



Parent Bulletin - November 18, 2019

Provided by the Abbott PTA

Dates to Note

November

Wed, 11/20 - Dine out for Abbott Drama Boosters - CPK at Hillsdale Mall

Miercoles, 11/20 - Cenar por Abbott Drama Boosters

Wed, 11/20 - 2nd Annual Exchange Concert with Hillsdale High School, Abbott and Borel Middle Schools, 7 pm in the Hillsdale Auditorium. Free admission.

Miércoles 11/20 - 2do. concierto de intercambio anual con Hillsdale High School, y las escuelas Abbott y Borel, 7 de la noche en el auditorio de Hillsdale. Admisión Gratuita

Thurs, 11/21 - Superintendent Coffee Chat, 6:30 - 8:30, Abbott Library

Jueves, 11/21 - Charla de café con Superintendente Rosas

Wed, 11/27 - Fri, 11/29 - Thanksgiving Break

Mier, 11/27 - Vier, 11/29 - Receso de Acción de Gracias

December

Fri, 12/20 - Minimum Day

Vie, 20/12 - Día mínimo

Mon, 12/23 - Winter Break Begins

Lun, 12/23 - Comienzan las vacaciones de invierno

January

Wed, 1/8 - School resumes

Mié, 1/8 - currículum escolar

Mon, 1/20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No school

Lun, 1/20 - Día de Martin Luther King, Jr., No hay clases

Tues, 1/21 - Abbott PTA Meeting, 7 pm in the Abbott Library

Martes, 1/21 - Reunión de la PTA de Abbott, 7 pm en la Biblioteca Abbott

Para obtener más información, llame a Norma Flores al (650) 312-7600.

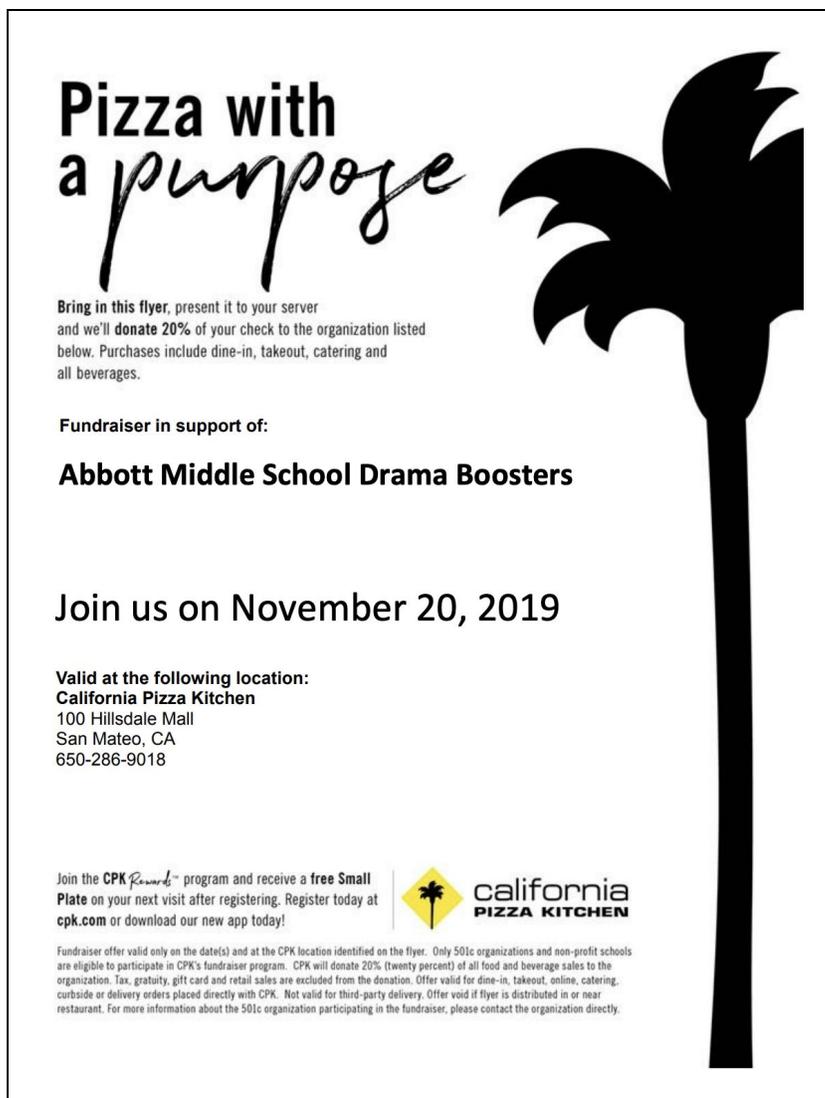
Quick links:

