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CALENDAR

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Monday, May 25** - NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- **Tuesday, May 26** - This year's last PTA Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Old Dance Studio (see [article](#))
- **Tuesday, May 26 - May 29** - Dead Week - prepare for final exams
- **Tuesday, May 26 - May 29** - *Birdhouse in the Style of an Artist* Silent Auction (see [article](#))
- **Friday, May 29** - Last day for Library Clearance - please return all textbooks and library materials (see [article](#))
- **May 18 - May 30** - M-A Student Art Show - Creative Self-Expressions, located at the Great Frame-Up (see [article](#))

SAVE THE DATE

- **Monday, June 1** - Special Schedule - 7th Period Final
- **Monday, June 1** - Senior Farewell, 7 p.m., New Gym
- **Tuesday, June 2** - Finals Schedule - Periods 1 & 2, 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- **Tuesday, June 2** - Senior Picnic, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Huddart Park
- **Tuesday, June 2** - Senior Awards Night, 7 p.m., New Gym
- **Wednesday, June 3** - Finals Schedule - Periods 3 & 4, 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday, June 3** - FREE Senior Breakfast! Open to all seniors. **9:00 a.m.**, New Gym (note time correction)
- **Thursday, June 4** - Finals Schedule - Periods 5 & 6, 8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 4** - M-A GRADUATION - 4 p.m., Coach Parks Field
- **Thursday, June 4** - Grad Night Party, **9:30 p.m.** - 5:15 a.m. June 5 (note time correction)

SPECIAL BEARNOTES OPPORTUNITY

ATTENTION PROUD PARENTS!

This is your chance to announce your students special achievements outside of school sponsored sports or activities. This could include:

- Music or art achievements
- Outside athletics at the state or national level
- Science competitions - including robotics
- Scouting awards, etc.

Please use guidelines in "BearNotes Submission Information" [below](#) for your submission. Due to space concerns, submissions should be concise. Submissions need to be in by this **Thursday, May 28**. Thank you!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

We especially invite FRESHMAN PARENTS to help with Senior Awards Night (at which a few juniors will be honored as well) which takes place on Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m.

We need:

- **Baked goods** (cookies, bars, brownies) to be dropped off at the New Gym by 6:00 p.m.
- **Passing out programs.** Two volunteers to help from 6:30 - 7 p.m.
- **Refreshment table.** Two volunteers per shift. Shift 1, 6:15 - 7:30 p.m., Shift 2, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

To sign up to help, or to arrange to drop off baked goods, please contact Alice Hom at dnahom@aol.com. This is a great way to peek at things to come!

GRAD NIGHT

Junior, Sophomore and Freshman Parents Volunteers needed. We need a few more volunteers for the following shifts:

- 8:30 -10:45 p.m. on June 4 - **Student Check-In**
- 9:30 p.m., June 4, to 5:15 a.m., June 5 - **Chaperones.** We promise a memorable event at an exciting venue...with lots of coffee and tea!

Volunteering can be your graduation gift to the senior parents and class! Contact Debbie Verity at gradnight2009@mahearsnta.org or (650) 321-3069 if you can help

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FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE



FFF DONOR THANK YOU PARTY- Sunday, May 31, 3 - 5 p.m.

In appreciation of all the contributors to M-A's Foundation for the Future, parents are invited to our annual end-of-the-year Donor Thank You Party at a home near campus. If you did not receive the evite, please contact Carol Maibach at crmaibach@aol.com.

FOUNDATION 2009 TEACHING AND CLASSIFIED STAFF AWARDS. Since 1995, the Foundation for the Future has been pleased to recognize and reward teachers who demonstrate excellence in classroom teaching. Recipients are chosen who make a positive impact on the education of students, present a positive role model to students, and exhibit enthusiasm and passion for their subject area(s).

Additionally, the Foundation annually recognizes and rewards a member of the classified staff who makes a positive impact on the educational environment of students and teachers, presents a positive role model to students and staff, and exhibits enthusiasm and willingness to go "above and beyond" in her or his area of responsibility.

The recipients of the **Foundation for the Future 2009 Teaching Award** are **Jeff DeCurtins, Susan Price, and Ron Weiss**. **Fran Huber** is the recipient of the **Foundation for the Future 2009 Classified Staff Award**.

Please join us in congratulating these deserving awardees.

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PTA



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE LAST PTA MEETING OF 2009! Don't miss our last meeting which will be held on Tuesday, May 26, at 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Old Dance Studio. We will vote in the additional members of the 2009-10 Executive Board - Carol Orton and Lisa Deal for Co-Vice Presidents, Jan Reed for Treasurer, students will receive the Principal's Student Service Award, and we will hear from our Principal, Mr. Zito!

With great pleasure, the M-A PTA Executive Board and Principal Mathew Zito announce the winners of the 2009 MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S SERVICE AWARD:

- **Shayda Abadi** (9th)
- **Jamey Blawie** (10th)
- **Jennifer Chan** (10th)
- **Ani Loshkajian** (11th)
- **Chloe Peters** (11th)

The Award Certificate along with \$50 will be presented to each student at the last General PTA Meeting on May 26, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. by Mr. Zito. These students during the 08/09 academic school year have demonstrated exceptional volunteer commitment and promoted the general welfare of our larger community. Please join us in congratulating these students.

