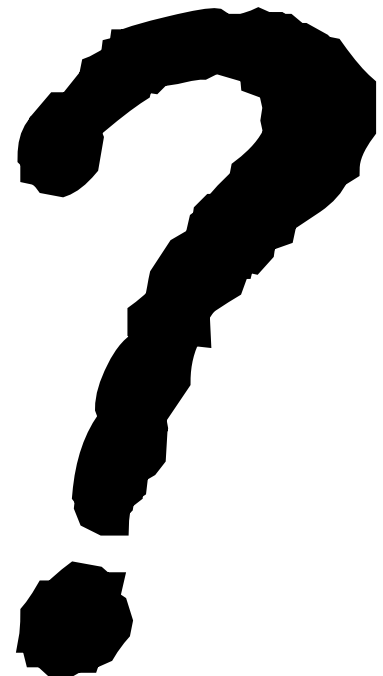
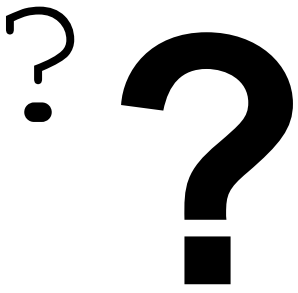


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Welcome

From Parents 4 the Arts

The Executive Board of the Parents for the Arts (P4A) would like to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year at the Performing and Fine Arts Academy (PFAA). For those of you who are new to the PFAA, we hope you will find this Survival Guide full of useful information and resources. For returning parents, please take a look. We have made some changes.

P4A Mission

The mission of P4A is to enhance the overall student learning experience by empowering and supporting PFAA parents and school administration with assistance in planning, coordinating, and execution of school related activities.

Objectives

- Engage parents: encourage and increase family participation.
- Participate in effective communication between parents and PFAA teachers and administration (“staff”).
- Support school programs and activities through continued fundraising.
- Promote the welfare of our students in home, school, and community.

- Foster a strong sense of community between home and school, so that parents and teachers may cooperate effectively in the education of our students.
- Develop united efforts between staff, families and the general public that will secure for all students the highest advantages in physical, mental and social education.

Membership

Every parent, guardian or adult representative of a student, in good standing, at PFAA is considered a member of PFAA.

Past P4A Accomplishments

P4A raised Funds to:

- Purchase **academic supplies**: textbooks, classic fiction, projectors, computer software/equipment, science experimentation supplies, etc,
- Purchase **arts equipment**: ceramic kiln, computerized music recording equipment, choral risers, dramatic lighting, portable dance floor, etc.
- Sponsor **arts workshops**, resulting in the installation of permanent art work on campus.

- Provide **scholarships** for the annual college tour; fund college fairs.
- Provide **catering and concession** equipment for special events.
- Provide **UCD Master Class Programs**; provide tickets to the Mondavi Center performances.
- Establish the costume department.
- Invite speakers to monthly meetings addressing important issue such as internet predators, tutoring, drug abuse, etc.
- Matched class funds for Junior/Senior Prom, Grad Night, Senior Trip, Promotion/Graduation Ceremonies & Celebrations, etc.
- Purchase musical instruments.

In 1999, P4A began a drive to raise funds for the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center through solicitations from the parents as well as funds donated for parent hours. In 2006, P4A donated \$50,000 to the Benvenuti Performing Arts Center.

Involvement

If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding the P4A, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Executive Board or a parent class representative. The contact information is included in the Survival Guide.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and successful year,

The P4A Executive Board



2011-2012 Roster

Executive Board

Position	Name	Daytime	Other	E-Mail
President	Linda Mattsson-Boze	928-0380	204-3185	danmb@jps.net
Vice President	Tammie Bissa-Kingsley	925-1917	952-0269	teb2@surewest.net
Treasurer	Nichole Wright	289-5371		nichole.wright@cdph.ca.gov
Financial Secretary	Robin Jackson	419-5363	207-2062	Robin.Jackson2@va.gov
Records Secretary	Debbie Porter	835-3419		debbiegporter@yahoo.com
Ombudsman	Scott McDonald	929-8763	929-8763	scott@scottmcdonald.org

