

# MALCOLM X SCHOOL NEWS

*Everything you need to know this week*

## Volunteer for MX Yard Beautification Day, March 10

Join Malcolm X parents on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> for a day of schoolyard beautification! We will be working on weeding, spreading mulch, and other yard projects. Parent volunteers will be supported by a small BUSD gardening crew. Come out from 9:30am-3:00pm, or any part of that time. Bring weeding and gardening tools if possible.

Questions? Contact Runa Basu at [runa.basu24@gmail.com](mailto:runa.basu24@gmail.com).

## 3/14 Pi-E Day Panel & PTA Meeting

Please join the Malcolm X PTA for our March general meeting, on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-8:00pm. We will be celebrating Pi Day with pizza pies and dessert pies.

Free dinner will be provided by the PTA, but anyone who would like to bake a homemade pie is encouraged to bring one and enter our first ever Pi Day Baking Contest. The contest "judging" will take place just before our first-ever Pi-E Day Panel.

The Pi-E Day Panel will be a discussion/Q&A session with current UC Berkeley students from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE), Hispanic Engineers & Scientists (HES) and other student interest groups.

Teachers, parents, and students are all invited to attend and engage with the panel as we talk about math and science learning (and experimenting and playing) in the younger grades when kids are just beginning to form ideas about what they are "good" at and which subjects they like and enjoy the most. If you are interested in learning more about how to encourage your child to explore and find success in STEM/STEAM subjects or you just like pie, we hope you will join us!

## Now Open! A Mobile Food Pantry for Malcolm X Families in Need!

The John Muir PTA, the Malcolm X PTA, and the North and South Berkeley Senior Centers have gotten together, under the leadership of the Alameda County Community Food Bank and the Berkeley Food Network, to fulfill our Family Engagement and Equity Specialist Jocelyn Foreman's dream of setting up a mobile food pantry. As of this month, volunteers and coordinators from both schools and senior centers will be running a bi-monthly grocery distribution, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month from 2:00pm-4:00pm. These first distributions will include only produce and bread, but the food bank and Berkeley Food Network will help us expand the number and variety of food options as we go.

Upcoming dates:  
2:00pm-4:00pm Friday, March 23  
2:00pm-4:00pm Friday, April 13

The pantry will be set up in the parking lot of the South Berkeley Senior Center, right across Ashby from Malcolm X at 2939 Ellis St. The grocery distribution is open to all families of John Muir and Malcolm X students and the clients of the North and South Berkeley Senior Centers. Participants must bring a bag. For more information, call or text Jocelyn at 684-4100.

## Shop for MX With Good Eggs

This spring, the Malcolm X PTA is running a fundraiser through Good Eggs, the online grocery market in the Bay Area bringing absurdly fresh groceries to your door. Some of the parents at our school already use Good Eggs and swear by it.

In March and April, anytime our school community shops on Good Eggs, they donate 10% back to our school! All you need to do to enroll is:

1. Visit [schools.goodeggs.com](https://schools.goodeggs.com) or download the Good Eggs app.
2. Enter the code `shopformx` and click "Join fundraiser!" New customers to Good Eggs will get \$15 off when they join. Existing customers won't get the \$15 discount but you can still enter the code to give 10% back to our school!
3. Shop and 10% goes back to MX! Next time you order from Good Eggs, you do not need to enter the code again.

Enroll in the fundraiser by March 15<sup>th</sup> and you will be entered to win a week of free Good Eggs dinners!

## Seeking Lunchtime Volunteers to Stop Waste at Malcolm X

The Malcolm X Green Team has been working with StopWaste to improve our school's system of sorting compost and recycling from landfill trash, especially in the cafeteria. A recent waste study by Debra Hill's 4th and 5th grade science classes showed that about three quarters of what goes into the trash cans in the cafeteria could be composted instead of going to the landfill; we need a better system!

Students in grades 2-5 have the opportunity to join the Student Green Team; applications went home in class folders earlier this week. Once the program is implemented, the Student Green Team will help sort waste and remind peers how to do it. Student Green Team members will have incentives such as a pizza parties and an end-of-year field trip; the student commitment is expected to be once per week.

We are looking for adult volunteers during lunchtime, 11:15am-12:25pm while the program gets underway, March 6-20. Volunteers can help remind students how to sort trash and reduce waste at lunchtime. We hope to have two adults every day. Please contact Randall Orr at [randall.orr@gmail.com](mailto:randall.orr@gmail.com).

## MX Sandbox Needs Play Sand

Our wonderful sandbox at the King Street entrance needs some TLC. Does anyone in the MX community have access to a load of "play sand?" Please contact Birgit Graeve at [birgitgraeve@yahoo.com](mailto:birgitgraeve@yahoo.com) for more information. Thank you!

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