

# Paradise Valley School Paw Print



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## Principal's Report

**Phil Duncan**  
Principal

### Note from Home and School Association

Happy Holiday's Paradise Valley,  
Tis the season for giving here at Paradise! There is never a dull moment at our school....we are now busy with our One Warm Coat Drive, Adopt A Family, and the district wide Canned Food Drive. Notes will be coming home in your Friday Folders with all the details for these wonderful ways to help our community. The One Warm Coat barrel is located in the front of office hallway, this is a super time to clean out those coat closets! I have already seen some really great coats coming in! There is never too many coats, many people out there would be so grateful to have your gently used coats!

Adopt A Family is such a great way to support families from our very own community! Last year we were able to help 16 families have a wonderful Holiday. Our Canned Food Drive is also a huge success, please start sending in those cans! They can be brought directly to your student's classroom.

Last month we had some great events. November 5<sup>th</sup> was our Parent's Night Out! It was a great night! We had about 70 Paradise Parents' and teachers. Everyone enjoyed a night of Dinner, Dancing and Gam-

bling. A thank you to **Camille Williams** for all of her hard work on this event.

Also, on November 19<sup>th</sup> we had a successful BINGO night here at Paradise! This was such a fun family night filled with BINGO, laughter and prizes. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent's worked so hard at making this a successful event! The proceeds from this event help send our students to Science Camp! Great Job!

As well as the above mentioned activities, we have also been getting all the purchased technology up and running in our classrooms. This is an ongoing process with countless volunteer hours from many of our Paradise Dads! Thank you so much!!!

December is such a fun filled month with all kinds of activities here at our school and in our community: December 3<sup>rd</sup> is Paradise Valley's first ever Talent Show. Come and see many of the talented students we have here at Paradise!

December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Morgan Hill Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting downtown Morgan Hill (many of our Paradise Students will be singing at the Community Center Amphitheater directly after the parade).

On December 10<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a District Wide Brunch; our Hospitality Committee is working so hard to prepare for this event. Keep on the lookout for volunteer emails to help out.

Finally December 14<sup>th</sup> is the First Grade Holiday Performance. First Grade Parents, you don't want to miss this one!

**Our next Home and School Meeting is December 14<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria, I encourage all of you to attend, this is a great way to become involved in your child's education!! I look forward to seeing you there!**

**Cristy Gieg**  
President of the HS&A

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# Upcoming Events

## December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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- 2 ELAC/6pm/Paradise Valley
- 3 Talent Show 6:30pm
- 14 Home and School Association Mtg./1:55pm/Cafeteria
- 14 1st Grade Christmas Program/7pm/Cafeteria
- 16 School Site Council Mtg./2:15pm
- 17 **No Chess Club**
- 20-1 **Holiday Break, NO SCHOOL**

## January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

- 3 Back to School
- 17 **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King's Birthday**
- 18 Home & School Association Mtg/6:30pm/Cafeteria
- 20 School Site Council Mtg/2:15pm

### Talent Show TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!!!!

PV's *Got Talent!* Show is tonight, Friday, Dec.3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm.

Come enjoy wonderful singers, dancers and other great acts by incredibly talented students from OUR school.

This is a fun *free* event for the whole family. See you at the show!!

**Gina Girouard**  
Talent Show Committee Chair



### Adopt-A-Family and Canned Food Drive

In conjunction with the Student Council, we will be gathering canned foods and gifts for those that need a little help this Holiday Season. Your generous donations help families right here at Paradise Valley. Please send in an unwrapped gift (or gift certificate) along with a donation of canned or nonperishable food to help us in this endeavor. There will be receptacles located near the office for any non-perishable food donations.

Each classroom will be "adopting" a family for the holidays. Information detailing the family that your child's class has adopted will be sent home the week of December 1<sup>st</sup>. Once all gift donations have been returned to your child's teacher, we will distribute them to the Paradise Valley families that need a little extra help this Holiday Season. Your help is appreciated and is a great way to show your child how you can help others.

Have A Wonderful Holiday Season!

