



# TigerTalk

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## CALENDAR

### September

**Fri. 8th**  
School Picture Day  
Magazine Drive Ends

**Mon. 11th**  
Homework Habitat Begins

**Mon. 11th 4 p.m.**  
School Site Council Meeting

**Fri. 15th, 3:05-5:30 p.m.**  
Annual Terman Carnival (Students only)

**Fri. 15th 5:30-8 p.m.**  
Back-to-School Dinner & PTA General Meeting

**Mon. 25th-Tues. 26th**  
ERB WrAP Testing

**Mon 25th-Fri. 29th**  
Banned Books Week

**Wed. 27th**  
Club Sign-up Day

**Fri. 29th**  
Minimum Day (dismissal at 12:20)

### October

**Mon. 2nd and Tues. 3rd**  
No School

**Wed. 4th-Thurs. 5th 3:30-6 p.m.**  
Children's Theatre Outreach auditions

**Thurs. 5th 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
Executive Board Meeting

**Mon. 9th 4 p.m.**  
School Site Council Meeting

**Wed. 11th**  
Walk/Bike to School Day

**Wed. 11th 7-9 p.m.**  
PTA General Meeting  
Parent Ed.

**Wed. 18th**  
Parent Visitation Day

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Terman Community,

Welcome to the first edition of TigerTalk for the 2006-07 school year. TigerTalk is Terman Middle School's monthly newsletter. We hope you find TigerTalk a useful resource, and that you continue to use it as a source of information about what is going on at Terman Middle School.

Mike O'Neill and I both welcome you to this new school year. We are looking forward to a successful year. It was a pleasure to open school this year with our new Terman Triangle, new landscaping, new curtains in the cafeterium and other improvements, all a part of the PTA School Beautification Project of the past two years. Please feel free to drop in and see us. Of course, you may contact us by email from our own Terman website.

Please give a big welcome to Veronica Melero, our new school secretary. We are very fortunate to have Veronica move up to middle from Barron Park Elementary School where she was a school secretary for 6 years. More importantly, Veronica's son attended Terman several years ago and she is very familiar with the Terman culture. Veronica will be happy to meet you in the office.

It has been a very smooth opening to the school year! All of our classrooms are full and most are being used all day. By the time you receive this, we should be

into our third week of school and will have had both Back To School Nights on August 30 for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and on September 6<sup>th</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We are hoping that this two-night format is easier for parents, especially incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Back-to-School Night is a key activity in establishing a partnership with parents and families. This was the opportunity to meet with your student's teachers and experience a brief glimpse of the student's daily schedule and hear from the teachers about the curriculum for the year.

If you were unable to come on those evenings, please check with your student's teachers by using our website. We are expecting to use InClass to provide at least a link to the teacher and assignments. Also, there is always the old-fashioned method of the telephone to contact teachers.

We also ask that you spend some time with your students reviewing the Parent Handbook sent home in early August as well as the front pages of the "Binder Reminder" your student received the first day of school. The Terman vision statement, along with student expectations, are available in both of them. These are both good sources of information about Terman Middle School.

On Friday, September 15, the PTA will be holding our *Annual Carnival* after

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## TigerTalk

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Email stories relating to academic or after-school activities to the Principal at cgiedt@pausd.org.

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## Terman Middle School Parent Handbook 2006-2007 Corrections

### Calendar of School Events

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September

TigerTalk deadline – Fri. Sept 22nd

October

TigerTalk deadline – Fri. Oct 20th

November

PTA meeting – Wed. 15th—not Nov 8th

Book Fair – starts Mon. 27th

January

School Resumes – Tues. 3rd

TigerTalk deadline – Fri. 26th

March

TigerTalk deadline – Wed. 21st

May

PTA Meeting – Wed. 23rd – not May 10th

### Academic Calendar

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June 14 – Last Day of School and Minimum Day  
Yippee!

### Additions to the PTA Roster

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Bike Safety Co-Chair – Ruth Harris,  
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### Parent Volunteers

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PAUSD no longer requires volunteers to have a valid  
TB test.

