

# THE EPATT MARCH NEWSLETTER

## EPATT'S ATTENDANCE POLICY

EPATT's Attendance Policy states that students are only allowed to miss 2 days per quarter for personal illness, severe illness or death in the family, scheduled appointments, and other unexpected circumstances. The third absence will result in suspension for two weeks and possible loss of tutor for the remainder of the quarter. Parents must call BEFORE 2 PM or your child will be marked absent!

When students miss tutoring, they jeopardize their academic success and the ability of the program to recruit and retain tutors. Even when your kids don't show up, their tutors do! Tutors volunteer time from their busy lives at Stanford, and they are disappointed and discouraged when your children don't show up to EPATT! Recently, a tutor said, "I can't make any progress with my tutee because she has only comes to EPATT one day per week. It's really frustrating!"

Please send your kids to EPATT on ALL of their scheduled days, and call ahead of time if you know your child is going to be absent!

## TAHOE TRIP COMING SOON!



The annual Tahoe trip is not only a group outing but also a time to celebrate with the students who are putting a lot of work in during the school year and who are performing well academically.

MSG and HSG students with a 3.0 GPA on March 5<sup>th</sup> will be invited to this year's Tahoe trip, which is scheduled for March 16, 17, and 18. During the Tahoe trip, students stay in houses with EPATT staff and participate in a variety of fun activities, including sledding, ice skating, swimming, and laser tag.

## EPATT STUDENT COUNCIL TO ATTEND YOUTH SUMMIT

The EPATT Student Council will represent the program at the EPATT booth during the "Goin' Smart EPA Youth Summit," which also includes other activities that encourage youth participation. The summit will be held at **Costaño School on Saturday, March 10th from 10 AM to 3 PM.**

The Youth Summit will feature a Community Organization Fair, a Panel discussion with city officials, and multiple Workshops, including "How to Get into College", "Immigration and Education", and "How to Get Out of the Game"--a workshop about getting out of gangs. This is an excellent opportunity for family community involvement!

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### SAVE THE DATE:

## EPATT'S MARCH CALENDAR

March 2007						
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- 5 HSG Progress Report Due
- 5 Tahoe GPA Deadline
- 15 Last Day of Tutoring
- 16-18 TAHOE TRIP
- 19 HSG Progress Report Due
- 21 MSG Progress Report Due
- 19-30 Study Hall- NO Tutors!

## Congratulations to Science Fair

### Winners, Javier Landaverde and Anahit Sarao!



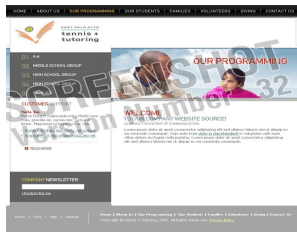
**Javier Landaverde** (left), a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, won 1<sup>st</sup> place at St. Elizabeth Seton's fair for his project that focused on discovering the best environment for popping popcorn.

**Anahit Sarao** (right), also a 7<sup>th</sup> grader, did a science project that involved placing a nail in Coca-Cola to discover the effects of Coke on the human body over time. He won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Challenger School's science fair.



**EPATT Parent Meeting:**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM**  
**Attendance Required!**

## NEW WEBSITE TO LAUNCH



EPATT's new website is under construction and will be up and running on Friday, March 16!

Parents, students, teachers, and friends will be able to access Program

Applications, EPATT's Event Calendar, Dinner and Snack Calendars, Archived Newsletters, the Parent Handbook, Announcements, and more. Also, those looking to learn more about EPATT are encouraged to look at the new site!

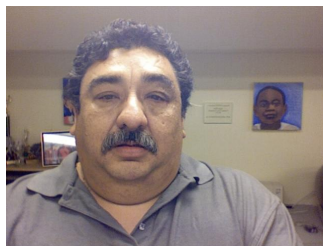
Even though it has a new appearance, you can still access the EPATT website at our old web address: <http://epatt.stanford.edu>.

## PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN TO BE SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

In order for your students to be successful, they must go to school ready to learn each day! Preparation begins with bringing the necessary supplies to school. Please make sure that you help your children prepare for school either the night before or in the morning. Check that students are bringing the following things to school each day:

1. Their backpack
2. Their school books
3. COMPLETED Homework!
4. Pens
5. Papers
6. Pencils
7. A Calculator
8. Their Planner or Homework Assignment Sheet
9. Folders and Binders

While you are checking to make sure that everything is safely packed for their school day, make sure you look for reminders sent home with your children from EPATT or their schools. If you see loose papers or papers jammed in the bottom of the backpack, it is time to help your son or daughter get organized!



### PARENT CHAMPION, JOSE HERNANDEZ!

Mr. Hernandez's son, Osvaldo, is going to make the transition from eighth grade to high school next fall. Knowing how important this time is, Mr. Hernandez has been consistent about helping Kesha to connect with Ozzy's teachers.

Ozzy's teachers resisted signing progress reports until Mr. Hernandez went to the school this month and told Ozzy's teacher to call Kesha. Mr. Hernandez is the type of parent that likes to hear it straight—he seeks teachers out to get information about his son's progress even if it is not good. This month, he has been spotted around EPATT multiple times. He has visited Ozzy's teachers and Kesha to establish communication between the school, EPATT, and home. He also makes the BEST ceviche! Way to go, Mr. Hernandez!

## EPATT GETS 20 NEW LAPTOPS

This past week, EPATT received twenty new Apple MacBook laptops that will be available to all students at EPATT. Kesha and Christina are especially excited to integrate the new technology into their programming.



HSG will begin using computers to research post-high school options. They will also create their own accounts on the CollegeBoard.com website in order to receive scholarship mailings and SAT test

date reminders. Finally, HSG students will have full access to all of valuable information on the HSG website.

With the new computers, MSG students, tutors, and parents will be able to access progress reports, and MSG class will be more efficient for Kesha's twenty-nine kids with more computers to go around.

MSG recently began using a computer-based writing proficiency program called Write-to-Learn. The Write to Learn company will feature EPATT on their website and in their literature as the first non-profit to use the software. Up to now, mostly schools use the program. MSG students are so excited about improving their skills that some kids do Write-to-Learn from home!!!

### 3.0 GPA Grand Slam Winners!

The following students received only A's and B's on their Semester 1/Quarter 2 Report Cards:

Jada Reese	Alexia Segura
Alyssa Nevarez	Moala Tupou
Daryl Carr	Faavae Brown
Lourdes Tovar	Jazmin Cortez
Anna Gomes	Noemi Villegas
Andre Gomes	Ashley Washington
Adrian Amaral	Mafileo Tupou
Fatu Tupou	Davonnia Willis
Nikki Johnson	Ebony Isaac
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