



## **FUN PARTY DIRECTORY - 2016-2017**

**\*\* Sign ups begin at 9:30 am on Fun Day, October 29<sup>th</sup> \*\***

### **WHY ATTEND A FUN PARTY?**

When you attend a Fun Party, your hosts will ensure that you have a wonderful experience and introduce you to other attendees from the PreSchool Family community. Importantly, you are also helping to support the mission of Friends of PreSchool Family to make your child's experience as enriching as possible.

### **WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?**

Your entire Fun Party donation goes directly to support PreSchool Family's programs and activities. One benefit to you as a PSF parent is the parent teacher conferences offered twice a year to all families. Also, Fun Party donations provide funding for:

- Teacher home visits for all of the incoming 3's children
- Parent education lectures
- Classroom supplies and much more...

### **HOW DO I SIGN UP?**

Parties open for sign-ups at 9:30 am at the Friends of PreSchool Family Fun Party table located in front of the office. All sign-ups are first come, first served. Payments may be made in cash, check made out to Friends of PreSchool Family or credit card.

After you've signed up and before the party date, your party host will contact you by phone or e-mail to confirm the party details.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Email Rebecca Marasco at [bexw19@yahoo.com](mailto:bexw19@yahoo.com)

# PARTIES FOR FAMILIES

Teddy Bear Clinic	Sunday, November 6
Tutu Party	Saturday, November 12
Outdoor Movie and Pizza*	Sunday, November 13
Little Seeds Workshop: Exploring Pumpkins!*	Saturday, November 19
Holiday Lights	Sunday, November 27
Be a Hero!*	Sunday, December 18
Pajama Party*	Friday, January 20
Family Mindfulness Class	Saturday, January 21
Dress Up Party*	Saturday, March 3
Blast Off Rocket Party*	Saturday, March 11
Music for Children	Saturday, March 18
Let's Go Fly a Kite!	Sunday, April 23
Donkey and Donuts	Sunday, April 30
Princess Tea Party	Saturday, May 13
Family Camping Trip	Friday – Sunday, June 9 – 11

\* New party for 2016/2017

# PARTIES FOR ADULTS ONLY

Mama's Night Out*	Thursday, November 10
Pre-Holiday Yoga Practice to Center & Soothe*	Sunday, December 4
Hagamos Tamales*	Saturday, December 10
Read Between the Wines	Sunday, January 15
Groovitude Dance Party*	Sunday, January 22
Dad's Night Out: Pinball & Brews	Saturday, February 4
Swap Your Favorite Kid's Book	Sunday, February 5
Mousse au Chocolat Party*	Sunday, February 26
Blind Wine Tasting*	Saturday, March 4
Pickle Making Party	Saturday, March 25
DIY Spa Party*	Saturday, April 29

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# PARTIES FOR FAMILIES

## **Teddy Bear Clinic**

**\$15 per child**

Sunday, November 6, 2016, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
PreSchool Family  
Up to 10 doctors

Oh no! Did Teddy fall and hurt himself? Is it time for Teddy's check-up? Does your kid(s) like to play pretend and play doctor, nurse, or any other kind of healthcare professional? Join us as we take care of our Teddies (or any favorite stuffed toy/doll) at the Teddy Bear Clinic. We will have band-aids, stethoscopes, & other "healthcare" items for kids to play "doctor" with their favorite toy. After a day at the clinic, we will have our Teddy Bear Picnic under a tree. Light refreshments will be available. Please bring your own lunch for the picnic.

**Hosted by: Jaime Laskowski & Marilyn Wong**

## **Tutu Party**

**\$15 per child**

Saturday, November 12, 2016, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Private Home in Palo Alto  
Up to 10 ballerinas

Calling all little ballerinas to come dance and twirl! Brought to you by Wishes and Wows. Dress up in your ballet tutus or princess costumes and get ready to come have fun and dance! Snacks and cupcakes will be provided.

**Hosted by: Nicole Macuil**

## **Outdoor Movie and Pizza**

**\$25 per family**

Sunday November 13, 2016, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Private Home in Palo Alto  
Up to 5 families

Come join us for a movie under the stars at the Mossburg house. We will have pizza and other snacks for dinner and beverages for both kids and parents. We will set up some comfy spots and project a movie outside (or inside if there is bad weather).

