

### PA General Meeting 12/4/2013

The Parent Association hosted pizza and salad in the Commons for parents.

PA President Debbie Nussbaum welcomed everyone and discussed upcoming events: winter trimester coffee, book club with Parenting Without Borders author and teacher appreciation lunches. She reminds people that this is a great volunteer opportunity.

Jeff Adair discussed the upcoming EBC Week and the offerings during that week (5/19-23 and beyond). Jeff stated that EPS decided to have EBC Week coincide with Memorial Day weekend to make some longer trips were possible. Jeff stated that the philosophy behind Education Beyond the Classroom is to allow students to “learn from their edge” as Mr. Cruz states. Students should challenge themselves. It shouldn’t be anxiety inducing, but being in one’s challenge zone.

5<sup>th</sup> grade – Camp Orkila,

6<sup>th</sup> grade – Nature Bridge

7<sup>th</sup> grade – 7 local options and Ashland

8<sup>th</sup> grade – 7 local options, Ashland, DC and Moab

9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>- 7 local options, DC, Moab, Baja, Cuba, Guatemala, Grand Canyon, N. Cal college trip

Families can complete applications on line. There is a five level cost structure to provide options. December 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applications to be complete. Anyone signing up after Friday will be at the end of the line for their choices.