, and 17 at PHS, 800 Magnolia Avenue. Mr. Ahmad Hamade, Executive Vice President and CFO of Otis Spunkmeyer, and Mr. Ken Winfield, President of Winfield Construction Company, have been invited to attend and be introduced at half-time of the December 16, Piedmont game. The tournament begins on Thursday, 12/15, with the following games:

- Oakland Military vs. Half Moon Bay - 3:30 pm
- June Jordan vs. Berean Christian - 5:00 pm
- Emery vs. San Rafael - 6:30 pm
- O'Connell (SF) vs. Piedmont - 8:00 pm

Games continue on Friday beginning at 3:30 pm and on Saturday beginning at 12 noon. Refreshments, including hot dogs and pizza, will be sold.

Admission is good for the entire day: Adults - \$5.00; Seniors - \$2.00; PHS students with school ID cards - free; all other students - \$2.00; children under 6 are free.

### **New PUSD e-magazine - "The Magnolia"**

The Piedmont Unified School District is proud to introduce *The Magnolia*, a quarterly e-magazine focusing primarily on Piedmont's rigorous curriculum and professional teaching practices. This publication will highlight student success and a variety of educational programs in an interactive format.

"Students Come First" in the Piedmont Schools. Educators work hard to provide all students with a comprehensive, rigorous and relevant K-12 curriculum. The District recognizes the community's investment in education and the success of our students. *The Magnolia* will serve as an interactive publication that features student success at all levels.

Please click on the following link to access *The Magnolia*:

[www.phswebs.com/mag/mag.pdf](http://www.phswebs.com/mag/mag.pdf). Please note that because of the size of this publication (photos, videos, etc.), it may take a few moments to load. It is best accessed via Firefox. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Randall Booker, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, [RBooker@piedmont.k12.ca.us](mailto:RBooker@piedmont.k12.ca.us), or 594.2877.

### **PIEDMONT MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL YOUTH SKILLS CLINIC**

The Piedmont High School men's varsity basketball team will present a youth skills clinic on Saturday, January 7 (note new date), from 2:00-4:00 at the William "Binks" Rawlings Gym at Piedmont High. The clinic will be taught by the Varsity players and coaching staff and will focus on fundamental skill development. The clinic is open to boys and girls ages 5-17.

Cost: \$20, payable in advance or at the door. Checks can be made payable to "PHS Men's Basketball" and mailed to Coach Lavdiotis at 209 Palm Drive, Piedmont 94610. All attendees will receive a pass to a home game this season. Each camper should bring a ball with his or her name on it. For further information, please contact Coach Lavdiotis at 433-2600, or [cpl@lcllp.com](mailto:cpl@lcllp.com).

**Math Club. Piedmont High Mathletes** meet every Thursday in Room 31 during lunch period. We practice solving math problems of all kinds, many of which are typical of high school mathematics competitions and placement exams, developing our creative problem solving skills. The club competes at monthly meets organized by the East Bay Mathletes, and it sponsors the annual American Mathematics Competition (AMC) at PHS. Open to all students, the club encourages collaboration and fun. Contact Richard Stanley: [Richard@rms-stat.com](mailto:Richard@rms-stat.com)

### **Curriculum Forum and GATE Advisory Meetings.**

Below is the schedule for upcoming Curriculum Forum, GATE Advisory Meetings, and the GATE Advisory Parent Info Night.

#### **Curriculum Forum**

PMS MPR, 3:30pm - 5:00pm    3/15/12        5/3/12

#### **GATE Advisory Meetings**

Havens Library, 3:30pm - 5:00pm    2/27/12        4/16/12

**Average Daily Attendance Announcement:** Did you know that for every day your child misses school the district loses \$35 in state funding? To help relieve the financial burden to the schools, you can choose to reimburse them this amount. Simply send a check to Business Services Office, PUSD, 760 Magnolia Avenue, Piedmont, CA 94611. Make check payable to PUSD and indicate it is an ADA reimbursement. Thank you for your support.

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## Parent Club News

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### **A GREAT PUBLIC EDUCATION ISN'T FREE. It's up to us!**

Campaign Week #11    APCP Funds raised to date: \$1,434,248    APCP parent participation level to date: 57%

**DID YOU KNOW?** It *really* is up to us – parents, community members, and educators – to keep Piedmont schools strong! We are inching closer to our goal of raising at least \$1.6 million this year for Piedmont schools, but we still have work to do. Your donation to The Giving Campaign is a gift that every student will benefit from. Please donate today at [www.PiedmontGivingCampaign.com](http://www.PiedmontGivingCampaign.com) <<http://www.piedmontgivingcampaign.com/>> . Thank you to everyone who has donated to date!

#### **UPCOMING KEY DATES:**

12/31 – last day to donate for 2011 tax year.

End of January – official close of the campaign. (Donations are gratefully accepted year-round!)

**Let Scrip Help with Your Holiday Gifts.** Make shopping easy; buy Scrip and help the schools. We have gift cards for: Barnes and Noble, Mulberry's, iTunes, Gap, Pottery Barn/Williams Sonoma, Sephora, Macy's, See's, Peet's, Starbucks, AMC Movie Theaters, and more. Or, use Amazon scrip to make your online purchases.