- Abbott PTA General Meeting dates: **1/21, 3/17, and 5/19**
- Abbott Middle School [website](#)
- Abbott [Athletics](#)
- Abbott School [Calendar](#)
- **All in for Abbott:** Join the PTA and make your donation [here](#).
- SMFCSD [lunch menu](#)
- [MySchoolBucks.com](#): Add funds to your student's meal account here.
- SMFCSD [School Calendars](#) for 2019-20 and 2020-21
- Order your Falcon Yearbook [online](#) or submit your order form to the office. Make checks payable to Abbott Middle School.
- [Volunteer Hours Reporting](#) - Volunteer hours include all participation (both on and off campus) in supporting PTA events and activities. Help us keep track using our online form.

Update from the PTA Meeting

Many thanks to our special guests, **Officer Stephen Bennett** and Abbott Counselors **Ms. Kimberly Tran** and **Ms. McKenzie Hunt**, at our last PTA meeting. They shed some light on many issues of concern. We are excited to see them roll out their programs and are happy to support their efforts.

Please mark your calendars for the next general PTA meeting: **Tuesday, January 21 at 7 pm**, Abbott Library. Our special guest will be **Hillsdale High Principal Jeff Gilbert**. Learn more about what to expect as your student moves on to high school.



**Pizza with
a purpose**

Bring in this flyer, present it to your server and we'll donate 20% of your check to the organization listed below. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages.

Fundraiser in support of:
Abbott Middle School Drama Boosters

Join us on November 20, 2019

Valid at the following location:
California Pizza Kitchen
100 Hillsdale Mall
San Mateo, CA
650-286-9018

Join the CPK Rewards™ program and receive a free Small Plate on your next visit after registering. Register today at cpk.com or download our new app today!



Fundraiser offer valid only on the date(s) and at the CPK location identified on the flyer. Only 501c organizations and non-profit schools are eligible to participate in CPK's fundraiser program. CPK will donate 20% (twenty percent) of all food and beverage sales to the organization. Tax, gratuity, gift card and retail sales are excluded from the donation. Offer valid for dine-in, takeout, online, catering, curbside or delivery orders placed directly with CPK. Not valid for third-party delivery. Offer void if flyer is distributed in or near restaurant. For more information about the 501c organization participating in the fundraiser, please contact the organization directly.

Dine Out for Abbott Drama Boosters, this Wednesday, Nov. 20

Help support our Abbott Drama Boosters by dining at CPK (Hillsdale Mall) on **Wednesday, November 20**. Show the flyer to your server and 20% of the proceeds will go to support our spring production in 2020. Purchases include dine-in, takeout, catering and all beverages. Thanks for your support!

8th Grade Promotion

A huge thanks to the great group of 8th grade parents who came to our first 8GP meeting. We now have our chairs for our many sub-committees and plans are underway for a fun promotion season at Abbott. We still need lots of volunteers for each of our sub-committees so please reach out to our 8GP co-chairs, **Rosemarie Pozzobon** and **Melanie Baldwin** at promotion@abbottpta.org to help out. We'll need volunteers for the 8th-grade promotion packets, brunch, bbq, dance and ceremony.

THANK YOU for your Conference Meal Donations

Thank you for donating to the staff conference meals last week. We were able to provide dinner on Tuesday, a hearty snack on Thursday, and so many homemade desserts! The staff were very appreciative of being able to have their meals taken care of on the hectic conference days. Thank you for your donations!

