



# Mustang Memo

October 11, 2013

## The Next 2 Weeks at Pleasant Hill:

Monday, October 14—No School Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 15—Family Fun-draiser at Subway\* & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, October 16—Picture re-takes

Thursday, October 17—Family Fun-draiser at Subway\* & Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 18—Reflections projects due

October 21—25—Scholastic Book Fair

October 21—25—Make a Difference Day Food Drive all week

\*Subway at the corner of Gary & Geneva

## PTA Membership:

Our PTA Membership is growing! Currently 170 of our 471 families are PTA members.

## Food Drive:

Our first food drive of the year brought in 888 items - **THAT IS FANTASTIC!** Our next drive will be our annual "Stuff-A-Truck" collection in honor of Make A Difference Day.

The USA's annual Make A Difference Day is Saturday, Oct. 26. It is the most encompassing national day of helping others -- a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. Everyone can participate. Pleasant Hill Elementary is participating by holding a 5-day food and personal care items drive the week of Oct. 21-25. Our goal is to "stuff-a-truck" for both the Interfaith and Milton Township food pantries, which service our community. Please help us reach our goal by bringing in your donations of powdered milk, soy milk, healthy cereal, pasta, peanut butter, crackers, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bar soap, canned fruits and vegetables and paper goods this Oct. 21 - 25.

**Let's get that truck stuffed! Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated!**

## Scholastic Book Fair:

Mark your calendar... The Scholastic Book Fair is being held October 21st - October 25th. Please watch for more information to come home with your child.

## Book Fair Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday 8:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer for the book fair, please go to the Pleasant Hill PTA website and click on the Volunteer Spot link to sign up or contact Trish Gibbons at [plgibbons1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:plgibbons1@sbcglobal.net).

## Art Helpers:

We are in need of helpers for the art room on Thursday afternoons when Mrs. Grisamore, Mrs. Kearney and Mrs. Bab's first grade classes are in art. You do not need to be a first grade parent to help! If you can make it, please visit the Pleasant Hill PTA website and click on the Volunteer Spot link or contact Michelle Speers at [speers5@yahoo.com](mailto:speers5@yahoo.com).

### **5th Grade Fundraising:**

It's **5th grade fundraising** time again! The Fifth graders are raising money for their end of the year celebration! This year the 5th graders will be attending a one day YMCA camp! Mixed Bag Designs is helping our 5th graders reach our fundraising goals this year! Also, by supporting our 5th graders you can help our school become waste-free for lunches!

### **What difference does a zero-waste lunch make for our school?**

TONS (literally)!!!! On average, each student produces 67 lbs. of school lunchtime waste per school year. That's over 40,000 lbs of waste in a year at Pleasant Hill. With just a few small changes, we can divert the majority of this waste from the landfills.

### **How can you help?**

1. Use an insulated lunch bag instead of a paper bag
2. Use a "foodie" for sandwiches, chips, fruit, etc.
3. Use a reusable water bottle
4. Use cloth napkins
5. Use silverware

Mixed Bag Designs carries insulated lunch bags, foodies, collapsible water bottles and ice packs in boys and girls prints. Ask a 5<sup>th</sup> grader to see a catalog or visit [www.mixedbagdesigns.com](http://www.mixedbagdesigns.com) and make sure to check out pages 43 thru 47 for their lunch items. You can also see our product samples and order at the Parent Conference Nights on October 15th and 17th. We will also be at the Book Fair October 21st through the 25th! Not only are you supporting the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and Pleasant Hill but you are helping to save our planet too!

**Please note: All orders are Tax Free!**

Please contact Amanda Wilkinson ([amandawilkinson0403@gmail.com](mailto:amandawilkinson0403@gmail.com)) or Ginger Hagen ([gingerlynn15@yahoo.com](mailto:gingerlynn15@yahoo.com)) if you have any questions.

### **Reflections:**

Entries for this arts program will be due on October 18th. The theme for 2013-14 is "Believe, Dream, Inspire". Students may enter in one or more of 6 categories: literature, film production, dance choreography, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Rules and entry packets can be found on the Pleasant Hill website under PTA and then Reflections. If you have any questions, please call Judy Gallichio at 630-871-8119 or email her at [judyg27@comcast.net](mailto:judyg27@comcast.net)

### **From the Health Office:**

A HUGE thank you to Sally Zoch and Rose Graffin for helping with the vision and hearing re-screen! We so appreciate you taking the time to help with this important event!

Be sure to stop by the PTA table during Parent/Teacher Conferences. There, you will be able to purchase color changing water bottles for \$5 each, check out or sign up for the directory app at \$4 each, join PTA, or see the Mixed Bags Samples. Hope to see you there!!

**Have a great weekend!**