# PTA President's Letter

Dear Terman Families,

Welcome or welcome back to a new year at Terman. Terman is a vibrant school that provides a cozy campus for our students. Our focus for this year's PTA is on:

- community building for parents and students,
- school support fund-raising for technology,
- communications between school and home, and
- having fun while we're at it!

We invite you all, especially our new parents, to get involved early in the school year. There is a way for you to become involved despite your busy schedule:

- Join the PTA and actively participate in our events.
- Sign up for the Terman PTA sponsored *eNews* to stay informed on school-wide activities.
- Contact our Volunteer Coordinator to help with school or PTA events.
- Join the Parent Network and attend monthly meetings or participate in on-line discussions.
- Are you new to the school or the area? Contact our New Family Outreach Coordinator.
- Attend Parent Ed Programs.

Contact information is in the orange colored Terman Parent Handbook or on the Terman website, [www.terman.pausd.org](http://www.terman.pausd.org).

The PTA also welcomes your financial support. We hope to refresh two mobile computer carts used for classroom projects and as an adjunct to the computer lab in room A5. Every Terman student will benefit. We will also continue to pay for science camp scholarships, educational grants, social cruelty awareness education, ACS counseling, the TigerTalk newsletter, and staff appreciation events. Please contribute to our direct appeal. All contributions are most welcome.

Finally, a word about traffic. For the safety of all students, we need to reduce the number of cars coming to school. Please have your child walk, bike, bus or, if you must drive, carpool. Our driveway and parking lot have limited space, especially at pick-up. And drivers, please watch for our sometimes unpredictable students walking and biking on neighboring streets. Call a neighbor and walk, bike or carpool together.

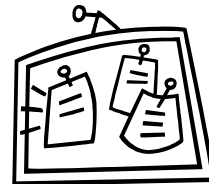
We look forward to seeing you on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for the annual back to school PTA dinner and meeting from 5:30 - 8pm. We will present and vote on the PTA budget, calendar and programs for the year.

Middle school is an exciting time of growth for your student – and you. Help us build a great Terman community for our students, parents and staff by getting involved this year. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Sincerely,

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PTA Executive Vice President  
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## Letter from the Principal *continued from page 1*

school, to be followed by our annual **Back To School Dinner**. This is a wonderful Terman tradition enjoyed by all. Please make a point of coming.

Our first Site Council meeting will be September 11. We will be reviewing our new site plan for 2006-07 and discussing projects for this year.

Homework Habitat will start on September 11. After School Sports started September 6.

Students will be taking the ERB Writing Test at the end of September. All of this and regular school work too. Middle School is a busy place, which underscores our need to work hard on communications between our students, staff and families.

Please take advantage of the variety of communication tools we use. TigerTalk is a hard copy print format sent home once a month with your students. Ask them to give it to you. We will be announcing in the weekly **eNews that TigerTalk has been sent home and to check back-packs for it.** You may subscribe to eNews by going to our website and following the links. Terman staff can be emailed directly or you may call the school number 650/856-9810. We all try to answer our email or voice mail within 24 hours or as soon as we can. Our own Terman website, [www.terman.pausd.org](http://www.terman.pausd.org) is also a good source of information.

In addition, we schedule "Parent Visitation Days" throughout the school year. It is our desire to have parents see classrooms as they are day to day and so we organize these visits. The scheduled days can be found in the calendar section of the Parent Handbook. Our first Parent Visitation Day of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18. On a "Parent Visitation Day" parents are welcome to visit classes at Terman. We ask that people start their visit by coming to the office to check in and receive a visitor's badge, a map, and a schedule of classes and teachers. Parents are then free to visit any classroom, except those where you see a sign to indicate testing is taking place. Since teaching and learning must take the top priority, we ask that parents not engage the teacher or students in conversation unless invited to do so. You might even visit a class where you are included in the activity. When the visitation is complete, we ask people to return to the office and sign out.

If none of the visitation days work with your schedule, please call one of our counselors, Michele Chin (7th and

8th grade) or Melanie Blaskower (6<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade) to arrange a different time to visit. All visits, other than Parent Visitation Days, must be prescheduled. (This may be different from what people are used to at elementary schools, but it includes visits during brunch, lunch, or those last few minutes at the end of the day.)