Parent Class Representatives

Position	Name	Daytime	Other	E-Mail
6 th Class of 2018				
7 th Class of 2017				
8 th Class of 2016	Leslie Taylor	549-0975		lesboogee@hotmail.com
	Peggy Wheeler	201-6825		pwheeler@calhospital.org
9 th Class of 2015	Toni Alexander	928-9959	813-1512	alexanderst@sbcglobal.net
	Natalie Cruz	541-5601	648-1519	kpthfaith@comcast.net
10 th Class of 2014	Alisa Shubb	263-9903	263-9903	alisaandmike@yahoo.com
11 th Class of 2013	Yvonne Longstreth	955-5458		six_enuf@yahoo.com
12 th Class of 2012	Debbie Pate-Newberry	928-0449	955-3206	debbie@commsbydesign.com
	Cris Funkhouser	992-0149	203-0315	cris@sbcglobal.net

Booster Clubs

Position	Name	Daytime	Other	E-Mail
IMPS	Natalee Pecorelli	470-7437		nataleepecorelli@aol.com
Drama Mama's & Papa's				
Visual Arts	Donna Justice	284-6127		dljustice@ucdavis.edu
Dance	Alisa Shubb	263-9903		alisaandmike@yahoo.com

Committee Chairs

Position	Name	Daytime	Other	E-Mail
Carpool	Susie Lindner	606-5998		susielindner@gmail.com
Hospitality				
Fundraising	Yvonne Longstreth	955-5458		six_enuf@yahoo.com
BBQ & Showcase	Lynn Green	248-1991		sislynn4@yahoo.com
Crab Feed	Tammie Bissa-Kingsley	925-1917	952-0269	teb2@surewest.net
Newsletter	Tamara Sortman	359-4646	879-4646	tsortman@surewest.net
E-Mail	Debbie Candito			fyjp4a@gmail.com
Concessions	Cathi Romero-Molay			cromero-molay@natomas.k12.ca.us

Parent Hours

STUDENT'S Last Name	E-Mail
Student's last names beginning with A - E	aepfaaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with F - J	fjpfaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with K-O	kopfaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with P - S	pspfaparenthours@yahoo.com
Student's last names beginning with T - Z	tzpfaparenthours@yahoo.com
Parent Hours Chair – Theresa Pittman	treztp@yahoo.com

Blanks to be filled in as people volunteer ☺. Could it be you?

P4A Meeting Schedule

2nd Tuesday of Month @ 7pm

- September 13
- October 11
- November 8
- December 13
- January 10
- February 14 (P4A Officers Campaign begins)
- March 13
- April (no meeting due to Spring Break)
- May 8 (Final meeting of the year and **P4A Executive Board Elections**)

Parent Class Meeting Schedule

The times and place for the individual Parent Class Meetings will be announced at the P4A meetings.

P4A Fund-Raising and Events

- BBQ & Showcase.....Date to Be Determined
- Macy's Day.....Date to Be Determined
- Wreath Sales.....November
- Crab Feed.....March 16, 2012

School Calendar

Holidays & Non-Student Days:

Sep 1-2	Staff Development Days
Sep 5	Labor Day
Nov 11	Veteran's Day
Nov 21 – 25	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 19 – 30	Winter Recess
Jan 1	New Year's Day
Jan 2	Teacher Work Day
Jan 16	M. L. King's Birthday
Feb 17	Lincoln's Birthday
Feb 20	Washington's Birthday
March 16	Staff Development Day
Apr 2 – 13	Spring Break
May 28	Memorial Day

Staff Development and Teacher Work Days

August 10, 2011 – Teachers Return
September 1, 2011
September 2, 2011
January 2, 2012
March 16, 2012
March 24, 2012 (Saturday) Middle School Auditions

Students:

First Day of Instruction: August 15, 2011
First Quarter Ends: October 7, 2011
First Semester Ends: Dec. 16, 2011
Third Quarter Ends: March 9, 2012
Last Day of Instruction: June 8, 2012

Annual Calendar

August 2011

- 10 High School Orientation and schedule pick-up
- 11 Middle School Boot Camp and Schedule pick-up
- 15 First Day of School
- 22 Middle School Production Auditions
- 26 ASB Back to School Dance

