



Paradise Valley School Paw Print

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Principal's Report

Welcome back! I hope that the vacation was restful and re-energizing for all of you. As we settle into 2012, let me re-visit a couple of concerns.

The first is the **drop-off/pick-up** that is taking place adjacent to the Kinder playground. In spite of the painted curb (red no-parking) we are still dropping off and picking up our children from this area. MHPD has informed me that we should expect to be ticketed when this occurs. There are a few other traffic violations that are occurring as well. The officers will cite those without further warnings. Please remember that for safety reasons, children must exit and enter their cars only after you pass the crosswalk. The only exception to this is when safety patrol is in place to assist students exiting the cars in the morning only. This will keep drivers focused so that people in the crosswalk are safe and allows the safety patrol to help your child. Please help us continue to keep your child safe by always pulling as far forward (as possible) in the traffic circle and following the directions of the teachers on duty and the students on safety patrol.

My other concern is **attendance**. Our tardy list has jumped significantly over the last few months. Many of these were not first time tardies. Being late starts your child's day off rushed and out of sorts. It also disturbs the learning in the early part of the morning and the teacher's efforts to get the class off to a smooth start. Your child depends on you to get him/her to school on time. Please help them to begin the day ready to succeed by having a timely arrival. If a "morning emergency" happens (and we all know that, with families, some times they do) give us a call. Nevertheless, when your child is late, you must always accompany them to the office to receive a tardy slip and provide a reason for the tardy. Enlist your child's help in this New Year by having him/her choose clothes the night before and put all homework and books in a backpack or folder before they go to bed. The five to six minutes this saves you in the morning will make all the difference in how the whole family begins their day.

As always, my wish for you in this New Year is health, happiness, and the time with those you love. Thank

you for the care and effort you put into your child's success, and the time you give to our community of learners.

'The best thing to hold onto in this world is each other.'

Phil Duncan
Principal

BoxTops & Labels for Education

Happy 2012! We've collected over \$700 towards our goal of \$1,500 this year! Let's keep up the momentum! Last year, we collected over \$1,700, let's see if we can pass that! Don't forget, **Box Tops** (Pink 10 cent rectangles on tons of products, see [BoxTops4Education](http://BoxTops4Education.com) for full list) are different from Labels for Education (LabelsForEducation.com). Box Tops is a monetary check that gets sent 2-3 times a year, Labels are points that redeemed for items for the school. Labels for Education can also transfer points to your school at the register. For example: Goldfish package has 1 point, if you are registered you can get an extra point at Safeway when you buy and there are times when promotions often give out 20+ points on top of that! Registering takes a minute or two, but what's that compared to a lifetime of knowledge in our kids education?! Please submit (unexpired) BoxTops and Labels on SEPARATE sheets, duplicates are in school lobby or a ziploc bag is great! Don't forget, child's First, Last and Teacher's name MUST be present to be entered into the raffle! This month's contest ends on February 29th. LEAP into FREE MONEY for your school!

Michawn Giovannani
BoxTops & Labels for Education coordinator



Please send comments and articles to
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Upcoming Events



February 2012

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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- 3 Panther Den,
- 3 Chess Club
- 10 Chess Club
- 14 Home & School Mtg./ 2:10pm, Cafeteria
- 16 SCC/ 2:15pm/ Staff Room
- 16 Spell-A-Thon Test
- 16 6th Grade Panorama Pic/9:15am
- 17 Panther Den
- 17 **NO Chess Club**
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK**



March 2012

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- 2 Panther Den
- 7 End of 2nd. Trimester
- 8 Spring Pictures
- 9 Family Bingo Night/
- 13 Home & School Mtg./ 7:50 am/ Cafeteria
- 15 School Site Council/ 2:15 pm/ Staff Room
- 16 Panther Den
- 30 Parent's Night Out @ Coyote Creek Golf Club

Six Grade Science Camp Fundraisers

The sixth graders have been working hard on raising money for science camp. The kids will be going to camp the week of May 14th. Soon you will see Sixth Graders running around feverishly with boxes of candy. Sixth Grade will be **selling candy** for \$1.00 a bar to help raise monies for science camp. For every bar sold the students will receive .50 cents towards science camp. Thank you, in advance for supporting this fundraiser. Additionally, we will be selling **Valentine Candy Grams!** Watch for more information, to come home, on how to order Candy Grams for your special Valentines.