We encourage and welcome parents to volunteer at school and help out in some way. We have many opportunities, including the library, vision screening, field trips and PTA jobs. Please take time to read the Volunteer Policy published in our Parent Handbook. TB tests are no longer required for volunteers.

Thank you all for your support and good wishes as we start a new school year. Listen to your students, know where they are and who their friends are and stay in touch with school.

Sincerely,

Carmen M. Giedt

## Teams at Terman

Terman Middle School is based on the team concept. The entire staff is a team creating a positive and inclusive environment for young adolescents. At each grade level there are teams established for the academic core areas to provide a community of learners with a strong academic focus, and the elective teachers work on teams with the grade level teams to provide interesting and useful advisory periods once each week.

Research on effective practices with young adolescents shows that those students need to feel connected to a school and have positive, close relationships with the adults at their school. In addition, students develop stronger relationships with peers in an academic setting.

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Teaching teams is how we establish and maintain those connections with our students.

Every student comes to school with different gifts. Those gifts may not show up in English but do manifest themselves in Science, as an example. Teachers in teams have common preps in which to meet and discuss their students and then plan for their success.

Research also shows that middle school students benefit by learning in blocks of time, not just 50 minute periods.

Teaching in teams allows the teachers to manipulate their learning times to accommodate projects and extended learning sessions. This strengthens the experience when the teacher can present a complex lesson and still have time to check for understanding before a student rushes out to another class. At Terman the teams do a variety of block schedules to create innovative and exciting lessons for their students.

6th Grade Teams			
Michelle Beske	Theresa McDermott	Ingrid Diether	Pauline Rodriguez
Keith Casey	Annie Yount	Lori Lester	Joanne Maher
Cathy Do			

7th Grade Teams	
English – Maureen Duffy	English – Tracey Berliner
Math – Becky Rea	Math – Randy Joss
Science – Beth Carlson	Science – Tammy Juarez
Social Studies – Marty Vetter	Social Studies – Victoria Blockhus
Physical Education – Cindi Durchslag	

8th Grade Teams	
English – Jenny Rajbhandari	English – Michelle Quarneri
Math – Paul Jorgens	Math – Cherish Fernando
Science – Jim Cox	Science – Robin Young-Ames
Social Studies – Ross Hellsaple	Social Studies – Sam Picture
Physical Education – Rich DeFrancesco	

# TERMAN UPDATE

## Three *New Teachers*

### Ed Corpuz

Lights! Camera! Action!

Our Terman Tigers are in for a real treat this year with a new Video Production teacher, Mr. Ed Corpuz, who is a graduate from UC Santa Barbara with a BA in Business Economics.

Besides being a gifted videographer Mr. Corpuz has other talents to bring to Terman. He's played music all his life: the saxophone in elementary school; the drums throughout middle school and high school; and now the guitar and bass. He tries to write music for all the videos he produces.

His other hobby is outrigger canoes (Hawaiian), and has been a member of a competitive racing team since 1998. While he's taken a year off from racing, he will be getting back into the sport soon.

Mr. Corpuz has traveled as far as Singapore to shoot a video and he has had to hang off a pole, wearing a protective "clean room" suit, while filming a video.

### Cathy Do

Cathy Do has joined Terman this year and is looking forward to sharing a fabulous school year with a group of highly motivated sixth graders. She presently teaches Language Arts and Social Studies and has the great fortune of collaborating with incredibly talented and supportive teachers. She is a proud graduate of UC Davis. Go Aggies!

Prior to coming to Terman, Ms. Do taught third grade in the Berryessa Union School District. She also was a substitute teacher at various middle schools in that district, and she taught reading through a supplementary intervention program.

During this past summer, Ms. Do had the pleasure of teaching fifth grade at Challenge School. She loves to

teach because she is able to positively touch the lives of her students. She believes that her mission as a teacher is to help develop wisdom, strength, and compassion.

### Sam Picture

While Sam Picture has joined the Terman staff this school year, this marks his 10th year in the Palo Alto Unified School District. He has taught 8th grade social studies at JLS, and 10th and 12th grade social studies at Gunn. He enjoys teaching because it is different every day. He is never bored! He is currently teaching the Leadership elective course as well as 8th Grade U.S. History on the 4-person team. In particular, he finds early American history fascinating. The fact that the Founders were able to take so many ideas, such as individual liberties, and create a lasting document, provides a great platform from which to teach.