2009 PTA SERVICE AWARDS. The M-A PTA proudly announces the recipients of the 2009 PTA Service Awards. These awards give special recognition to those parents and community volunteers who have shown outstanding service to Menlo-Atherton and its students.

2009 PTA Service Awards go to **Kimberly Carlisle, Margaret Costello, Kris De Lisle, Gale Lane, Lisa Major, and Kay O'Neill.**

The **2009 PTA Continuing Service Award** is given to "graduating" parents **Judy Hood, Charlene Margot, Leslie Airola-Murveit, and Debbie Verity.**

Suzanne Amato, Laurie Knapp, and Mary Hom are recipients of the **2009 Community Service Award.**

The **2009 PTA Presidents Award** goes to **Denise Bullwinkel and Janet Perez.**

Please join us in congratulating these individuals who have contributed in an extraordinary way to M-A.

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ADMINISTRATION

LIBRARY MATERIALS DUE. It is time for all textbooks, novels, and library materials to be returned to the library. The last day to pay by check is May 18 - only CASH accepted thereafter. You must pay the fine or fee for lost books to the Treasurer's Office. May 29 is the last day to get cleared from the library and to turn in clearance slips for graduation. Please encourage students to return books as soon as possible when final exams are completed. If you have questions, please go to the library and contact the library staff. Thank you!

LOCKER CLEAN OUT IS MONDAY, JUNE 1, during Brunch. Please be sure to remove all books and school property, binders, and personal belongings from all outside hall lockers. School issued padlocks must be returned to Ms. Orcutt in the Vice Principal's Office.

Any locks remaining after 3:30 p.m. on June 1 will be removed. Textbooks and library books should be returned to the library if they are not needed for final exams.

Toni Di Cicco, (650) 322-5311 x5111, tdiccco@seq.org.

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ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

The M-A Art Department proudly announces the M-A student winners of The Great Frame Up Creative Self-Expression Show:

Advanced 2 Dimensional

Hideyo Kameda - Le Bambi - First Place

Brizzia Lopez - The Mole Brothers - Second Place

Advanced 3 Dimensional

Audrey Bullwinkel - Moon Vase - First Place

Brittany Margot - Coil Pot - Second Place

Intermediate 2 Dimensional

Jameca Sanders - Roschach - First Place

Steffi Pressesky - Self Portrait - Second Place

Beginning 2 Dimensional

Victoria Dahlhoff - Self Portrait - First Place

Eric Evans - Clarity - Second Place

Beginning 3 Dimensional

Erika Andrews - Safari Mobile - First Place

Maceylyn Lautalo - contrast box - Second Place

Additional Selected Participants

Chloe Peters, Rachel Verity, Sheri Park, Megan Nash, Jose Castro, Amanda Lee, Mako Kuwabara, Molly Murphy, Sophia Titterton, Sofia Gutierrez-Dewar, Patrick Moriarty, Siobhan Foster, Thomas Folker, Jon Kieninger, Monka Fowle, Molly Murphy, Tess Cain, Emily Dorst, Rachel Pomales, Andrea Real, Vivienne Halapio, Jordyn Fantuzzi, Graham McClelland, Karla Barrera, Victoria Fernandez, Maria Quintero, Jocelyn Morales, Christopher Ibarra, Eleanor Spielma-Sun, Natalie McMahon, Gillian Collom, Mereida Villa-Godinez, Anarika Cardenas, Megan Thomas, Ila Vainikolo.

Congratulations to all the selected participants, with a special acknowledgment to the first and second place winners! It was another great year for the M-A Art Department, with the usual help and support from our local merchant, The Great Frame Up, 1047 El Camino Real, Menlo Park, where all entries can be viewed until **May 30, 2009**.

Click [here](#) for more information on The Great Frame Up Menlo Park 2009 Creative Self - Expression Show.

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IN THE COMMUNITY

Birdhouse in the Style of an Artist - Annual Auction

May 26 through May 29

Administration Building Lobby

Silent bidding takes place daily at the display

East Palo Alto's 2009 Sponsored Employment Program (SEP) is looking for adult volunteers to be mentors providing support for youth involved in a six week summer employment program

This is a wonderful opportunity to mentor a youth from EPA during their six week internship. For more information, contact Victor Lopez with SEP at (650) 373-1096 or vlopez800@yahoo.com. Or you can contact Miki Cristerna, Student Support Coordinator at mcristerna@seq.org.

LAS LOMITAS KINDERGARTEN TEACHER RETIRES! Barbara Fong is retiring after 29 years. Mrs. Fong has had a tradition of creating memory books for her classes. For her retirement, Mr. Fong would like to make a memory book for her from her graduates. If you attended Las Lomitas and had Mrs. Fong, please send an email with any tributes, pictures, or memorabilia to Mr. Fong at gbf44@yahoo.com.