Superintendent Coffee Chats

Superintendent Rosas will hold four Coffee Chats during the month of November. Coffee Chats provide an avenue for families and community members to stay informed about District initiatives and events taking place in San Mateo-Foster City schools.

Chats are scheduled both mornings and evenings. Parents and community members are welcome to attend any or all Chats. Spanish translation will be available.

November 19, 8:30–9:30 am

Bowditch Middle School

November 21, 6:30–7:30 pm

Abbott Middle School

November 26, 8:30–9:30 am

Borel Middle School



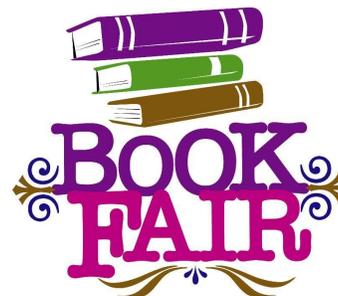
Reflections: A National PTA Art Program

Does your student enjoy art, music and dance or have an interest in writing, producing films and taking photos? Then join us and have fun unleashing your inner artist with PTA Reflections! This year's theme, "Look Within," calls for your own unique interpretation through the arts. Pick up submission guidelines and an entry form today by emailing reflectionssmfcpa@gmail.com. *All entries are due by November 30, 2019.*

For inspiration, visit the Reflections virtual art gallery and learn more about prizes and scholarships at PTA.org/Reflections/Awards.

Book Fair Help Needed

The book fair is scheduled for January 28-31. Our co-chairs, **Rena Korb** and **Sarah Thornhill** will posting a Sign Up Genius soon asking for volunteers to help set up, staff and break down this popular event. If you are interested or have any questions, please let Rena or Sarah know: secretary@abbottpta.org.



Abbott PTA: Become a Member Today!



We welcome all to our PTA meetings, but only members have the right to vote on matters. So please consider going “All in for Abbott” this year and joining our ranks. Sign up for PTA membership and to make a donation at our website abbottpta.org. **Upcoming PTA general meeting dates: Jan. 21, Mar. 17, and May 19.**

Thank you to all families who have joined the Abbott PTA.

Why join the PTA?

- Be a part of a group of parents and teachers working together for common goal.
- Stay informed and learn how PTA dollars are spent.
- PTA Sponsors & Promotes: Sports, Technology, Music, Drama, and Art programs, and more!

Fundraising Update

Since our last fundraising update, we have seen more donations come in, getting us up to ~\$23,000. Our budget for this year is based on raising \$30,000 through our Direct Donation Campaign (aka “**Falcon Fund**”).

We are still in need of a Fundraising Chair on our PTA Board. This open position has left our calendar for the year void of any fundraisers, making our reliance on the direct donation campaign (and company matching) that much more important.

Your donations fund the PTA budget which supports teacher and school program requests -- things such as field trip transportation, student assemblies, classroom materials and more. Please consider donating, if you have not yet done so. To donate online, visit www.abbottpta.org or go directly to [Cheddar Up](https://cheddarup.com). where recurring payment options are available and you can enter any amount you please.

Or if you prefer paying by check, you can download the [membership/donation form](#) and mail it to us at 600 36th Ave, San Mateo 94403 or put it in an envelope and drop it off at the school office in our PTA collection box.

Company Matches - Here’s an easy way to make your money go further — does your company match donations? If so, please submit whatever paperwork you need to make a match for Abbott happen. Need a receipt? Contact fundraising@abbottpta.org. We don’t have a Fundraising Chair right now, but this email is being monitored by our president **Kristi Puls**. Don’t know if your company matches? Check out this resource: <http://www.masterworks.org/support/matchinggifts.pdf>

Teacher Wish Lists are Back!

Support our teachers - they need supplies that are specific to their subject taught or classroom and to communicate these needs, we've created the [Teacher Wish List Program](#). Teachers create [Amazon Wish Lists](#) for supplies needed and parents can shop for specific teachers. Some teachers also include gift card wishes in case parents wish to purchase a personal gift for their teacher. See if your teacher has a [Wish List](#) and consider donating - order off [their Amazon list](#) and the items ship directly to them at Abbott. Personal gift cards can be purchased on your own and sent to school with your student. Thank you for supporting our teachers!