**Hosted by: The Mossburg Family**

## **Little Seeds Workshop: Exploring Pumpkins!**

**\$12 per child**

Saturday November 19, 2016, 10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Little Seeds Workshop, Palo Alto  
Up to 12 children

Do you have a little gardener at home? Do you have a child who is not afraid of getting dirty and loves to explore her natural surroundings? Join us for a Saturday morning workshop learning all about Fall's most beloved harvest... the mighty pumpkin! We will explore how pumpkins grow, learn about the different parts of a pumpkin plant, and use our senses to find out how pumpkin seeds look, feel, smell and taste. We will also have a hands-on pumpkin craft, and some festive stories and songs. Each child will leave with a take-home lesson that notes the story, song and lesson from the class. Coffee and kid-friendly refreshments will be served. Little Seeds offers local gardening and nature classes and workshops for children and their parents. For more information, visit [www.littleseedsworkshop.com](http://www.littleseedsworkshop.com)

**Hosted by: Stacey Clifton & Alyssa Althouse**

## **Holiday Lights Party**

**\$20 per family**

Sunday, November 27, 2016, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Downtown Los Altos  
Up to 10 families

Kick off the holidays this year with one of the most treasured local holiday traditions, the Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade! Our hosts will arrive early to save you a seat at this year's parade. Join us before the parade for some cookies and hot cocoa, and take your seat as the magical festivities begin! We will bring glow sticks for the kids, and you can bring the "ooohs and aahhhs" as we watch the toy soldiers, gingerbread men and even Santa Claus stroll down Main Street. Such a wonderful event to experience with friends and family! Parent(s) stay with children.

**Hosted by: Stacey Clifton & Rebecca Marasco**

## **Be a Hero!**

**\$15 per child**

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Private home in Palo Alto  
Up to 8 children

Dress up in your favorite hero or heroine costume and join us for some fun! We will have bubbles, a bounce house and more? Will you be Superman? Batman? Wonder Woman? Come help us rescue the word! Snacks will be provided.

**Hosted by: Nicole Macuil**

## **Pajama Party**

**\$20 per family**

Friday, January 20, 2017, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

PreSchool Family

Unlimited participants

Beat those mid-winter blues while you dance to the beat! Come ready to party in your pajamas, dance to your favorite tunes, do the hokey pokey while you turn yourself around and show off your best club moves. Prizes awarded for best pajama patterns, family matching pajamas, etc. Refreshments provided.

**Hosted by: Kathy Chen, Snezhana Ballagas, Jen Amizade, and Ramani Rajayogam**

## **Family Mindfulness Class**

**\$25 per family**

Saturday, January 21, 2017, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Greenmeadow Community Room in Palo Alto

Up to 10 children

Learn some tools to help your preschooler (ages 3-5) better manage the big feelings that come in that little body! In this class, we will learn what "meditation" and "mindfulness" mean, play some games with our breathing, and make a fun craft together. If all goes well, everyone will breathe a little easier by the end of class! Light refreshments served after. This class will be taught by a PSF alumni, Kristene Geering, Kris has a Master's Degree and California Teaching Credential in Early Childhood Special Education, graduate-level training in psychotherapy (Dramatherapy), and Mindful Educator training through Mindful Schools. Her company, "Let Us Learn Together," helps families tame tantrums together, one breath at a time.

**Hosted by: Maria Brown and Kris Geering**

## **Blast Off Rocket Party**

**\$20 per family**

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cuesta Park, Mountain View

Up to 20 children

In this STEAM-based fun party for all ages, we explore the laws of motion by studying propulsion, streamlining, trajectory, and basics of aerodynamics. Each child will be creating his or her own water bottle rocket, then launching it later to see the effects of adding fins and other materials to the bottle. Snacks will be provided during the transition between rocket creation and rocket launching. Come join the fun!!!

**Hosted by: Tico Ballagas and Jay Gluckman**

## **Dress Up Party**

**\$20 per child**

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Private home in Sunnyvale

Up to 10 children

Come join us for a morning of fun and make-believe! Kids will have their pick of costumes. We will have super heroes, princesses and animals! Oh my! Let your child's imagination soar. Photo backdrops, snacks and lots of fun will be provided. Hope to see you there!

**Hosted by: Kim Ryan & Saeih Song**

## **Music for Children**

**\$20 per family**

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

PreSchool Family

Up to 25 children

Show your children how much fun music can be (and enjoy a little singing and dancing yourself) with a music party. Kathy Sherman is our own music specialist for the MWF Three's classes and is also a member of the Plaka Band. After the class, join us for brunch and a chance to socialize. Note: You can get class credit for this party!

**Hosted by: Kathy Chen, Margaret Rickling, and Cindy Howard**

## **Let's Go Fly a Kite!**

**\$20 per family**

Sunday, April 23, 2017, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Shoreline Kite Park in Mountain View

Unlimited participants

Let's go fly a kite! Join us at Mountain View's Shoreline Kite Park for an afternoon of family fun. Run in the field, feel the wind in your face and check out a rainbow of kites. You bring your kite and we'll have a snack to eat.