This year, you can also find Mr. Picture at Homestead High School, as the Assistant Head Coach for the Varsity Football Team. He also enjoys time with his family. He is married with two children.

## Magazine Sale

The Terman Student Council's annual Magazine Sale began on 8/28/05. This is the only school-wide fundraiser that our students will participate in. (This is not a PTA fundraiser.) The money raised goes into the student council accounts, which are used to pay for intramural sports, clubs, student activities and other student related items.

Last day to turn in subscription sales is 9/13.

## Terman's Gifted and Talented Education (GATE)

Palo Alto Unified School District is committed to providing a challenging and enriching education for all students. As part of this commitment, the district participates in - and receives some financial support from the state for - Gifted and Talented Education (GATE).

Palo Alto's GATE identification is based on a combination of factors including high group achievement test scores, classroom performance and teacher judgment. At Terman Middle School, the identification process is conducted during the students' sixth grade year. (If you believe your child was inadvertently overlooked, was new to Terman in grade 7 or 8, or you have questions about your child's identification, please contact Dey Rose, drose@pausd.org.)

At Terman, the classroom teacher provides educational opportunities. The teacher differentiates the curriculum in a variety of ways appropriate to the unique needs and strengths of each child. Learning opportunities are layered for varying levels of learning and all students are encouraged to participate at the appropriate level. Additionally, there are specialty clubs on campus, enriching assemblies, and special contests in which all students may participate. There is no separate pullout program at Terman or any other middle school in PAUSD.

To learn more about Palo Alto Unified's Gifted and Talented program:

[www.pausd.palo-alto.ca.us/parents/programs/gate/index.shtml](http://www.pausd.palo-alto.ca.us/parents/programs/gate/index.shtml)

For resources related to GATE:

[www.pausd.palo-alto.ca.us/parents/programs/gate/resources.shtml](http://www.pausd.palo-alto.ca.us/parents/programs/gate/resources.shtml)

## From the Health Office

If your child needs medication (even over the counter medication) during the school day, school district forms must be filled out and attached to the emergency card in order for us to safely administer them. Also, if your child has a chronic health condition like asthma, seizures, diabetes or severe allergies, school district forms must be on file at school just as soon as possible. The school district medication and health forms are available on the PAUSD web site or may be picked up at school in the office.

If you have any questions, please contact Veronica .

[Currently, the Health Technician position is open. Please contact the school district if you are interested in applying.]



## New Staff

We are staffed with a group of inspired educators. Here is a list of new staff members for this year. We would like to welcome them to our Terman Community.

Veronica Melero, Secretary  
 Sam Picture, 8th Social Studies  
 Be'eri Moalem, Orchestra  
 Cathy Do, 6th Language-Social Studies  
 Ed Corpuz, Video Production  
 Rebecca Rifenberg, 7th/8th Resource  
 Meredith Shaffer, SDC Teacher  
 Peggy Syverston, Speech Therapist  
 Dave DeGeronimo, P.E.  
 Naomi Temes, 6th Choir

## “Scene” in the Drama Department

It’s always exciting to start out fresh at the beginning of the year. The Drama room boasts a few changes as the curtain goes up, and I’m enjoying the opportunity to work with a slew of creative, delightful students.

The Drama 1-A classes are putting together pantomime scenes and will soon start improvisation, and the Wheel classes are developing funny, delightful characters to display at their recitals in a few weeks.

The after-school plays have been chosen! In October, the Children’s Theatre will be rehearsing their outreach show here, the large-cast musical comedy, “Dear Edwina,” to be performed at their theatre in November. In the Spring, I will be directing a play full of adventure, excitement, and...magic! and no, it’s not “Harry Potter!” If you think you might be interested, come to a lunchtime meeting on **Wednesday, September 20** and find out more!

There are many ways to get involved with Drama here at Terman – working on our Spring production is just one of the most fun! PARENTS: do you have a little love of greasepaint yourself? Our Drama Department can always use your enthusiasm! Contact me, and let’s see where you could contribute your time and talent! I can be reached at [drose@pausd.org](mailto:drose@pausd.org) (or through the Terman site), or of course, by calling Terman.

