



THE BLACH BANNER
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Principal's Message

Dear Blach Community,

This Thursday, January 12, we are hosting a very important high school meeting in our library from 7:00 – 8:00 PM. Dr. Barry Groves, Superintendent of MVLA, Mr. Keith Moody, principal of MVHS and Mrs. Wynne Satterite, principal of LAHS, will be on hand to talk about high school and answer any questions you may have about their schools and district. This is a meeting not to be missed! The Blach PTA meeting will begin after this meeting, starting at 8:00 PM in the same location.

At the PTA meeting, the Blach Librarian, Mrs. Cindy Andrews, will be giving a presentation about our new E-Book collection. Please read the information below for more information.

We hope to have a great turnout this Thursday night for the visit with the MVLA administrators and the PTA meeting.

Warm Regards,
 Leslie Crane

There's exciting news from our Library. With your PTA monies, Mrs. Andrews has launched a website to host more than 54 E-Books that are now part of our Blach Library collection! There is no special device necessary to read or study from these books, just a computer. Some of the titles include the Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The Messenger, The Pearl, a set of books on the Periodic Table, and books regarding the challenges that our teens face daily. To peruse, go to our Blach School homepage, www.blachschool.org, click on the library bubble, then scroll down to the red Blach E-book tab. The username is: **blach**; the password is: **student**. (Don't forget to turn off your popup blockers!)

Additionally, our PTA funds have purchased a subscription to the World Book Encyclopedia---4 different editions! The username is: **lasdresearch**; the password is: **golibraries**. Finally, while visiting our the library website, do not forget to check out the thousands of helpful links relative to our curricula that are found on the right of the homepage. As the first school in the district to pioneer this supplemental media, Mrs. Andrews will join our PTA meeting Thursday night to demonstrate these opportunities.

Educational Events

- **Wed. Jan. 18th 7pm (hospitality 6:45)– ipads used for special education teaching, therapy , and communication - Covington Elementary School, Multipurpose Room, 205 Covington Road, Los Altos**
 Danielle Sampson M.A. CCC-SLP

For more Parent Education Information check out the Blach Parent Education website [Parent Education](#)

PTA Announcements

- **MV & LA High school Presentations - Thur. Jan. 12 at 7pm – Blach Library**
Come hear MV & LA principals as well as the MVLA High School District Superintendent speak about our high schools. This presentation will be followed by our PTA meeting at about 8:00
- **BlachBuster Book Club – Thank you!**
A huge thank you to all our BlachBuster Book Club members for their support of the Blach Library! There is a list of all the book titles donated by our December birthday members posted in the library.
- **Scholastic book orders are due – Thursday, January 19th**
Parents may order online using a credit card by signing up for a userid and password at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs using Blach School's Class Activation Code GLWJB which is registered under Mrs. Lipinski's name. Hardcopy order forms and payment by check may be turned in to the office. If you have any questions, please contact Blach PTA Scholastic Book Order Coordinator, Shari Chao, shari.chao@gmail.com.

School and Community News

- **Community volunteer tutoring opportunity**
Interested in a volunteer opportunity for your child or self within our community? We are seeking Blach students and/or parents to tutor 2nd & 3rd graders at nearby Castro Elementary school (Mtn View). These kids, who will be a part of the same high school district, need extra help improving money math skills; i.e., coin identification, values, and counting via DVD, worksheets, and games. Volunteer for one day, all days, or anything in between: Jan. 23, 24, 25 (M,T,W); Jan. 30, 31, Feb. 1 (M,T,W) from 3:15pm - 5pm (3:30pm start OK). Contact Amy Madsen at amy@red-spark.com if interested.
- **Are you short on FOOD this month? (Or, if not, do you have enough to share?):** If you need help feeding your family this month (or any month), here are two things you can do:
 1. Contact Community Services Agency (CSA) at (650) 968-0836. They're at 204 Stierlin Rd. in Mountain View, and they help Los Altos, Mountain View, and Los Altos Hills residents with many services, including food. Give them a call and discover the many things they can do for you!
 2. Help yourself to the new **Hungry Box** located on the table across from Leslie Crane's office at the school. We hope to keep it stocked with gift cards to grocery stores. Anyone can put grocery gift cards in if they can afford it, and anyone can take one (or more) out if they need it. There is no oversight, nobody to ask, and nobody has to know. We know the last weeks of the month can be especially difficult.

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