September 2011

- 1-2 Staff Development
- 5 Labor Day
- 8 School Pictures
- 13 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 30 Ashland Field Trip

October 2011

- 10 First Quarter Ends
- 11 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 12 Make-up Picture Day
- 14 Alumni Concert and Art Show
- 17-18 Minimum Days
- 28 ASB Halloween Dance

November 2011

- 1-4 Vocal Workshop Showcases
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 8 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 16-17 Jazz at that BevVen (Instrumental Music)
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Break

December 2011

- 1 Senior Project Presentations
- 1-3 Christmas Carol

- Performances
- 2 Holiday Art Fair
- 6-12 Prep Week
- 8-10 Christmas Carol Performances
- 9 Holiday Art Fair
- 13 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 13-16 Finals
- 16 End of 1st Semester
- 19-30 Winter Break

January 2012

- 2 Teacher Work Day
- 10 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 13 Lenea Festival
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 19 Minimum Day
- 20 Instrumental Music Concert I
- 21 Winter Formal
- 27 Instrumental Music Concert II

February 2012

- 3-4 Winter Dance Celebration
- 10 ASB Valentines Dance
- 14 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 17 Lincoln's Birthday
- 20 Washington's Birthday
- 23-25 MS Musical
- 29 MS Musical Student Rush

March 2012

- 1-3 MS Musical
- 9 Third Quarter ends
- 10 Percussion Ensemble
- 13 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm

- 14-16 Visual Arts Show
- 16 Staff Development
- 17 Jazz Festival
- 22-24 Shakespeare Production
- 24 Middle School Auditions
- 29-31 Shakespeare Production

April 2012

- 2-13 Spring Break
- 14 Monterey Jazz Festival
- 23-27 STAR Testing
- 21 Junior/Senior Prom

May 2012

- 1-4 STAR Testing
- 3 Senior Project Presentations
- 7-8 Acting I Showcase
- 8 P4A Meeting 7pm-8pm
- 9-11 Dance Celebration
- 12 Theater Fest
- 14 Acting II Showcase
- 18 Instrumental Concert I
- 21 MS Production Showcase
- 17-18 8th Grade Portfolios
- 19 Duck Pluck
- 25 Instrumental Concert II
- 28 Memorial Day
- 29-31 Finals Prep

June 2012

- 1-2 Vocal Concerts
- 1-7 Finals
- 6 Day on the Green
- 8 Last Day of School
- 8 8th Grade Promotion/High School Graduation

NCS PERFORMING & FINE ART BELL SCHEDULES 2011-12:

Middle School Only (Grades 6-8)

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY BELL SCHEDULE
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PERIOD 1	8:15 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
PERIOD 2	9:15 a.m. - 1 0:00 a.m.
PERIOD 3	10:05 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.
PERIOD 4	10:55 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
LUNCH	11:40 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
PERIOD 5	12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
PERIOD 6	1:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
BREAK <small>(academic)</small>	2:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
PERIOD 7	2:05 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PERIOD 7 <small>(academic)</small>	2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PERIOD 8	3:05 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BELL SCHEDULE FOR 6-8 STUDENTS

PERIOD 1	9:40 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
PERIOD 2	10:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.
PERIOD 3	11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.
PERIOD 4	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
LUNCH	12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
PERIOD 5	12:50p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
PERIOD 6	1:35 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
BREAK <small>(academic)</small>	2:15 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.
PERIOD 7	2:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PERIOD 7 <small>(academic)</small>	2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

High School Only (Grades 9-12)

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY BELL SCHEDULE
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PERIOD 1	8:15 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
PERIOD 2	9:15 a.m. - 1 0:10 a.m.
BREAK	10:10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
PERIOD 3	10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
PERIOD 4	11:25 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.
LUNCH	12:20 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
PERIOD 5	1:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
PERIOD 6	2:05 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PERIOD 7	3:05 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
BREAK	4:00 p.m. - 4:05 p.m.
PERIOD 8	4:10 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY BELL SCHEDULE FOR 9-12 STUDENTS
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PERIOD 1	9:40 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.
PERIOD 2	10:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.
PERIOD 3	11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
LUNCH	12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.
PERIOD 4	12:50 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
PERIOD 5	1:35 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
PERIOD 6	2:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
PERIOD 7	3:05 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

PARENT HOURS

Much attention is given to parent hours and the completion of the mandated 30 parent hours per family/per year. Parent hours are a way for families to give back to the Performing and Fine Arts Academy as well as an opportunity to get involved with the school and make a difference. The Parents for the Arts is designed to help you find ways to complete those hours. Please make every effort to work throughout the school year rather than waiting until just before the two deadlines mentioned below.

