

PAEA **BUZZZ** MARCH 2010

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PARCEL TAX

SIGN UP ONLINE TO HELP OUT AT THE PHONE BANKS

<http://www1.mysignup.com/cgi-bin/view.cgi?datafile=yesona>

Go to the website and see which nights have been scheduled for your school site. If that night is not convenient for you, pick a different night. You can see for which nights your friends and colleagues have signed up. In the next two weeks Barron Park and PALY need more volunteers for their phone banks.

STEPS

The pedometer challenge was a huge success. The results were sent out on the herald and are posted on line at paeacta.org. We will hold another district wide challenge next year but in the mean time why not do your own step challenge at your own site. The folks who participated in January's challenge report both enjoying the group process and gently becoming more aware of their daily activity level.

Library Advisory Commission Volunteer Opportunity

The Palo Alto Library Commission is looking for ONE volunteer to serve in an unexpired term. The Commission meets once a month and is responsible for advising the City Council on a variety of matters including reviewing budgets, receiving community input, commenting on fund raising efforts, and more.

For a full description of duties and requirements call the Palo Alto City Clerks office at 650-329-2267, or visit our website at www.cityofpaloalto.org.

Recruitment closes at 5:30 on March 8th, so call now!

SUPPORT THE PARCEL TAX

The school board gave the go ahead for the parcel tax campaign at their January meeting. Teachers are asked to volunteer for the phone banks. Below is a partial list of the PTA contact person for each site. Your PAEA site rep will have updates and more complete information.

Site	Contact	email
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BUDGET UPDATE

The school board met on Tuesday the 23 of Feb. to hear the second interim report and make decisions on budget reduction measures for next year. On Wednesday we also heard the latest report from Santa Clara County's Tax Assessor/Collector. So here in a nutshell is a summary.

BUDGET REPORT: Changes since December to the PAUSD budget are both positive and negative. Due to the continued soft hiring freeze, health benefit opt outs, utility and lunch program savings we have a total decrease in expenditures of \$600,000. Yay!

On the income side we have \$60,000 less because of state cut backs in class size reduction funds. Boo!

We have more income from Special Ed. funding, leases, and a transfer from the Deferred Maintenance Income for an increase of \$646,000. So that comes to \$586,000 more in income Yay!

These savings have increased the projected positive ending balance for this June to \$7.6 million. This reserve will be used over the next 3 years to help offset the structural deficit of \$8.3 million.

WHY IS THE DEFICIT 8.3M, A MONTH AGO IT WAS 5.1M? - The increase in the structural deficit is due to further cutbacks from Sacramento and an increase from PERS and Workmans Comp Insurance.

BUDGET REDUCTIONS: The School Board voted to make \$3,789,500 in reductions to next years budget. The complete list is available online under the Board of Ed. tab click on board materials and go to Feb 23. board packet to download the information. The big ticket items to be cut from next years budget are Site Discretionary per student funds decreased by \$35 per student, Increase in Elementary Class Size, Decrease in Middle School and High School teaching periods by 2.7 FTE. This is not a loss of positions but a decision not to hire. A reduction in district administrative and classified personnel will save half a million.

TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR: Unfortunately there was not good news from the county. Property tax remains relatively flat and will most likely continue to be flat for a year or so.

Feb. Rep Council Meeting will be held on Thursday 3/18 4:00–6:00 PM at Nixon School. Your hosts Beryl Deremigio and Janice Mulholland

Stop in to the meeting when it is at your site.

Site Reps for 09-10

Addison- Teri Baldwin	Barron Park Rusty Tooley	Briones Mary Goodkind Sue Garadis	Children's Hospital Kevin Danie	Duveneck Mangla Oza Grace Bunya	El Carmelo Diane McCoy
Escondido Richard Garcia Amanda Dungan	Fairmeadow Barbara Carlson Valerie Sabbag	Greendell Marion Krause	Hays Rachel Shepherd Kevin Rouse	Hoover Lonnie Spencer Peter Lee	Nixon Beryl Deremigio Janice Mulholland
Ohlone Kim Prescott Ashley McCrea	Palo Verde Matt Lindner Sheri Cundall	Traveling/Music BJ Floersheim	Traveling/PE Karen Dolkas	25 churchill Room for one or a share	
Terman Lynn Repetsky Mark Dungan Martin Vetter Tijen Sambul	JLS Julia Brown Hayley Dupuy Andrea Gruner Linda Howard Tom Kang Tim Sato	Jordan Keith Clarke Sarah Pierce Joleen Roach Mary Sano Maria Thomas	Gunn G. Garger Ken Plough ROOM FOR MORE	PALY Eric Bloom Magdalena Rivera ROOM FOR MORE	

If you would like to be a Representative for your site contact Triona Gogarty. There are once a month meetings for which you receive a stipend. Each site can have more than one representative and rep. positions can be shared.

Please send comments, suggestions or requests for the Buzzz to

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