Thank you all for your support!

Dey Rose, Drama Instructor

## Our Library is a “Happening Place”!

Last year the Terman School Library circulated over 18,000 books and was visited by 300-500 students a day! Over 500 class visits were scheduled in the library for research projects. 1,515 new books were added to the collection and all shelving sections in the library were “shifted” (for the fifth year in a row) to accommodate our growing collection. The library now holds 12,315 books!

Parents continue to support our library by volunteering, running the Book Fair, helping with the “Book-A-Thon” and purchasing “Gift Books” at the end of the school year. The PTA funded an author visit for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades. And last but not least, the Public Library sponsored and provided books for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade book discussion group in the spring.

All of the above says quite a lot about our school community:

- Terman students are avid readers and love good books!
- Terman teachers are avid library users and depend on our library to help them deliver the curriculum.
- Terman parents and the community value what a good library program has to offer our students and they are willing to do many things to help.

*Thank you to all and come see for yourself our dynamic school library!*

Dede Barnhart, Librarian

## Transportation

Thank you to all of you who are using the bus, car-pooling, biking, or walking to school. This year we are having a traffic back-up in the afternoon. We would like to request that those people driving (hopefully car-pooling) consider alternatives to coming into the main parking lot. Alternatively, traffic is greatly reduced 10 minutes after school is out. Simply delaying car pick-up for these few minutes makes a large difference for the safety of our students.

Buses leave promptly 10 minutes after school is out. They do not wait for any student. Students must take responsibility to be sure that they are on the bus in time.

# PTA UPDATE

## Why Join the Terman PTA?

Have you joined the Terman PTA yet? If yes, thank you! If no, please consider joining now. For \$10/parent (\$20/couple), you will support important school programs, events, and projects that directly benefit our children at Terman such as scholarships for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science Camp (we are the only Palo Alto middle school to still have science camp), teacher grants for enrichment materials, and campus improvement projects. PTA funds also provide special programs for parents and teachers. While the membership dues collected are not a major portion of our budget (*Direct Appeal* and *Scrip* provide most of our revenue), we want you to become involved and have a voice in deciding the direction of the Terman PTA. Only PTA members can vote on PTA issues and hold a PTA office.

When you join the Terman PTA, you also join the Council, District, State and National PTA. The PTA has a strong advocacy voice at all levels because of our large membership. If the membership numbers go down, so does our ability to successfully lobby on issues affecting many aspects of our children's educational experience. As a non-profit and an advocacy organization, the National

PTA keeps a record of member names and addresses (but not email, as incorrectly stated on our back to school form).

Maintaining Terman PTA's non-profit status has significant importance in regard to fundraising, qualifications for low cost insurance to cover events, and giving our members a lobbying voice at the local, state, and national levels. The PTA does not share member information, but you may elect to receive mailings from the State or National PTA. Contact me if interested.

Your Terman PTA membership dues make a big difference, right here at your child's school, so please join today!

PTA Membership forms are available in the Terman office (and soon will be online). Please feel free to call or e-mail Leslie Fiedler (PTA Membership Chair) for more information (493-8115; [ljfgmm@earthlink.net](mailto:ljfgmm@earthlink.net)). Thank you for supporting the Terman PTA!

Leslie Fiedler, PTA Membership Chair



## The Mission of the PTA

- ◆ To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the school, in the community, and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- ◆ To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect children;
- ◆ To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of our nation.

## Want to Get Involved? Sign up with the Terman PTA

Open Positions...

**TRAFFIC SAFETY** – A TOP priority! Help keep all students safe in the parking lot in the morning and at pick-up. Mornings most critical.

**HOSPITALITY** – Help with refreshments for 7 PTA meetings and several principal's coffees.

**REFLECTIONS CHAIR** – New position. Liaison for student participation in PTA reflections program and contests for: literature, music, photography, visual arts, dance, film/video production.

**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT CHAIR** – New PTAC position. Suggest ways to encourage PTA participation among and within diverse Terman community.

**SPECIAL ED LIAISON** – Serve as site liaison to ensure Terman parents are aware of district special ed activities and events. You do not need to have a special ed student to serve in this position.