Earn 8% back for Abbott PTA using Shutterfly

Holidays are coming up and photos make the most memorable gifts. Check out our own [Abbott PTA/Shutterfly storefront](#) to earn 8% back for Abbott. Order holiday cards, personalized gifts and even home decor while earning money back for Abbott? It's a win-win!

Parent Bulletin News

The parent bulletin will go out twice monthly (during the school year), and can be found on the School Loop site, along with other information. Please scroll to the right of the student grades section for school, PTA and other event happenings at Abbott. The parent bulletin can also be found on the PTA's website: www.abbottpta.org.

Questions? Contact Kristi Puls at president@abbottpta.org

Easy Ways to Support Abbott:

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amazon smile

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Questions? Contact us at
president@abbottpta.org

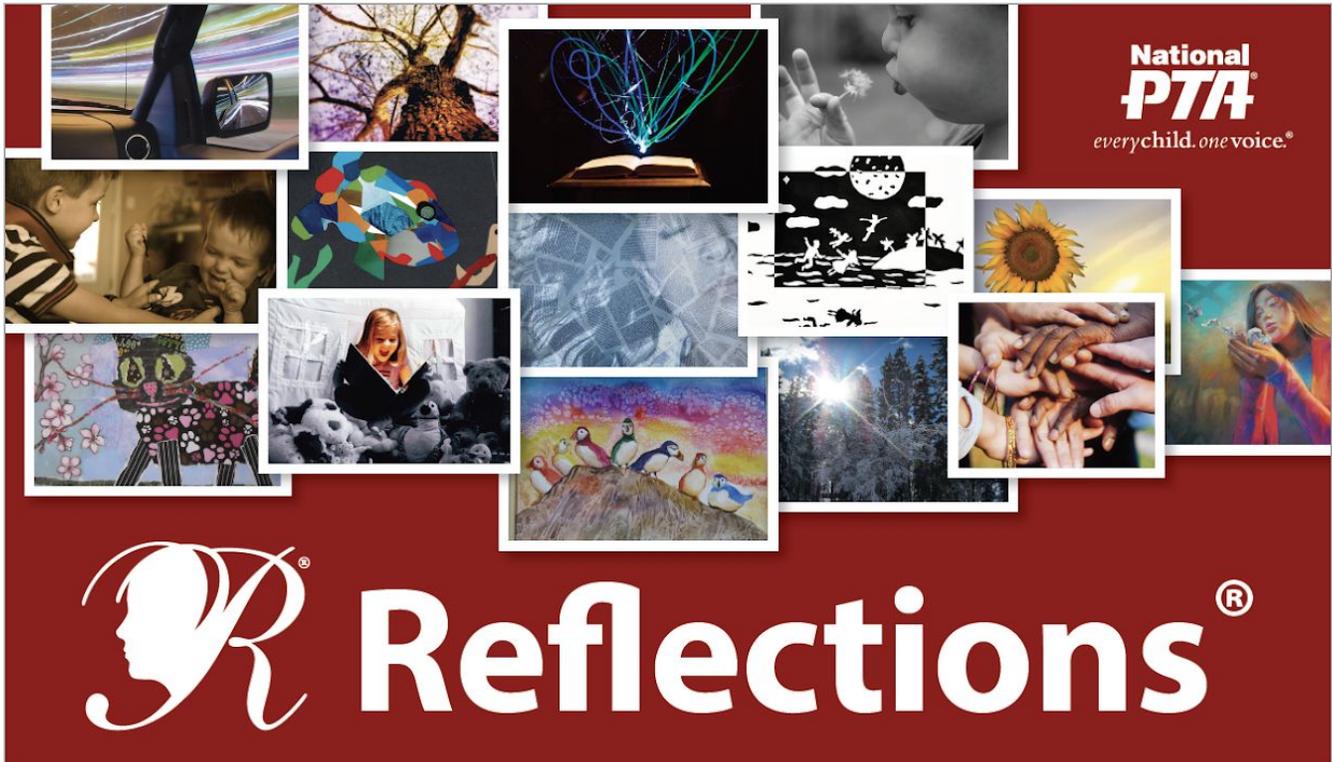
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*Fund must be used for purchase of Abbott. Will not receive fund.



