



Partners in Education's Town Fair: Bigger and Better than Ever

Over 40 booths featuring games, food and entertainment at Addison School

May 3, 2006 – Palo Alto, California. Palo Alto Partners in Education today announced a great lineup of more than forty activities and sponsors for the Palo Alto Town Fair on Saturday, May 6. Schools, businesses, community organizations and local entertainers have joined together to create an exciting and fun-filled event to follow Palo Alto's annual May Fete Parade.

Celebrating its 84th year, the May Fete parade is Northern California's longest-running children's parade. With around 3,000 participants and over 5,000 spectators, the parade finishes at Addison Elementary School, where all are welcome to join the fun at the Town Fair. The Town Fair will run from approximately 10:20 am, when the first marchers in the May Fete parade arrive at Addison, until 1:30 pm.

This is the second year that Partners in Education has hosted the Town Fair. According to Gina Jorasch, a foundation board member and its vice president of marketing, "We wanted to create a fun event to thank everyone for all their contributions this past year. The Town Fair is a way to reach out and continue building community with parents, alumni and all supporters of our schools."

Partners in Education has organized thirty-eight booths and activities at this year's Town Fair, with ongoing entertainment provided by local performers and in-kind contributions from local vendors.

Fifteen of the seventeen schools in the Palo Alto Unified School District are hosting booths, including Addison, Barron Park, Briones, Duveneck, El Carmelo, Escondido, Fairmeadow, Hoover, Ohlone, Palo Verde and Walter Hays Elementary schools; Terman, JLS and Jordan Middle schools; and Palo Alto High School.

The Town Fair features booths from seven community participants: Palo Alto Fire Department, Palo Alto Police Department, Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto Recreation, Palo Alto Community Child Care, Palo Alto Parents Club, and Canopy. Many scout troops and other community service organizations are volunteering.



Eight local food vendors will be on hand, including Kiki's, Kicks, Peet's Coffee, Jamba Juice, Spot Pizza, Bangkok Bay, Izzy's Bagels and Robaii.

Four local businesses will also have booths: Lindamood Bell Learning, Qwerty Educational Services, Stanford Park Nanny and Dr. Guy Doran Chiropractic. Partners in Education also has received in-kind donations to support the Town Fair. Whole Foods is donating pies, Hobee's is donating coffee cake, and Your Name Here is donating 1000 Frisbees featuring the Partners in Education logo.

Partners in Education itself will host four booths or activities, including a PIE Walk -- a musical chair type activity where the winner wins a pie donated by Whole Foods -- a "bounce house" and a children's slide. The foundation also will have an information and prize booth.

Entertainment at the fair will include several bands, among them Grounds for Dismissal and the Paly, Gunn, Terman, Jordan and JLS school bands. Dance Connections of Palo Alto will perform several dances. Other performances include juggling led by Paly student Alex Nee. PAUSD Superintendent Mary Frances Callan will be the featured speaker.

Partners in Education

Palo Alto Partners in Education is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) foundation dedicated to sustaining extraordinary public education in Palo Alto. Its primary activity is raising money through its Schools Campaign. This school year, the foundation donated \$1.89 million to augment the 2006-07 PAUSD budget. The donation will be allocated on a per student basis directly to the principals at each of the district's 17 schools. Partners in Education also runs an annual Teacher Grant Program that awards \$100,000 in small grants to teachers -- both to foster innovation and to provide needed equipment and supplies. For more information, please contact simone@bando.com or gina@jorasch or visit www.papie.org.

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