### One Warm Coat Drive

Please bring all gently used coats to help other people in need. We will be collecting coats in barrels in the front office hallway. Please consider donating a warm coat to someone in need this season! Any questions contact **LaRay Ourricarriet** at 408-640-0908.



## Home and School Association News/School Fundraisers

### Don't Forget your Gift Cards!!

Buy a Gift Card from Paradise Valley for all your shopping needs and earn money for your school at the same time. There is no additional cost to you...simply purchase a gift card (at face value) and PV gets a percentage. So easy! **We've made a little over \$200 this year on our first 3 orders with just 12 families ordering. Please consider ordering gift cards through our program for gifts or for your everyday shopping needs- with your support our children's Panther Den will only continue to get better!**

Gift cards will be available for purchase after school on the last Friday of the month (excluding December) or online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (school ID 525B748621813). Look for more information in your student's Friday folder after the holiday break as our next order will be in January.

Questions??? Contact **Nicole Chaisson** via email at [nicolec1313@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolec1313@yahoo.com).

**Nicole Chaisson**  
Script Coordinator

### BoxTops

Happy Chilly Days and Warm nights! Thanks for all the continuing effort to turn in BoxTops and Campbell Labels for our school. We have earned over \$1,000 so far this earning period! Please note a few rules, BoxTops can NOT be expired, Campbell Labels MUST include the UPC and label insignia and you MUST put both first and last name, teachers name in order for your labels/BoxTops to be counted. If there are more than 10 BoxTops per submission page, a stapled baggy of the rest is best for counting purposes. With each 10 BoxTops your child gets a ticket into a monthly drawing, this month Booksmart in downtown Morgan Hill, next month Fro-Yo Delite! Thanks for your continuing efforts to bring FREE money back into our school!

**Michawn Giovannoni**  
BoxTops/Campbell Labels Coordinator

### Panther Den

Two Paradise Valley School sixth grade students were thrilled with their purchases at our last Panther Den on November 12th. They each "bought" items that held a price tag between 15-20 tickets. One item was a deck of native bird cards with real pictures and scientific information while the other found a very good quality bird card game. Upon inquiry, one young lady claimed that she was going to be an ornithologist (person who studies birds) when she grew up and was she ever delighted with her purchase. The pair ran away from the purchase tables beyond excited about their newly acquired items. What a great example of how well our Panther Den is working to better the Paradise Valley community.

We recently had some donations from the Monterey Bay Aquarium gift shop that were a huge hit. Collectible erasers and rubber playground balls have also flown off the tables! The students are really enjoying the opportunity to purchase items from the Panther Den! About 1800 tickets have been collected since our first opening in September 2010.

For our December 10th Panther Den we will offer gift cards in the event students may want to complete a little Christmas shopping. Please consider purchasing a gift card from Target, Wal-Mart, The Dollar Tree or Thinker Toys for donation to our next ticket exchange opportunities. We will also provide Christmas themed items as well.

Please talk to your PV student about earning tickets at school for their **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior! Don't hesitate to contact **Peggy**

**Kapaku** with any concerns or questions regarding the Panther Den at [pka-paku@verizon.net](mailto:pka-paku@verizon.net).

**The Panther Den**  
Committee



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**Yearbook**

**Got Pictures????** PV is now collecting all of your wonderful digital photographs that you have been taking all year. YOUR child's yearbook page is only as good as the pictures submitted by YOU. We need pictures of classroom activities, field trips, holiday events etc. To submit pictures simply drop off a CD to

the office OR email me [gina@girouardfamily.com](mailto:gina@girouardfamily.com) for ways to upload to a private server.

**Other Yearbook News:** Order forms for the 2010-11 Yearbook will be coming home in January. A special 6<sup>th</sup> grader Yearbook Offer will also be included.  
**Gina Girouard**

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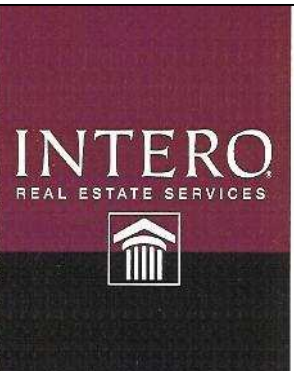


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