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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>October 24th</b>	<b>AAFN Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., AVHS Library</b>
<b>October 24-28th</b>	<b>Red Ribbon Week</b>
<b>October 25th</b>	<b>Public Hearing for Science, 7 p.m. at PUSD Admin Offices</b>
<b>October 26th</b>	<b>Screenagers - Film Screening, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Firehouse Arts Center</b>
<b>October 27th</b>	<b>Walk with Williams, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - choose one of three time slots</b>
<b>October 28th</b>	<b>No School</b>
<b>October 31st</b>	<b>Minimum Day</b>
<b>November 14th</b>	<b>AAFN Meeting, 7:00-8:30 p.m., AVHS Library</b>

November 16th      *Motivation with McCaff, Mrs. Battilega's room - Q205 during lunch*  
November 16th      *Taming the Homework Monster, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Public Library*  
November 21-25th    *No School, Thanksgiving Break*  
December 14th      *Vinyasa Yoga with Mrs. Cole, MPR at lunch*

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List Today!

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## Walk with Principal Williams on 10/27

Please *join Principal Mike Williams for a walking tour of campus and a chance to ask questions on any topic*. This is a *great opportunity to learn* more about the campus, classes, programs and extra curricular activities. To keep groups to a manageable size and allow all participants to ask questions, we are setting up *time slots*. Please *sign up* for one of the three time slots! If all spaces fill for a particular time slot, we will add additional opportunities to meet some of our Assistant Principals.

To sign up for a time slot, please sign up for a slot [here](#).

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## AMADOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HALLOWEEN SAFETY:

On October 31st (Halloween), please make sure your student follows the dress code established in the Amador Valley Handbook. Student faces should be able to be seen at all times, which means masks are not an appropriate option for students. Suggestive outfits that can create distractions for students and the learning environment should also not be worn while school is in session. Our goal is to ensure all students are safe and able to continue their learning experience, even on Halloween.

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### Apply for the Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship:

The Community of Character Collaborative invites all High School seniors in Pleasanton to apply for the annual Juanita Haugen Memorial Scholarship. Long time school board member, trustee and president of the Pleasanton Unified School District, Juanita Haugen inspired the Pleasanton Community of Character initiative. In her honor, annual \$1,000 scholarships will recognize students who have a strong record of civic engagement and have demonstrated exceptional character by role modeling the traits of Compassion, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility, Integrity and Self-Discipline.

An award will be presented to a student in each of Pleasanton's three high schools. Applications are being taken for Foothill and Amador Valley students, Village will be presented at a later date.

Applications            and            guidelines            are            available            online

at [www.CommunityofCharacter.org](http://www.CommunityofCharacter.org). The deadline to apply is November 14, 2016. Selections will be made in late-November.

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Dear Pleasanton Community,

Under aged drinking and driving occurs too often without a thought of the consequences for everyone involved. We, the students of Amador Valley High School, are working to make a difference in the choices that our peers make each day. ***Every Fifteen Minutes*** is a program that allows students to experience first hand the heartbreaking consequences of drunk driving. Without this experience, many students live with a feeling of invincibility and the mindset that "it will never happen to me." This event shows students it can happen to anyone and is why the ***Every Fifteen Minutes*** program is crucial to Pleasanton's High School Students. ***We are asking for the help of the Pleasanton Community at this time, as this program necessitates funding in order for it to be able to succeed. Please donate at [gofundme.com/avhsEFM17](http://gofundme.com/avhsEFM17)***

We appreciate the support.

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**COUNSELOR ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Check the Scholarship list on Naviance regularly, and if you find one that needs a school nomination, let your counselor know two weeks before the nomination deadline.

Also, if you need any letters of recommendation for private colleges, see your counselor ASAP as counselors and teachers need at least two weeks to write your letter before you first due date. December 2 is the deadline for requesting any letters with January due dates! Counselors can also assist you with transcript request forms.

**Seniors:** If you are doing any Common Applications for private schools, after you invite your counselor, you must go see your counselor to submit a Transcript Request Form and discuss your letter of recommendation. Please be aware that, although you may have requested letters from your teachers, a counselor evaluation is part of your Secondary School Report on Common App. Please complete your Counselor Questions in Naviance at least two school weeks (10 business days) before your FIRST deadline on Common App. Thank you!