**RAFFLE CHAIR** — Organize 1-2 raffle events during the course of the year. Solicit prize donations from local merchants and individuals. Implement ticket sales and raffle drawing.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CONTACT** – New PTAC position. Serve as a school contact for PTA Council regarding environmental related activities at Terman and throughout PAUSD.

Interested in signing up? Contact PTA volunteer coordinator Leisa at [leisa\\_waschura@synthesysresearch.com](mailto:leisa_waschura@synthesysresearch.com).

TB tests are no longer required for volunteers!

Questions? Contact...

PTA president Joan at [jjacobus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jjacobus@sbcglobal.net),

or

PTA executive vice president Sharon at [sharon.dally@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.dally@gmail.com).

**Terman PTA welcomes your participation!**

## Parent Network

The Terman Parent Network provides a forum for sharing information and ideas relating to parenting middle school children. The Parent Network is open to all parents & guardians of Terman 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

By joining the network you can subscribe to the mailing list. Discussion topics in the past have ranged from limit setting on media viewing, drug & alcohol use, study habits, information on summer camps, etc. Attendees set the agenda for the meetings which take place once a month, usually in the early morning. Meetings can be scheduled to try and accommodate as many people's schedules as possible.

The Parent Network provides a great way to meet other parents and find out what's happening at Terman. The atmosphere is supportive & informal.

If you would like to be on our email list &/or would like additional information about the Terman Parent Network, please contact:

Ann Weston : [anni@mcvicker.org](mailto:anni@mcvicker.org)

Aarti Johri : [aarti\\_johri@hotmail.com](mailto:aarti_johri@hotmail.com)

## Change your eScrip account to Terman

Are you signed up for eScrip? Please make sure you have selected Terman. Many parents forget to switch their support from their elementary school to Terman. eScrip allows you to support up to three organizations so please make Terman one of your choices. Make the switch today at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and support Terman with your eScrip dollars. Thanks for supporting Terman!

## Parent Education Night

Don't miss the first parent education evening of the year. Jordan Principal Suzanne Barbarasch will discuss her school's implementation of the "Collins Writing Program." This innovative approach which is being introduced at Terman this year is designed to simultaneously improve students' thinking and writing skills across the curriculum. Come to discover what is unique about this program and how it will benefit your student.

Date: Oct. 11

Time: 7 p.m.

Place: Terman Cafetorium

Also, mark your calendars for the remaining parent ed dates for the school year:

November 15 – The debut of "Middle School 101"

February 14 (lunch meeting with the Terman staff)  
– Student music performances, art displays and more

March 14 – An Update on Social Cruelty

April 11 – Financial Literacy for Adolescents

Meetings are held in the evenings unless otherwise noted.

For more information, contact Kathleen Parkinson at [kpark68@hotmail.com](mailto:kpark68@hotmail.com)



## DEAR EDWINA Comes to Terman

The City of Palo Alto's Children's Theatre Outreach program is a unique opportunity for kids to experience the world of theatre at their school. There are lots of opportunities to take part in the play whether on stage or behind the scenes.

The Children's Theatre provides a director, script, costumes and props. They will help the kids learn how to manage all aspects of a theatrical production. Auditions will be October 4 and 5 after school. Rehearsals are scheduled after school Tuesday through Friday between October 10 and November 15 followed by the performances at their theatre on November 16, 17, and 18.

Keep these dates in mind as you plan your fall activities. More information will be available closer to the dates of the auditions.

Deborah McCarley  
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## Bike Safety

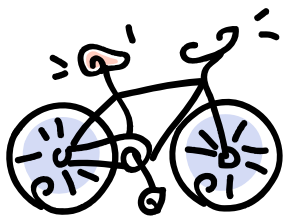
We are gearing up for a good and safe biking year at Terman. To kick off the year, on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> we had a very successful bike safety event in conjunction with the registration check-in. The Palo Alto police were there licensing bikes for free, Bicycle Outfitters conducted free bike safety checks, several volunteers fitted helmets, and we had bike route planning as well. If you missed this event, flyers on bike routes, Arastradero construction, bike safety, maps, and helmet fitting can be picked up in the office. There is also a hands-on bike safety class offered through the city of Palo Alto. If interested, go to <http://enjoyonline.cityofpaloalto.org>.