Keep informed of parent hour opportunities by:

- Reading and responding to e-mail updates.
- Read the STAR Newsletter. It is available on the school website at www.natomascharter.org or by signing up for the e-mail updates. There are also copies available in the school office.
- Read the announcements that come home with your student. Often, opportunities are lost because information is not received.
- Attend P4A Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month in the Multipurpose room at 7pm.
- Attend Parent Class Meetings. (Dates and times for these “grade specific” parent meetings will be given at the P4A Meetings.)

Participation Guidelines

1. Parent Participation Record forms for reporting your parent hours are available in the school office and on-line at the P4A website (www.ncsp4a.org). Complete and turn in the forms to the school office and place in the correct box. Please make a copy of your Parent Participation Record at home and keep for your records.

2. All hours for meetings, activities, functions, events, dances, landscape beautification, etc. are to be recorded on your Parent Participation Record. **For your hours to be recorded, you must be registered and annually update your account** on the Parent Hours at PTO Manager. To avoid miscalculations, **multiple household** students must be registered utilizing only **one** account. To register or complete your annual update: Please GO TO ncsp4a.org & click on the Link **Parent Hours at PTO Manager**. For further details: please refer to the **Step-by-step Instructions for p4a.ptomanager.com** at ncsp4a.org under forms and documents.

Your contact for questions about parent hours is listed below using your **Student’s Last Name**.

STUDENT’S Last Name A-E contact aepfaaparenthours@yahoo.com

STUDENT’S Last Name F-J contact fjpfaaparenthours@yahoo.com

STUDENT’S Last Name K-O contact kopfaaparenthours@yahoo.com

STUDENT’S Last Name P-S contact pspfaaparenthours@yahoo.com

STUDENT’S Last Name T-Z contact tzpfaaparenthours@yahoo.com

Your Parent Hours Committee Chair is Theresa Pittman @ treztp@yahoo.com.

SAMPLE LIST OF APPROVED ACTIVITIES

- Homemade food items (properly labeled) determined by & at discretion of coordinator in charge. Generally 2 hours/batch (batch = 48 cookies, 24 brownies, etc.)
- Monetary/Supplies/Gift Card - Receipt MUST be attached One volunteer hour is earned for each \$15 spent up to your first 10 volunteer hours; one volunteer hour for each \$30 spent up to 20 volunteer hours made using monetary donation(s); the final 10 volunteer hours must be in a form other than monetary donation.
- Driving for field trips/after school activities Driving time
- Chaperoning field trips/after school activities Time worked
- At home/on campus work for teachers/staff Time worked
- Theater help/supervision Time worked
- On-site campus supportTime worked
- Fundraising when providing direct support of fundraiser ... Time worked
(Volunteer hours are NOT earned during the sale or distribution of fundraising items.)
- Telephoning Time worked

CREDIT NOT GIVEN FOR:

- Homemade food items not properly labeled with donor name
- Donating homemade food items that were not requested
- Inedible/unappetizing homemade food items donated for sale/ consumption (i.e., burned cookies)

Participation Guidelines

CREDIT NOT GIVEN FOR: (cont)

- Attending events, but not providing assistance as committed (socializing rather than working)
- Attendance at school programs (open house, back-to-school night)
- Class observance/student shadowing
- Car pooling to/from school; travel to/from events

PLEASE NOTE: THE FIRST 15 PARENT HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY 13, 2012.

ALL HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED BY MAY 18, 2012

Please continue to report your participation even after you achieve 30 volunteer hours!

We hope the Survival Guide is helpful to you and that your family has a wonderful year at the Performing and Fine Arts Academy. For more information about the P4A, including “Frequently asked Questions” and “Glossary” of terms that are unique to our organization and school, please visit our website www.NCSP4A.org.

Thank you,

The P4A Executive Board