**Holiday Meals.** Use Scrip for your groceries. We have all of the local grocers: Piedmont Grocery, Safeway, Mulberry's, Berkeley Bowl and Whole Foods. Or, pick up some Market Hall scrip, and let them cook for you.

**Boxes of See's Candy.** Beginning on December 1, we will have one pound boxes of See's Candy--your choice of nuts and chews or assorted chocolates. Get your candy without the lines and parking hassles. For scrip or candy boxes, contact Teresa Lahaderne at 601-1212 or [plahaderne@aol.com](mailto:plahaderne@aol.com), or stop by the fund office.

### **PHS Parent Board Meeting – Tuesday, January 3**

Please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, January 3. Monthly Board meetings are open to all parents and are excellent an opportunity to hear from the PHS administration about policy, curriculum and upcoming events. They also provide a forum to discuss ways to help students navigate High School. We welcome your thoughts and ideas. Meetings are 9:00am on the first Tuesday (with occasional exceptions) of each month in the PUSD Board Room at 760 Magnolia. The following is the schedule for the 2011-12 school year: Tuesday, 2/7, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1 (Annual Meeting), 6/5 (Changeover Meeting). Please submit agenda items by the Friday prior.

### **HAVENS' DADS CLUB POKER NIGHT IS COMING SOON!!**

Friday evening, January 6th, 7:00pm-11:00pm, Veterans Memorial Building

The Havens Dads Club is hosting the 4th Annual Piedmont Poker Night on Friday January 6. Even if you are not into playing, support your spouse, socialize with friends, and/or bid on exciting silent auction items, and buy some raffle tickets with a chance to win from a number of prizes. New this year- A raffle to win a seat at the final table and a chance to win the coveted winner's bracelet. It's a GREAT night out for LADIES & GENTLEMEN, and all proceeds go directly to educational programs for our kids! Tickets are selling fast on our website:

<http://www.havensdadsclub.com>.

**Parents, please support Zero Waste.** If you are organizing or donating food for a school event, please use reusable food and drink containers, compostable or paper cups and coolers instead of single use plastic bottles, paper plates or bowls, compostable utensils instead of plastic, and paper or cloth tablecloths instead of plastic.

Need GREEN SUPPLIES? PHS has access to water jug and purple/ white cloth tablecloths. To make using compostable products as easy and cost effective as possible, I have purchased compostable products that are available for any school related function for the bulk/school discount price. I have an inventory at my home at 129 Bonita. It is here for your use! For help, more information, supplies, or to make green suggestions, contact Debbie Pfeiffer, [dpfeiffer3@gmail.com](mailto:dpfeiffer3@gmail.com), parent board rep for the Green Team/Green Initiative.

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## Community News

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**CUDDLE BUDDIES PROJECT NEEDS NEW STUFFED ANIMALS!** Would you be willing to help a child in need of a buddy to cuddle with by donating a new stuffed animal (with tags on please, no longer able to accept gently used)? Donations help abused and 'at risk' children in Alameda County this holiday season. If you would, please bring donations to Havens, Wildwood and/or Piedmont Middle School and place them in the collection bins near the office that say "Cuddle Buddies." The collection bins will be there until winter break so please donate. Thank you for your support. If you have questions, visit our website at [www.cuddlebuddies.net](http://www.cuddlebuddies.net) or call George Fullerton at 428-0704 or Libby Corvin at 653-1233.

### Dress Best for Less

The Marking Room is having a "Bag Sale" on 2 consecutive Saturdays, December 10th and December 17th (10am-12pm). We will be closed on December 24th and January 31th, however donations can still be dropped-off. Thank you for your support & Happy Holidays!

**Meet the Candidates Night:** January 12 at 7:30pm Piedmont City Hall.

The League of Women Voters of Piedmont will host a candidate's forum on Thursday, January 12 at 7:30pm in the City Council Chambers of the Piedmont City Hall. The community is cordially invited to meet the candidates running for City Council and the Piedmont Unified School District Board of Education. Attendees will also have a chance to learn about Measure A, the sewer tax measure also appearing on the February 7 municipal election ballot.

All of the candidates running for office have accepted the invitation to participate: Margaret Fujioka, Bob McBain and Tim Rood are running for two seats on the Piedmont City Council; and Nancy "Sunny" Bostrom, Jon Elliott, Sarah Pearson, Richard Raushenbush and Andrea Swenson are running for three spots on the Board of Education. The candidates will present opening and closing remarks and respond to questions from the audience.

Michael Rancer, chair of the Municipal Tax Review Committee, will provide an overview of Measure A, the special municipal sewer surtax. Dale Marshall will serve as the evening's moderator. Those unable to attend are invited to view a simulcast or repeats of the event on KCOM-TV, Channel 27. Please visit [www.lwvpiedmont.org](http://www.lwvpiedmont.org) for more information.

### **PHS Bulletin Submissions:**

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