The arts—and **National PTA® Reflections**—support student success and serve as a valuable tool for engaging families and building strong partnerships in the school community. Founded in 1969, Reflections engages nearly 300,000 students and their families in arts education activities each year by encouraging students to explore the arts for fun and recognition.

REFLECT on the theme. CREATE art. BE RECOGNIZED!

Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12 students are encouraged to submit original works of art in one or more of the following categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Literature
- Photography
- Film Production
- Musical Composition
- Visual Arts

Students with disabilities may receive special accommodations by entering the special artist division.

Check with your local/state PTA for program guidelines, submission deadlines and district/region and state recognition opportunities. For national award announcements and art exhibition information, visit PTA.org/Reflections.

START your PTA Reflections program today!

Contact your state PTA for a program leader guide and materials. Visit PTA.org/Reflections to download your free **Reflections Toolkit** packed with additional resources and samples to help make your program a success.

Don't have an active PTA/PTSA affiliate? Contact National PTA at info@pta.org or (800) 307-4782 and we will help you start the arts in your school community with Reflections.

Reflections Theme Search Contest

invites students to submit a concept to be considered for a future Reflections program theme. One student winner will receive a **\$100 award** and recognition at the National PTA Convention. Contact your **state PTA** for guidelines and entry form.

Mary Lou Anderson Arts Enhancement Grants

provide matching dollar funding to local PTAs to support in-school and after-school arts enhancement projects within their communities. PTAs serving at-risk student populations are particularly encouraged to apply.

For more information, including grant deadlines, please visit PTA.org/Reflections.

Artwork from Reflections winners: Sarah Wilkins, Julia Scheerbaum, Alexandra Hunkewich, Elizabeth Kildow, Sierra Frankland, Anna Edlund, Hannah Souza, Madeline Stines, Heidi Taylor, Taylor Young, Katelyn Smith, Catherine Bowman, Bethany Barnes, Jason Simon, Brian Lu

All in for Abbott!

A special Parent Bulletin insert highlighting new and exciting things at Abbott.

5 Questions with...

Ms. Lynne Von Glahn

p.e. teacher



Who was your favorite teacher in middle school?

My physical education teacher, Mr. Poyer, was my favorite teacher in middle school. He made all of his students feel welcome and created a really inviting classroom environment. He also had fun and engaging lessons that ensured participation from all of us!

What are some hobbies that you enjoy?

My absolute favorite thing to do is travel. I love going to new countries, meeting interesting people, and experiencing new cultures. The delicious food is always a plus! When I'm not traveling, I enjoy staying active and being outside. Hiking, snowboarding, and swimming are a few of my favorite seasonal activities back in New Jersey!

Any favorite movie or movie genre?

I really enjoy watching comedies. You can never have enough laughter!

Favorite musician?

My favorite musician would have to be Billy Joel. I saw him in concert at Madison Square Garden and couldn't have asked for a better performance!

Any advice for Abbott students?

My advice for Abbott students is to always be open. Be open to trying new things, befriending new people, and stepping out of your comfort zone. Do what makes you happy and enjoy every minute of your experience here!

Ms. Amanda Vaughn

art teacher



Who was your favorite teacher in middle school?

My favorite teacher in middle school was actually the night custodian. He was a really cool guy who would start his shift by eating lunch with us. He had several pet birds. He would walk around with the birds on his shoulder before he started his job cleaning the school.

What was your favorite subject in middle school?

My favorite subject in middle school was art. Art class was a fun place because I was able to try new things like paper mache, and building things. In eighth grade I made a paper mache mask with electric lights in the eyes. I thought it was awesome.

What are some hobbies you enjoy?

My favorite hobbies are drawing, reading and taking hikes.

Any advice for Abbott students?

My advice for Abbott students to take risks when they do artwork. It is ok to make mistakes. It is the best way to learn.

What would you like to see more of at Abbott?