**Hosted by: Jaime Laskowski & Rebecca Marasco**

## **Donkey & Donuts**

**\$20 per family**

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Bol Park, Palo Alto

Unlimited participants

Come meet the Shrek-famous Barron Park Donkey up close and personal. The donkey will be out of his paddock and roaming the green field of Bol Park along with his handler. Parents, come and catch up with PSF friends old and new, and let the kids play and explore the rural setting of Bol Park, complete with steps to Matadero creek. There will be donkey-themed arts and crafts and fun games for the kids, snacks and refreshments for all!

**Hosted by: Jen Chu, Aude Ismael and Maria Brown**

## **Princess Tea Party**

**\$20 per family**

Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Private home in Palo Alto

Up to 15 children

Come join us for tea at the castle! Brought to you by Wishes and Wows... Enjoy delicious cupcakes and princess juice (pink lemonade). Dress up like your favorite princess! This is a great opportunity for your little one and you to make new friends! Each princess will get a sparkly wand. Snacks, tea, and cupcakes will be served, It's fun, guaranteed!

**Hosted by: Nicole Macuil**



## **Family Camping Trip**

**\$45 per family for one day; or \$75 for two**

Friday – Sunday, June 9 – 11, 2017  
Huddart Park in Woodside  
Up to 20 families

Grab your sleeping bags and tents and join us for a night (or two) in the great outdoors! There will be plenty of time to play in the woods, hike, socialize, sing songs by the campfire and have fun! This is a great opportunity to camp with your child(ren), whether it's your first time or your 10th! We will organize potluck meals for dinners on Friday and Saturday night (including s'mores by the campfire or BBQ) and breakfasts on Saturday/Sunday mornings. For those more experienced campers or those who desire additional time to explore & hike in Huddart Park, you can choose to stay both Friday and Saturday night. One night is \$45 per family (plus \$6 parking fee payable upon entrance to park). Two nights is \$75 (plus \$12 parking fee payable upon entrance to park). If camping just one night, let us know if you will arrive Friday or Saturday night.

**Hosted by: Hosted by the Rickling Family (David, Margaret, Rachael, Ryan and Rhapsody)**

# PARTIES FOR ADULTS

## **Mama's Night Out**

**\$10 per adult  
(plus bring 2 bottles of wine)**

Thursday, November 10, 2016, 7:00 pm - ?  
Private Home in Palo Alto  
Up to 12 adults

Because we all deserve a break, a great chat with other mamas and why not, a glass of wine?! Join us for a mama's only night out! Bring a bottle of your favorite wine to share and one to give away to a new friend you meet! Get ready to have lots of fun! Consider taking an Uber and remember there's no school then next day! Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

**Hosted by: Nicole Macuil**

## **Pre-Holiday Yoga Practice to Center and Soothe**

**\$20 per adult**

Sunday, December 4, 2016, 10:00 am – 11:30 am  
PreSchool Family  
Up to 12 adults

Join us for a 75-minute hatha yoga practice with restorative finish. All levels of experience welcome and bring a yoga mat. Tea and light snack will be provided after practice.

**Hosted by: Nicole Hindley & Maria Abilock**

## **Hagamos Tamales**

**\$25 per adult**

Saturday, December 10, 2016, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Private Home in Palo Alto  
Up to 6 adults (may open up second party)

Always loved tamales but thought there was no way you could ever make them? Come join us for a tamale making session! We will make vegetarian, sweet, and chicken tamales, and then enjoy! A great opportunity to make friends and learn a new delicious recipe!

**Hosted by: Nicole Macuil**

## **Read Between the Wines**

**\$20 per adult**

Sunday, January 15, 2017, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Private Home in Mountain View  
Up to 12 adults

Love to read and chat about books? Looking for a great read to kick off the new year? Come and join us for a leisurely afternoon, chatting with new friends and sharing some beloved books. Each guest should bring one wrapped, new or used book that he/she has read and would like to recommend and pass on to another reader. We will open the books one by one and you can share why the book spoke to you. Each guest will leave with a new read and a new "recommended reading" list. With wine and light refreshments served, it will be a relaxing and fun afternoon.

**Hosted by: Nancy Dugery, Stacey Clifton and SangHee Soon**

## **Groovitude Dance Party**

**\$20 per adult**

Sunday, January 22, 2017, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Cubberley Community Center  
Up to 20 adults

Come join us for a fun dance workout to kick start your New Year's resolution! No previous dance experience is required. Dance teachers Lisa and Mandy from Groovitude Dance will choreograph a beginner level routine that will challenge your mind and body. It's like Zumba with a Groovitude twist. You will also get a chance to meet new friends or reconnect with your fellow parents over some light refreshments and yummy treats afterward.