Thanks to last year's bike safety chair, Jeff Dean, for helping, as well as Pilar Badillo, Lynn Kidder, Cindy Carpien, and behind-the-scenes Sue Luttner. Huge thanks go to Kathy Durham from the City of Palo Alto, John Clement from Bicycle Outfitters, Officer Suzie Jones from CPA Police, Police Volunteer Aaron Isom, and Gunn's Bike Safety Chair, Christine Fawcett.

Even though over 50 bikes were licensed and checked on Check-In Day, this is but a fraction of the bikes that are ridden to Terman each day. A reminder from our police department: every bike operated on Palo Alto streets must be licensed. If you missed our free licensing event, bikes can be licensed everyday from 4pm – 5pm at any fire station in Palo Alto. There is a \$2 fee.

Our assistant principal, Mike O'Neill, encourages all bikers to remember these two important rules:

- 1) Do not bike through the Terman parking lot. Drivers are easily distracted loading/unloading students and they can easily miss seeing bikers. Use the sidewalk parallel to Arastradero instead.
- 2) Please **walk** your bike across Arastradero, inside the crosswalks. There are too many pedestrians sharing these crosswalks with bikers to bike safely there.



And lastly, please mark your calendars for October 11<sup>th</sup>, Terman's Bike to School Day. More details to follow!

Kathryn Latour  
Bike Safety Co-Chair

Ruth Harris  
Bike Safety Co-Chair

## Calling all Coolers

Do you have a cooler the PTA can use on Friday 9/15 for the Back to School Dinner? If so, be cool and bring it to the school office on Friday morning. Thank you!

## Lost Clarinet

If your child played the clarinet last year would you please check to make sure the one they brought home is theirs? We are missing ours from the end of last year. My daughter, Jordan Humble, had it for music class the Monday before the concert in June and when she went to retrieve it from the music room before the concert it was missing. We are assuming that another student may have taken it thinking it was theirs.

There should be a name tag on the case with her name and our phone number. We purchased it from West Valley and it is a Yamaha.

If you do have it, there is a clarinet not labeled that was left in the music room from last year that may be yours. Thank you for taking the time to double-check your child's clarinet.

Sheryl Humble  
[humblefamily@earthlink.net](mailto:humblefamily@earthlink.net)

## Back To School Check In and Registration

Now that the whirlwind of getting back to school has passed and routines have begun to structure your day I would like to reflect on the Back to School process at Terman.

This year Terman re-introduced the Check-In day, which was held Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you did not attend, but turned in your paperwork before the first day of school, Thank You. There were about 250 families who did attend and by all accounts it was successful, in that questions were answered, friends visited with each other and impromptu tours were offered. There was also the addition of a Bike Safety and Licensing table which was very busy.

On the first day of school there were still about 150 families that had not yet turned in their packets. This process was handled as quickly as possible since our goal was to get students into their classrooms. Both the Check-In day and the Morning School Registration were made possible due the efforts of many parent volunteers and to them a Big Thank You is extended.

Our goal for next year is to have all documents into the school office, before school starts. But, we can talk about that another time.☺

Tracy Stevens – Registration Day Coordinator

## Direct Appeal Campaign

The size of the Back To School packet can be overwhelming. If you have more than one student or more than one school, that's enough to give you nightmares. In addition to all the reading material there are the numerous requests for money, all of which are important to the continuing excellence of our schools. But the total amount requested from the various sources often means making choices of where we make our contributions. This year Terman has a very worthwhile, but substantial goal of replacing our badly outdated and short supply of necessary technology equipment to include; computers, cameras, printers,

DVD's, etc. Our desire is to complete this challenge in one year due to the critical condition of the existing equipment and the need to get our classrooms up to speed.

Congratulations – due to a number of very generous families we are now about 68% of the way towards our direct appeal goal. Several folks noted on their registration forms they would contribute later. If you would consider making that contribution as soon as possible, we would like to spend your money as soon as possible and get the equipment into the classrooms for the students to use. As a bit of inspiration you should take a look at the newly updated Computer Lab (due to a one-time expenditure from PAUSD). It is filled with new computers and screens which the students are now using everyday.