I would love to see more students working on collaborative art projects at Abbott. Students could take ownership of organizing an art show, for example.



Abbott Flag Football

The 2019 Abbott Flag Football team was truly a representation of teamwork. Though officially placed in the 7th grade/Junior Varsity division, the team was made up of a mix of sixth, seventh and eighth-graders, as there were not enough players to form teams at all levels.

Limited to only three practices before their first game and boxed into playing seven games in three weeks, the 19-man Falcons team rushed out to a 3-0 record and were 4-3 by the time fall break rolled around. Facing three back to back games to end the season, the Falcons went 2-1 to finish with a 6-4 record and a playoff berth.

Once again, the Falcons faced a scheduling adversity and entered the playoffs on the same day that four of its sixth grade players were attending Outdoor Ed.

Playing with its back to the wall the entire game, the Falcons closed the deficit to being just five points down, with the ball and only four plays left in the game. After crossing midfield with just one play left in the game, the Falcons' last play came up short which ended a very exciting game and a very successful season.

The JV team was able to build off of a 1-8-1 record as a sixth grade team to a 6-5 overall as a mixed JV team. In keeping with that same level of improvement, the eighth grade Varsity team for the 2020 season should see no limits to its accomplishments!

~ Coach Rich



Flag football photos from Jill Watkins



7A Volleyball photos from Tracy Fletcher

Abbott Volleyball

The Volleyball season has now ended. The season has been stretched over 6 weeks playing at least 10 games. The top 6 teams in the district will make it to the playoffs for the championship. Major shout out to the 6B team that has already secured a spot in the playoffs. Every grade has an A and B team made up of 11-12 girls. That means there are at least 70 girls participating this season. All of the teams have improved in skills and have developed into competitive teams. We have 5 coaches with one wonderful teacher coaching two teams.

~ Coach Tracy

Do you have some Abbott news to share?

Is there a favorite teacher or staff member we should feature? Would you like your student's club, athletic team, and/or other interests spotlighted here?

Email your suggestions, hot tips, cool photos, and/or requests for information to:

Melanie Baldwin at executive-vp@abbottpta.org.



PTA General Meeting

We had another well-attended general meeting on Tuesday, October 22nd. Thanks to all who spent their evening with us. It was great to see new faces and see so many families engaged in our school. Huge thanks to our special guests, **Officer Stephen Bennett** and our Abbott counsellors, **Ms. Kimberly Tran** and **Ms. McKenzie Hunt**. Special shout-out to **Vice-Principal Walter Valencia** for stepping in as our Spanish translator, along with serving as our administrative representative.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 21st** and our special guest will be **Principal Jeff Gilbert** from Hillsdale High School. Hope to see you then!

Thanks to the generous support of our members and Abbott community, the PTA is able to fill in some of the funding gaps and bring in much needed resources. However, we can always do bigger and better things with more members and more support. Dream big with us and visit our [website](#) to go

“All in for Abbott!”



2019 promotion ceremony

8th-Grade Promotion

While 8th-grade promotion seems ages away, planning for the end-of-year activities will soon be underway. Please join us for a planning meeting on **Wednesday, November 13 at 7 pm in the Abbott Library**. Many hands will make for light work, so the more helpers, the merrier.

8th-graders usually enjoy a picnic, a breakfast, and a dance, along with the promotion ceremony. 7th-grade parents are welcome to come help out so you can get a sense of what's in store for your student. Let's work together and create special memories for our stellar 8th-graders!

Questions, please email **Jenna Carson** at jalcarson@stanfordalumni.org.

Spaghetti Bingo Night

Free Abbott PTA Event

The Abbott PTA invites you to come join us for a family night of good food, fun and prizes, open to all!
We'll be eating spaghetti and playing Bingo!
Tickets available for pick-up at the Office starting Monday, Oct. 28th.

Thursday, November 14
6:30 - 8:00 pm, Abbott Gym

Interested in seeing more PTA support for Abbott? Would you like to have a say in how we enrich and expand our programs? Join the PTA and/or make a direct donation so we can bring more cool things to Abbott!

Visit AbbottPTA.org today. Go Falcons!