

HSC General Meeting

Wednesday March 9, 8:20-9am

[Link to meeting slides](#)

e-Waste event, March 26:

- Electronics will be safely disposed (e.g. phone data will be erased)
- Earns money for school

Prowl:

- If you know a local business that might like to sponsor the event, please let us know (paynehsc@gmail.com)

Spiritwear:

- We're currently out of medium youth size; ordering more
- Email us if you need anything in particular or if you have any other fun ideas for Spiritwear merchandise

Spring fundraiser:

- We're launching a new fundraiser through Boon Supply ([see flier](#))
- Now through March 25, 40% of sales go to HSC, helping to fund the 5th grade science camp in the 2022/23 school year

Movie night recap:

- It was a great event with a huge turnout
- Through concession sales, we raised about \$500 to help offset the 5th grade science camp costs for the 2022/23 school year

Other ways to support HSC ongoing, where a percentage of purchases go to our school:

- [Farm Fresh To You](#) - Use code PANTHER PRIDE
- [Amazon Smile](#) - select the "Payne Home & School Club" as your chosen charity
- [Scrip](#) - Buy gift cards using the code L1BC41266514

MEF fundraiser:

- It's the last week to donate (ends Friday, March 11) - <https://www.mefhome.org/>

MEF 5K walk/run event:

- KONA Ice at the end
- School mascots will be there
- [Register here](#)

Principal's report

Events:

- We're still looking at outdoor events only at the moment
- Assemblies, presentations, plus field trips are starting again (three grades have requested field trips so far)

Spring Book Fair May 23-27:

- Happening in the same week as open house

- Volunteers needed - very easy tasks like helping to set up (there are specific instructions to follow) and running register
- More details closer to date - please email Denise Advincula, Melanie Rafferty or Katie Berg if you're interested in helping

SBAC and ELPAC testing:

- State testing is new to all current students at Payne
- ELPAC is for english learners - testing happens on campus during school day
- 3-5th grades will do their tests in May
- Grades are currently doing practice tests
 - Key to these practise tests is making sure that the students know how to take the test (teaching them the technology and how to approach testing in general) and whether they've learned what they were supposed to learn this year.
- Make sure kids get plenty of sleep and have breakfast on the day of the test
- Make sure your child's Chromebook is fully charged

Latimer Soccer @ Payne:

- Payne is now Latimer Soccer's home field

Public access to playgrounds:

- Following on from a question at the last general meeting, we're now making sure that the Phoenix Drive entrance gate is open from 4:30pm until sundown for public access.

K-2 Chromebooks:

- Dozens of Chromebooks have been supplied to the school through a grant for kindergarten, first grade and second grade.
- We'll be sending a message out to families to see if they'd like one for home use
- Contact Katie if you'd like to be added to the list

Masking update (information from March 8 Moreland School District Board of Trustees meeting - [see website for future meeting dates](#)):

- The [COVID dashboard](#) shows that case rates have greatly decreased since January. (Note: it only counts on-campus cases)
- Vaccination rate for 5yo+ is 90.4% in Santa Clara County
- 94% of Moreland staff are fully vaccinated (includes booster)
- Our county has met the metrics to remove its indoor masking mandate, so beginning March 14 masks are strongly recommended in school settings but not required
- Cal/OSHA has matched guidance for staff
- Moreland continuing to follow California Department of Public Health recommendations:
 - Masks required on the school bus
 - Masks still required in nurse's office (which is considered a healthcare setting)
 - Students and staff who test positive and return to school must mask days 6-10
 - Students and staff who display symptoms of COVID must mask
 - Moreland ready to pivot in case of possible surge/variant or change in CDPH guidance
- Still doing:
 - Daily screening
 - Offer free testing for staff and students
 - Asking students to wash hands and sanitize
 - MERV 13 filters changed four times a year
 - Disinfecting rooms after case reports

- Vaccinations
- Testing still available at district office Mon-Fri 7:30-8:30am and 2:15-4pm when school is in session
- Site testing available for symptomatic staff and students
- On March 30 we'll have a vaccination clinic on campus in partnership with Stanford from 10am-3:30pm, offering 1st/2nd COVID series and booster shots

Q&A

- What is "open house"?
 - An evening event where classrooms are all opened up and the teachers are available to chat - it's a chance for parents to check out what their kids have been up to at school
 - It's also a chance to look at classes in the next grade up
- What does "strongly recommended" mean re: masking? Will it be different class-by-class?
 - It'll be an individual choice. Parents who aren't comfortable and want their kids to stay masked should instruct them to do so.
- Question regarding where/how masks will be stored or kept safe
 - The kids have become very adept at keeping their masks on but pulled down while eating or playing outside, or keeping around their wrist/arm when they need to
 - We have lots of spare masks at school in case kids' ones break or get lost
- Will teachers have discussions in their classrooms about respecting each other's individual choices?
 - Yes - and those conversations will look different depending on what grade they're in
- Comment about masked kids not wanting to play with those who aren't masked.
 - Katie will include a message in her Monday morning announcements about masking - that it's strongly recommended, it's an individual choice, and to respect each other's choices
 - Will ask teachers to continue this messaging and discussion after