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Principal's Report

Dear Paradise Valley Families,

Our After-School Program is slated to begin sometime this week. The program will run through May 12th. Please carefully read the program guidelines and requirements that were previously sent home with your child. Our program will primarily focus on those students who are experiencing barriers related to their academic achievement. Other offerings could include a 'walk-in' math tutorial club and possibly an accelerated remedial reading program called "Phono-Graphics". This program will provide support in the areas of phonemic development and phonological awareness. Further information about both these supports, which are new this year, will be forthcoming.

In addition, our "Saturday English Language Development Academy" will begin on or around February 19th. Our first session will be a student sign-up and program overview. This program will primarily be to support our 2nd grade language learners; however, any PV students may participate in this program. The program's focus will be on oral language development, reading, and writing. We will also attempt to include the math club and possibly the "Phono-Graphics" reading program.

Please keep in mind that the state testing (CST) is scheduled to begin on or around the first full week in April. Additional information will be sent home in the subsequent weeks to come.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Phil Duncan
Principal



Please send comments and articles to
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Note from Home and School Association

The Home and School Association has so many fun events to look forward to in the next few months, please be sure to check your child's Friday Folders and school calendars for up and coming events. I know at times it seems overwhelming, so even if you are only able to participate in one event, please know they are all exciting and rewarding for our children. Right now we have yearbooks on sale, candy gram sales for Valentine's Day, candy bar sales to help the 6th Graders go to Science Camp, and an Ice Cream Social all in the month of February! The Ice-Cream Social is a huge celebration to show our students how proud we are of them! They did such an amazing job on their Star Testing this past year that we are the highest achieving school in the district. Wow, that is definitely a reason to celebrate. So please mark your calendar for February 7th from 5-7p.m. and join us in this celebration.

A great way to get involved in your child's school is to attend our Home and School Association meetings. We discuss and vote on many items each month. All are things that benefit our school and help our children. Hope to see you all at the next meeting Wednesday, February 15th at 1:55p.m. in the cafeteria.

Cristy Gieg
President, Home and School Association

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Upcoming Events

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 7 Ice Cream Social/5-7pm/Cafeteria
- 10 6th Grade Science Camp Mtg./7:00pm/Cafeteria
- 11 Principal Coffee Chat 7:55am/Cafeteria
- 14 Kinder Early Release
- 15 Home and School Association Mtg./1:55pm/Cafeteria
- 17 School Site Council Mtg./2:15pm
- 17 6th Grade Panorama Pic/9:15am
- 18 No Chess Club
- 21-25 **WINTER BREAK, NO SCHOOL**

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 2 End of Second Trimester
- 3 ELAC Mtg./6:00pm/Paradise Valley
- 4 Bingo Night/6-8:00pm/Cafeteria
- 4-17 Spell-A-Thon
- 9 Kinder/New Student Enrollment/8:00am/Library
- 15 Home & School Association Mtg/6:30pm/Cafeteria
- 17 School Site Council Mtg/2:15pm
- 24 Spring Pictures
- 24 DELAC-DAC Mtg./6-8:15pm

ICE CREAM SOCIAL **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH** **5-7 PM** **PARADISE VALLEY CAFETERIA**

Please join the Home and School Association to help celebrate our children and their amazing performance on the Star Test last Year!!!!



Candy Gram Sales for Valentine's Day

The 6th graders will be selling Valentine's Day Candy Grams everyday after school from Monday, Feb. 7th – Friday, Feb. 11th. We will deliver them to the classrooms on Valentine's Day, February 14th. The cost will be \$2.00 each and will include a box of Conversation Hearts and a decorative Valentine greeting. This will be a fundraiser to help send 6th graders to Sci-

6th Grade Camp Meeting

All 6th grade parents are invited to a Science Camp meeting on Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Paradise Valley Cafeteria. We will be having a presentation on Science Camp to talk about costs, chaperones, and other fundraisers.