**Hosted by: Lisa Gibson & Amber Chang**

## **Dads' Night Out: Pinball & Brews**

**\$20 per adult**

Saturday, February 4, 2017, 8:00 pm - midnight  
Private home in Palo Alto  
Up to 16 adults

Do you like to play pinball, but never have any quarters? Have you always wanted to know more about the different kinds of beers around the world, but never have the time? Well, have we got the Fun Party for you! Listen up dads, we are combining these two great things: pinball & foreign brews. Get out for a night of unlimited pinball and beer tasting. We will start off with a beer tasting from 3 different areas of the world, with a 4th super secret tasting. After that, you can grab your favorite beer and play unlimited pinball on several great machines!

**Hosted by: Marc Marasco & Greg Clifton**

## **Swap Your Favorite Kid's Book**

**\$20 per adult**

Sunday, February 5, 2017, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Private Home in Palo Alto

Up to 20 adults

Bring your (or your child's) favorite children's book - written for preschoolers - to share and swap; walk away with someone else's favorite. We will enjoy some delicious appetizers and drinks, while we chat about children's stories and maybe even relive our own childhood :) Your child(ren) will be excited to get a book that someone else has enjoyed!

**Hosted by: Maria Brown and Aude Ismael**

## **Mousse au Chocolat Party**

**\$25 per adult**

Sunday, February 26, 2017, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Private Home in Mountain View

Up to 20 adults

To all chocolate lovers! Do you want to WOW! your guests at your next dinner party or just treat yourself with some creamy, elegant and light as air Mousse au Chocolate? Join us for mousse tasting following hors d'oeuvres and drinks, learn the secret recipe and bring some delightfulness home with you!

**Hosted by: Snezhana Ballagas, Yuko Wong, Jesna Ashok and Karen Ceresnak**

## **Blind Wine Tasting**

**\$20 per adult**  
**(plus bring a bottle of wine)**

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm  
Private home in Palo Alto  
Up to 20 adults

Calling all wine lovers! The grocery aisles are full of wine choice; how do you decide what to buy? You probably just make a wild guess based on the label. Talk about judging a book by its cover! Instead, let's approach this with a scientific mindset and answer this Very Important Question: what's the best California wine that \$20 can buy? Here's how this will go down: Everyone brings a bottle of California wine, costing no more than \$20. When you arrive, your bottle will be disguised in a nondescript wrapper and assigned a random number. No longer will your perception of taste be skewed by price, appearance, or environment. Wines will be judged and scored on taste alone! Sample each wine in a fun atmosphere with accompanying tasty hors d'oeuvres and lively conversation. Write a score and tasting notes for each numbered bottle. You can try to sound like a seasoned oenophile and write about the "earthy tones" or "notes of tobacco and lingonberry" or you can just write "tastes like garbage" or "yum yum." At the end of what is sure to be an entertaining evening, the event organizers will tally up the scores and present the results. Find out once and for all which local wine is the best value, as judged by you! Hope you can join us and unleash your inner sommelier.

**Hosted by: Cristina & Jonathan Davidson and Jen & Dan Aminzade**

## **Pickle Making Party**

**\$20 per adult**

Saturday, March 25, 2017, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Private home in Palo Alto  
Up to 10 adults

Come make refrigerator pickles with us! You'll learn how to pickle cucumbers, red onions, green beans and carrots, and how to make sauerkraut. You'll take home two jars of pickles and recipes. Light hors d'oeuvres, wine and, pickles, of course, will be served.

**Hosted by: Nancy Dugery & Rebecca Marasco**

## **DIY Spa Party**

**\$30 per adult**

Saturday, April 29, 2017, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Private home in Palo Alto

Up to 10 adults

Do you wish you could spend the day at the spa relaxing in sheer bliss, but then remember you are surrounded by messy fingers, toys strewn across the floor, and piles of laundry? Not to worry. Bring the spa to you! Join us as we spend the afternoon making body care products you can enjoy in a moment's notice to create your own DIY spa day! Or, give as gifts to cherished friends who could use a little pampering. Each party goer will make and take home 2-3 different body care products scented with essential oils to bring some "omm's" and "ahh's" back to your day. Delight yourself with tasty hors d'oeuvres and refreshing beverages while making some new PSF friends!

**Hosted by: Nancy Dugery & Lori McCormick**