If you would like to make a contribution please pick up a Direct Appeal form in the school office or one can be emailed to you by contacting [trastevens@earthlink.net](mailto:trastevens@earthlink.net)

Tracy Stevens – VP Ways & Means

## Thank you Back-To-School Packet Stuffers

Thanks to a great turnout of volunteers, the Back to School Packets were assembled in record time. A team of parents, middle school and high school students collated, stuffed, and sealed 725 packets in 90 minutes! It was truly an example of "Many hands make light work". The following parents contributed to the effort:

Katja Broddesson, Leisa Waschura, Joan Jacobus, Tomoko Sakazaki, Lindsay Joy, Pam Wicks, Tracy Stevens, Arlene Washington, Suzie Lincoln, Becky Rea, Cindi Kingsley, Lori Shaffer, Kathryn Latour, Sharon Dally, Tina Dinitz, and Sara Jackson

My apologies to anyone whose name was inadvertently left off the list. Thank you all!

Wendy Yang  
Back To School Packet Coordinator




## How Your Dollars Make a Difference

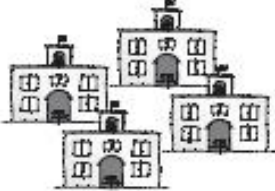




Wow, what a hectic time the start of school is for everyone! By now, hopefully, the initial mad rush to get all necessary forms filled out, necessary school equipment bought, backpacks filled properly and a well informed, healthy child off to school every day should be well in hand and under control.

In this time, we would ask you to reflect upon the donation forms you saw in your initial school packets or received in the mail for both the PTA and PiE. The dollars you contribute are vital to the success of the schools within the Palo Alto Unified School District. For those that have already contributed please accept our warmest thanks and for those that haven't, please take a look at where the dollars from contributions are used and how these dollars make such a difference in positively impacting your child as a student.

Please, if you are able, take the time to make these contributions to the PTA and PiE.

# How your financial support helps.

DISTRICT-WIDE	SITE-SPECIFIC	ACTIVITY-CENTRIC
<p style="text-align: center;">Palo Alto Partners In Education</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Mission-critical staffing, technology &amp; curricular needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electives support</li> <li>• Counseling</li> <li>• Lab assistants &amp; aides</li> <li>• Faculty &amp; student support</li> <li>• Technology equipment &amp; staff</li> <li>• Teacher grants</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">School PTAs</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Immediate material, cultural &amp; technology needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community building events</li> <li>• Student support &amp; enrichment</li> <li>• Classroom support</li> <li>• Teacher development</li> <li>• Parent-school communication</li> <li>• Parent education</li> <li>• Technology equipment</li> <li>• Scholarships</li> </ul> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Schools</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Individual needs of core, electives &amp; extra-curriculars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class materials &amp; supplies</li> <li>• Field trips</li> <li>• After-school athletics</li> <li>• Other student activities</li> <li>• Clubs</li> </ul>

*Every dollar you donate makes a difference.*

## Terman Logo T-Shirts and Sweatshirts

The chilly fall mornings have started already. Does your child need a Terman Tigers sweatshirt to stay warm?

The Terman PTA is once again selling those popular cozy hooded sweatshirts. They're a great way to show your school spirit and a great deal at \$25. There are short-sleeved Terman T-shirts for sale as well - a bargain at just \$10! Both sweatshirts and T-shirts are black with a gold tiger logo on the front and are available in **Adult** sizes small, medium, large and extra-large.

Please leave your order form in the PTA mail slot at the Terman office (where more order forms are available) along with your check payable to Terman PTA.

*Terman Tiger  
T-shirts and Hooded Sweatshirts*

### Order Form

		Quantity	Circle Size	Total Cost
<b>T-shirts</b>	\$10.00 each	_____	S M L XL	\$_____
<b>Sweatshirts</b>	\$25.00 each	_____	S M L XL	\$_____
			Grand Total	\$_____

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Note that these are **Adult** sizes. Please attach check, payable to "Terman PTA". Leave your order form and check in the PTA mailbox located in the Terman office. Order will be delivered to your child at school. Questions? Contact Jane Barbeau at [jbarbeau@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbarbeau@sbcglobal.net)