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Principal's Report

Seasons Greetings to all of you! December is a month of thanksgiving, sharing, celebration and focus on friends and family. I am very thankful for the wonderful friends and families we have here at Paradise Valley Elementary School. We appreciate our wonderful our Home and School Club and all our parents who volunteer their time in so many ways. Thank you parents for helping pave the route to keep our students "on track."

Enjoy the season but remember to take a little extra time with your children and create some special family memories. Read to them and have them read to you. Go for a walk in one of our local parks and discuss the beauty around you. Maybe visit our library in Morgan Hill. Your son or daughter will long remember the time you give them over the packages received and later forgotten. Talk to your children about the holiday traditions from your childhood and have their grandparents, aunts, and uncles do the same.

Please remember, even though we are anticipating our December vacations; please keep students in school each and every day we meet. Missing direct instruction is difficult and most students struggle to keep up with missed work. Independent study, which is a formal contract for extended academic work for absences of five days or more, can only be counted for our attendance and the student's progress if it is completed before the student returns to class. We appreciate your attention to our school calendar and your support of our academic work with your child.

Finally, cherish the gifts of love and time this season with your children, family, and friends. However and wherever you gather this season, give yourself and your children the gift of time.

Happy Holidays!

Phil Duncan
Principal



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Home & School Association

Happy December! This time of year is fun for you and your families to spread Holiday Cheer and to enjoy holiday traditions. My favorite is bringing out the Elf on the Shelf! Hopefully you are enjoying the Holiday Lights, Decorations and the festive parties.

This past November was busy with the end of the first trimester, conferences, Bingo Night, our first dinner fundraiser at Panda Express, and Thanksgiving! Hopefully, during the conferences you were able to get some good information from your student's teacher and get a snapshot of all of your child's hard work!

This month we will be busy Paradise Elves with our **Adopt-A-Family** program, **Dickey's Dinner Night Out** on December 14th, **Staff Luncheon, Home and School Meeting** and our first annual **Cookies with Santa** fundraiser! This will be on Wednesday December 7th, more information will be sent home soon on how to join in the fun! I hope you get a chance to volunteer your time or donate to our Adopt-A-Family program. It's nice to know that we are helping families that are within our own Paradise Valley community. We will need help in several different aspects of planning, shopping and wrapping the gifts so please look for more information to come! We will also have volunteer opportunities with our Holiday luncheon, please leave a note in the Hospitality folder or contact Lisa Wohlgemuth if you would like to help at lawohlgemuth@hotmail.com

Our next **Home and School Association** meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13th, at 2:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Our agenda will be posted in the office hallway at school or on our school website.

I hope that you will enjoy the time off of school with your children, family and friends. I look forward to seeing all of you in 2012!

Sue Stapleton
Home and School Association President
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Upcoming Events

December 2011

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 1 Assembly/Honor Roll/Gr. 4-6/ 8:15/cafeteria
- 2 Chess Club
- 7 Cookies With Santa/12-3 pm/cafeteria
- 9 Panther Den, Chess Club
- 13 Home & School Mtg/ 2:10/cafeteria
- 14 **Dinner Night Out, Dicky's BBQ/11am-9pm**
- 15 SSC Mtg./ 2:15 pm / Staff Room
- 16 Panther Den, Chess Club
- 23-Jan 8 **Holiday Break- NO SCHOOL**

January 2012

Sun.	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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- 9 Back to School
- 10 Home & School Mtg./7:50 am/Cafeteria
- 13 Chess Club
- 16 **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King's Birthday**
- 18 **Dinner Night Out, Chili's/11am-9pm**
- 19 SSC/2:15 pm/Staff Room
- 20 Chess Club
- 27 Chess Club



Adopt-A-Family /Canned Food Drive

We will be gathering canned food and gifts for those that need a little extra this holiday season. Your donations help families right here at Paradise Valley School. Each classroom will be adopting a family for the holidays. Information detailing the family that your child's class had adopted will be sent home in the Friday folders. You can help by sending in an **unwrapped** gift (or gift certificate/card) along with a donation of canned or nonperishable food to help us in this endeavor. Once all the gift donations have been returned to your child's teacher they will be wrapped and distributed to the Paradise Valley families. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your child how they can help others!