Paradise Valley Family Bingo Night, Friday, March 4th

Family Bingo Night, held last November, was a huge success, so we decided to have another one. Please mark your calendars for Friday, March 4th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. We will have wonderful prizes, another Bake Sale and raffle ticket sales for various gift cards. Bring your family and friends to share in another fun filled night!

Continued Upcoming Events

2011 Spell-A-Thon coming in March

Each class will be participating in the annual Spell-A-Thon fund-raiser. A special spelling list for each student will be sent home March 4th in their Friday Folder. Students will be given time to study for the test and get pledges. Parents and family members will be asked to pledge money for each word their child spells correctly. ALL MONEY collected will go directly back to the teachers at Paradise Valley for use in stocking their classrooms. This fund-raiser is a great way to support the teachers at Paradise and help your child learn to spell a few more words. The schedule is as follows:

March 4th – Spelling lists and pledge sheets sent home.

March 14th – Pledge sheets due.

March 17th – Spelling test is given.

March 18th – Packets with corrected test sent home.

March 31st – Pledge sheets and money due.

The lower and upper class with the most pledges will receive a pizza party!

If you have any questions, please call **Maria Sjolund** at (408) 843-7673.

Maria Sjolund
Spell-A-Thon

Yearbook Orders and Cover Contest

Yearbook Order Forms and Cover Contest Rules have gone home and are due no later than FEB 1st! The 2010-11 yearbook will be bigger and better than ever. If you are a 6th grade parent be sure you have received your “special envelope” with added information. We are also in need of your digital photos via CD or uploaded to our private site at: <http://offsitebox.com> username: **pyyearbook** password: **picSt0re2738** **Sign on using username and password. Click on your teacher's name first and then upload to that file.** We need photos of field trips, parties, special class projects, and even outdoor recess or PE. Just be sure to label your CD (if supplying one) with teacher's name. Questions?? Concerns?? Want to help more with yearbook?? Contact **Gina Girouard** at yearbook@girouardfamily.com

Gina Girouard
Yearbook

One Warm Coat Update

We would like to thank everyone who donated coats and helped with the One Warm Coat Drive. Your generosity was overwhelming and it was a great success. We collected over 300 items! They were distributed right before Christmas along with St. Mary's annual gift basket drive. The coats were a welcome and timely addition to their annual charity event. So **THANK YOU** Paradise Valley Families for once again going above and beyond!

LaRay Ourricariet
One Warm Coat Committee Chair

2011-12 Kindergarten/New Student Registration

Kindergarten/new student registration for the 2011-2012 school year begins Wednesday, March 09, 2010 at 8:00 am. Registration packets may be picked up in the Paradise Valley Office beginning February 01, 2011. Completed applications must be returned to your school of residence for processing. **All documents must be complete before your child is considered registered.** Classroom placements will be made at the school site.

Enrollment at your school of residence is on a first come, first served basis. Students currently enrolled in the district do not have to re-enroll.

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The Giving Spirit Of Paradise Valley 4th Grade Students

During the last opening day of the Panther Den before Christmas, a truly amazing event took place during the second recess. A 4th Grade student returned for a refund of a gift certificate she had purchased.

At the time of her purchase, she was unaware of the collection of Panther Pride tickets going on by fellow classmates. She later returned at the end of recess together with her other classmates, and used those collected tickets to purchase an iPod as a Christmas gift for their teacher; Mrs. Wagner. Wow, we have a wonderful group of children at Paradise Valley!!

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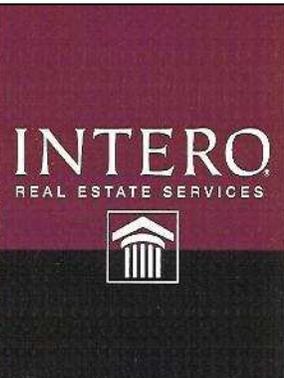


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