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ATHLETICS



All the Scores and More!
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SPORTS EVENTS

PRE-SPORT PHYSICALS at BAK PHYSICAL THERAPY CLINIC. All certified Athletic Trainers for the Sequoia Union High School District are provided by BAK. All students who would like to participate in a fall or winter season sport can obtain their physical on Saturday, May 30 at the Menlo Park Office from 8 a.m - 1 p.m. No appointment needed, \$20 cash, check or credit card. 705 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park. (650) 363-5674.

DON'T MISS IT! The 5th Annual M-A Boys Golf Classic Tournament - Saturday, September 12! The M-A Boys Champion Golf Team invite you to join us in a great day of golf and our only fundraiser to support our team for the 2009-2010 season. 9 a.m. shotgun start golf tournament hosted at Coyote Creek Golf Club. BBQ, raffle, prizes and celebration to follow on the patio. Register and pay by August 13 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing of \$170, \$195 after August 13. Price includes all fees, cart, water, prizes, range balls and BBQ. Contact Jackie Anderson with any questions or to register at jackie_anderson99@yahoo.com or (650) 544-6510. This tournament is open to all level of players.

PLEASE HELP RUN THE 2010 BIG BEAR RUN. The 5th Annual Big Bear Run will take place May 2, 2010 and we need volunteers to take over this amazing event. The 2008 and 2009 co-chairs are ready and willing to provide plenty of help and many of the other great race organizers will return again next year. The Big Bear Run has become a wonderful M-A tradition that includes the entire M-A community. Please consider co-chairing this amazing race that supports all our M-A athletes. If you would like more information, contact Beth Harris, elizabethharris60@comcast.net or Michele Culhane, michculhane@pacbell.net. Results of this year's Big Bear Run will be published in the June issue of Trivocis, available later this week.

SPORTS RESULTS

VARSITY GOLF TEAM. On Monday, May 18, 90 boys competed in the Norcal Golf Championships at Butte Creek Golf Course in Chico. Our own Nick Sako **tied for 1st** scoring a 2 under par 70 (par 72 course), which included an impressive finish of 3 under on the last five holes. He along with 5 other individuals from NorCal and 3 teams will advance to the State

Championships to be held at Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach, CA, on Wednesday, June 10. Congratulations to Nick and GOOD LUCK!!

TRACK and FIELD TEAM. Our talented athletes competed in a tough PAL meet, with many progressing to CCS. Adrian Carpenter qualified with 2nd place in the 100 high hurdles (15.17) and the 300 intermediate high hurdles (40.40). Mark Calverese was 5th in the pole vault (10'6").

Although, sadly, this year did bring the end of the M-A Varsity Girls' 5 year winning spree at the PAL meet, our sprinters will carry on to CCS. Dominique Greene won the 100 meter race (12.69), and finished 3rd in the 200 (26.82). She also led our 4 x 100 relay (Dominique Greene, Sophia Kalin, Tabitha Willems, K.C. Tamme) to their 3rd place finish (52.19).

Although Frosh/Soph does not progress to CCS from PAL, there were many great finishes. Freshman Catherine Carpenter placed 1st in both the 200 meter (27.73) and 400 meter (60.23). Fiona Meyer-Teruel placed 5th in the long jump with 13' 11-3/4". In the pole vault, Christopher Bliss placed 2nd with a vault of 9'. Chad Brock medaled at 5th place in the 300 hurdles (45.01). Brogan O'Hara was 4th in the 100 hurdles (12.10). Cameron Moody placed 5th in the 200 (24.97). Zackary Cantu ran the 400 in 54.59 to place 5th. Our 4 x 100 relay (the Moody twins, O'Hara, and Nick Poole) placed 3rd (46.44). The 4 x 400 relay (Cantu, Mike Hester, Jack Beckwith and Poole) also placed 3rd (4:43.29). Hester and Beckwith battled throughout the distance competitions. In the 800 meter, Hester placed 3rd (2:10.3) and Beckwith placed 5th (2:11.6). Beckwith grabbed 3rd in the 1600 meter (4:41.56). In the 3200, both boys beat their own personal best times by more than 20 seconds to place 3rd (Beckwith, 10:26.92) and 5th (Hester, 10:33.74).

Congratulations to all of our fine athletes who competed at the PAL Meets and GOOD LUCK TO ALL WHO QUALIFIED FOR CCS.

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BEARNOTES SUBMISSION INFORMATION

- Email submissions to [your BearNotes Team](#) by Thursday midnight, spellcheck/proofread them first, and format them in Arial 10 pt.
- Please keep submissions **concise**, and include the organization name, event, date, time, location, and contact info, including web site URL.
- All submissions are subject to editing by the PTA.
- For the PTA policy on BearNotes publication, please go to the [M-A PTA web site](#).

Menlo-Atherton PTA does not endorse third-party events or submissions, nor take responsibility regarding the content of any third-party websites.

Go Bears. Grrrr!

Your BearNotes Team,
Julie Brody, Kris De Lisle and Pam Stoner
M-A High School PTA BearNotes