Joanna Murray
Adopt-A-Family Coordinator
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COOKIES WITH SANTA!!



***Santa is coming to town on
 Wednesday, December 7th,
 right after school until 3 pm!***

Enjoy an afternoon of cookies, photos, crafts and more! Have your child's picture taken with Santa. Students and siblings are welcome. **Admission is \$5 per child** (see your child's flyer/order form in their Friday Folder or posted on our school website!). Themed Holiday Gift Baskets will be raffled off. *See them on display in the school office after Dec. 1st.* Raffle tickets can be pre-ordered, purchased after-school (see tables out front), or purchased at the event. **Scrip** (AKA gift cards from your favorite local stores and restaurants) will be on sale also so parents can get some shopping done while benefitting the school too. *Proceeds from this event help with the 5th grade Civil War Reenactment Camp Field Trip.*



GATE Update

GATE students will be able to participate in our new **Schmaul Science After-School Program**. Your GATE student should have received a registration form from their teacher. Program dates are on the form. Dates are first come first served, so be sure to turn in your form!!!

**Yearbook NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS!**

Did you take some great pictures at school on Halloween? We are in need of CLASS/GROUP pictures in costume. Please submit your CD with the name of your student's teacher clearly on the disk. Thank you!

Yearbook Staff

This holiday make shopping easy by purchasing **Scrip** for your holiday gift card giving needs!



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**Panther Prowl Wrap Up**

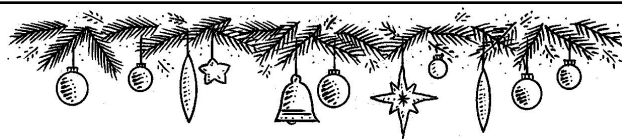
The final number for the pledges brought in by Paradise Valley students was **\$32,775.95!!!** What an amazing group of students we have here at Paradise! It really was a great event that turned out to be more than just a fundraiser. The Panther Prowl was also a great way to encourage school spirit and build unity within the community. The students supported each other, families cheered for their children, and parent volunteers worked hard to make the event a success. The pledges from family and community members were very generous and through your contributions you have made an impact in the lives of Paradise Valley Elementary students and their teachers. We truly appreciate your generosity!

Panther Prowl Co-Chairs
Jill Moyer and Amy Oselinsky

**Box Tops & Labels For Education**

Enlist your relatives to help you collect more BoxTops and labels this holiday season! Submit all Box Tops or Campbell's labels on their own sheets (Label sheets are located in the lobby) with student's first, last name and teacher's name. For every 10 labels collected, a raffle ticket for the student will be entered into a drawing to win a \$10 gift certificate! Submit your labels by January 20, 2012, to be entered in the next drawing. Happy Collecting!

BoxTops/LBE Coordinator
Michawn Giovannoni

**Panther Den**

There have now been three very successful Panther Dens. We have collected 3138 tickets from those students whose behavior has earned them tickets for being **safe, responsible, and respectful** at Paradise Valley School!

The next Panther Den dates are December 9th & 16th. *December 16th*, will be the **last chance** for students who still have yellow or orange tickets to be able to exchange those tickets for prizes. After this date we, including teachers, will no longer accept or exchange yellow and orange tickets. Don't let your PV student miss out!

For the next two Panther Dens we will have some very nice jewelry along with other new items. Please consider making donations of Christmas ornaments or any items for the next two ticket exchange opportunities.

Thank you to the parents who have already donated items to our inventory; your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you for supporting our program.



Please continue to encourage your PV student in earning tickets at school for their **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior!

The Panther Den Committee

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