

# THE EPATT MAY NEWSLETTER

## ANNUAL FAMILY NIGHT CELEBRATION SET FOR JUNE 1



Preparations for EPATT's Family Night are well underway. Family Night is a huge event, and a time for all of EPATT's families to come together to celebrate the end of the academic year. Family Night festivities include a large feast, an awards ceremony, and entertainment!

During the awards ceremony, all students will receive an individual award and some students will also receive special awards that honor their effort, academic achievement, and commitment to the program.

The entertainment portion of the night will star your lovely children. All of the MSG students will be participating either as stage performers or emcees, and the K-6<sup>th</sup> students are preparing a special dance for the evening.

Clear your calendars for Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 9:30 pm. Family Night will be held at Stanford's Arrillaga Plaza, which is located right behind EPATT. You will not want to miss out!

## ALL OF EPATT'S SENIORS TO ATTEND COLLEGE THIS FALL

This fall, all three of EPATT's seniors will begin their college careers at great universities in Northern California.

**Adrian Amaral**, a 5 year EPATT veteran, will be attending St. Mary's College of California. Adrian was accepted to Cal State San Luis Obispo, Wooster College, and University of San Francisco.

**Alisi Vea**, who has been in EPATT for 8 years, will also be attending St. Mary's College of California. She was also gained acceptance to San Francisco State and Cal State Northridge.

**Emily Quintanilla**, a senior at Summit High, will be attending San Francisco State this fall. She was also accepted to Cal State East Bay.

Congratulations to all of our seniors, and good luck on your future endeavors! You all are wonderful role models for our younger students. Your presence at EPATT will be greatly missed!

### What's Inside:

- Parents Speaking to Parents
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## SAVE THE DATE: EPATT'S MAY CALENDAR

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- 7 HSG Progress Report Due  
16 MSG Progress Report Due  
**18 PARENT MEETING**  
21 HSG Progress Report Due  
June 1 FAMILY NIGHT

## Parent Responsibilities for Family Night

The main factor that influences the success of EPATT's Family Night is Parent Involvement. Sound familiar? As always, you are the key to our program!

### Parent Responsibilities include the following:

1. Bring one Large Food dish to share with other families.
2. Attend the event. We expect 100% attendance, which means every family must be there!
3. Participate in the Entertainment with your own song and dance number.
4. Help with clean-up after its all over.
5. Attend our May Parent Meeting on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for more information.

Family Night cannot be successful without the help of our parents!

**EPATT Parent Meeting:**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> at 6 PM**  
**Attendance Required!**



## PARENTS SPEAKING TO PARENTS

Each upcoming month, we will feature a common problem that parents face when dealing with their kids. The answers to these questions are straight from the mouths and minds of your fellow EPATT parents!

This month's question: **What do we do if our children DO NOT want to do their homework?**

1. Remove distractions.
2. Sit down with them while they do their homework.
3. Add fun activities with homework or activities that make the homework relate to real life.
4. Set a homework routine.
5. In some cases, be flexible with homework time.
6. Discipline them when necessary.
7. Make homework time **QUALITY TIME!**
8. Have a **CONSISTENT** reward system!

If one strategy does not work, try a few more. The goal is to get your students to complete and understand their homework so that they will see academic success!

## PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL. FINISH THE YEAR STRONG!

There is only a little over a month left in this academic year. Can you believe it? The weather is beautiful, and you would probably prefer to be outside rather than inside doing work. However, this is the time to really finish the school year strong!

Even though you may be tempted to do anything other than help your children study, these last few weeks really count. Kids grades can be raised or dramatically lowered depending on the amount of effort they put forth **NOW!**

Just remember, many teachers cram in extra concepts and tests into the last month to make sure that their students are prepared for the next year. If your son or daughter tunes out now, they miss some of the most important lessons and may not be as prepared as they need to be for next year.

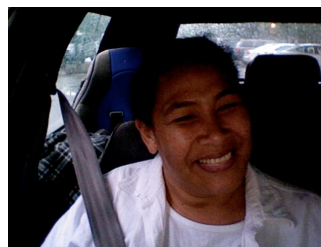
Don't just coast into the summer! Focus on the present -- completing work on time and earning those last few A's before the end of the year.

## PARENT CHAMPION, ANA TAMEIFUNA!

Mrs. Ana Tameifuna and her two children, Isileli and Manase, joined EPATT in January. Needless to say,

EPATT requires a lot of its parents, and it can be hard for new parents to learn the "EPATT system." At first, Ana occasionally picked up her kids late and forgot to call about absences. However, this month, Mrs. Tameifuna proved that she not only understands her responsibilities as a parent but also goes above and beyond to fulfill them.

Kesha jokingly refers to Mrs. Tameifuna as her "new best friend" because she converses with her almost daily. Ana will call to check on when she is cooking and to see how



Manase is doing. If Kesha needs assistance with Manase, Ana always says, "Ok. I will take care of it." Then after speaking with her son, she calls Kesha back to see if her children

have indeed followed through with their responsibilities. Ana went to great lengths to ensure that Manase completed his spring break packet, and she even called Tina over Spring Break to find out how she could help Isi complete his.

In addition, Mrs. Tameifuna also works with her husband to fulfill all of their parent responsibilities at EPATT. Although Mrs. Tameifuna is the prime contact for her children, Mr. Tameifuna continues to be involved in both of his children's experiences at EPATT. When Mrs. Tameifuna could not attend the parent meeting, she made sure that her husband made it to EPATT. Mr. Tameifuna did not have a car, but he took the bus from EPA to make it on time. Way to go, Ana Tameifuna!

### 3.0 GPA Grand Slam Winners!

The following students received only A's and B's on their Quarter 3 Report Cards:

Jada Reese	Alexia Segura
Alyssa Nevarez	Moala Tupou
Daryl Carr	Leamanaia Brown
Finau Tupou	Omar Flores
Anna Gomes	Noemi Villegas
Andre Gomes	Ismitta de Boer
Jackie Brown	Mafileo Tupou
Fatu Tupou	Jocelyn Padilla
Ashley Washington	Joseline Trigueros
Minoneti Tupou	DaVonnia Willis
Omar Flores	

These students will be treated to a delicious (and free!) meal at Chili's in Menlo Park as a reward for their outstanding academic achievement.

If your K-6<sup>th</sup> student's name is not on this list, it may be because he or she has not turned in their most recent report card!

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