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**Free Parent Event: Parenting for Positive Behavior**

# Parenting for Positive Behavior



This is a **free** parent event featuring Pleasanton School District staff Behaviorists with topics to include:

- Strategies for improving your child's positive behavior
- Strategies to identify why challenging behaviors occur
- How to reduce negative behavior
- Positive reinforcement
- Q & A

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Hearst Elementary MPR

5301 Case Ave.

Pleasanton, CA 94566



To register for this free event, go to [www.tinyurl.com/Oct2016SNC](http://www.tinyurl.com/Oct2016SNC). If you have any questions about this event or how to register, email [snc@pleasantonpta.org](mailto:snc@pleasantonpta.org).

To request a sign (ASL) or spoken language interpreter, email [snc@pleasantonpta.org](mailto:snc@pleasantonpta.org) by October 14, 2016.



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## AV Wellness

Did you miss the inaugural session of AV\_Wellness program? No worries, they will be held monthly. Look for the next one on **November 16th**. In the meantime **#stressless** and follow AV Wellness on Twitter [@AV\\_WELLNESS](https://twitter.com/AV_WELLNESS).

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## AAFN Meeting Dates and Times

*Miss the first meeting? The next meeting is 10/24 at 7 p.m. in the AVHS*



### The Pleasanton Unified School District African American Family Network

The mission of the African American Family Network (AAFN) is to provide a forum for the families of African American students in the Pleasanton Unified School District to connect to one another and with district personnel. To provide a safe and supportive forum to provide feedback to PUSD regarding the academic and social emotional needs of our African American students.

A goal of the Pleasanton Unified School District is to empower every student we serve. The AAFN works toward this goal by connecting parents and guardians of African American students to resources.

The network is a structured opportunity for families to provide feedback and ideas, then take the information to advocate for a high quality educational experience for their children.

#### 2016 - 2017 Meeting Dates and Times

[Click this link to RSVP and add yourself to our mailing list.](#)

Meeting Date/Time	Location	Topics/Agenda
9/26/2016 7:00-8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	Introductions Needs of AA students in PUSD Resources for students College Trips 16/17
10/24/2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
11/14/2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
12/19/2016 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
1/30/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
2/27/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
3/27/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
4/24/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input
5/22/2017 7:00 - 8:30 pm	Amador Valley High School Library	TBD with committee input

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## Dons Spirit Wear for the Holiday Season

Show your Dons spirit by purchasing Amador spirit wear! We have a variety of options to show your school colors-T-Shirts, Hoodies, PJ Pants and Tanks in various sizes and of course Amador colors! **Remember, spirit wear makes a great holiday gift for your Don or your incoming 8th grader!** You can get spirit wear at the Activities Desk through your spirit wear chairperson, [Laura Harris](#), ([spiritwear@ amadorpts.com](mailto:spiritwear@amadorpts.com)) Feel free to contact Laura for details on sizes, costs and availability.

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## Community Education Series




JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

# SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE




**October 26, 2016** **Firehouse Arts Center**  
**6:00 - 8:30PM** **4444 Railroad Ave Pleasanton**

[Pleasantonfun.com](http://Pleasantonfun.com) Course 63852

  
[screenagersmovie.com](http://screenagersmovie.com)

For more info please call 925-931-5359

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Next Event is:  
[Taming the Homework Monster:](#)  
11.16.16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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## Help Needed for Bond Measure Campaign

Do you feel strongly that our schools need some physical repair? Consider signing up for phone banking sessions to encourage voters to learn about the Bond Measure. You may choose to sign up for any phone banking night that is convenient for you, not just the ones designated for Amador volunteers. Sign up here:

[http://yesoni1forpleasantonschools.nationbuilder.com/phone\\_bank\\_calendar](http://yesoni1forpleasantonschools.nationbuilder.com/phone_bank_calendar).

For more information, please contact Jill Buck at [jillbuck@comcast.net](mailto:jillbuck@comcast.net)

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## The Hanger

Can you help Village High School students in their efforts to provide clothing to families in need? They are seeking donations of clean and gently used children's and adult clothing; warm coats and jackets; umbrellas and rain gear;

backpacks; laundry detergent and fabric softener.

For more information, email [thehanger@pleasantonusd.net](mailto:thehanger@pleasantonusd.net).

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## Public Hearing for Science

### PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SUFFICIENCY OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS AND AVAILABILITY OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR SCIENCE

At the October 25, 2016, Board of Trustees meeting, parents, staff and community members will have an opportunity to provide input to the District on the sufficiency of textbooks and laboratory equipment for science.

This meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Administrative Office at 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA 94566.

If you have questions about this public hearing, please contact Jenni Tyson, Director of Curriculum, at 925/426-4328.

This notice is posted in all school site main offices, on the PUSD webpage, and at our Administrative Office at 4665 Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, CA, 94566 on September 1, 2016.

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Principal: Michael Williams

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