Sixth Grade will also be hosting its last **Bingo Night** on Friday, March 9th. It is a great way to spend a Friday night with family and friends while supporting our sixth graders!

Parent's Night Out

Planning for our Annual **Parent's Night Out and Auction** is well underway. This year our theme is **Mardi Gras Madness** and will be held at the Coyote Creek Golf Club. There will be dinner, dancing, live and silent auctions to fill the evening of fun and fundraising. This event takes many parent volunteers to make it a successful event! Please consider volunteering your time in one or more of the following areas: donation collections, classroom art projects, classroom baskets, decorations or event set up. Are you, or anyone you know, willing to donate items for the live and silent auctions? Items such as vacation rentals, sporting event tickets, business owner donations or hosted parties are all welcomed. Please contact:

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PNO Committee

 **Home & School Association**

Hello Panther Families,

We have been very busy planning future Paradise Valley events. Our annual **Spell-A-Thon** will take place in February, with **Parent's Night Out** and **Bingo Night** in March. We hope you can join us for those festivities. We also have many volunteer opportunities available, so please send us an email if you are interested.

Our **Lost and Found** is overflowing with a huge amount of lost items and is being added to everyday! Due to limited space, we will have to donate all UN-claimed items to a local charity by the end of February! Please visit the Lost & Found, located in the cafeteria, to claim your items.

In an effort to promote **school spirit** we would like to encourage all students to wear our school colors, blue and gold, every Friday! Reminder: We have Paradise Valley Spirit Wear for sale. Order forms are located on the Home and School desk, in the hallway leading to the Library. Please look for more information on dates when spirit wear will be for sale.

Within the next few months we will be launching **Project Cornerstone**. It is a program that has been adopted by our school district to promote Developmental Assets. One branch of the program is Cornerstone. Cornerstone's focus is to decrease and diffuse "bullying" behavior through building developmental assets. We are in need of volunteers so please email me if you are interested. A quick online application and training is required for all volunteers. Volunteers will read a book promoting the asset of the month to one specific grade level class. Each month a different asset will be focused on. If you would like more information, please visit: www.projectcornerstone.org Additional information will be coming home soon in your student's Friday folder.

Lastly I would like to remind everyone that our next **Home & School Association meeting** will be on Feb. 14th, beginning at 2:10 in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,
Sue Stapleton
 Home and School Association President
PVHSApresident@yahoo.com

 **Panther Den**

We have collected a total of **7,318 Panther Den tickets** as of the end of January, 2012. Our next Panther Dens will be February 3rd and Feb. 17th.

We would really like to take this time to give all of our Panther Den volunteers a very big thank you. **Thank you!** It takes a dedicated team to pull off a successful

Panther Den. We could not be any luckier than we are, because we have one of the best teams around!

Please consider making donations of new items such as pencils, erasers, new unwanted toys (small or medium size), Valentine's Day things, books or etc. for children in grades one through six to the Panther Den. Thank you to all the parents who have already donated items. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Remind your PV student about earning tickets at school for their **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior!

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 Panther Den Committee



 **Spell-A-Thon**

Each class will be participating in our annual **Spell-A-Thon fund-raiser**. A special spelling list for each grade level will be sent home February 3rd, in the Friday folders. 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 while your child learns to spell a few more words.

The schedule is as follows:

- **February 3rd** – Spelling list and pledge sheet are sent home.
- **February 13th** –Pledge sheets due.
- **February 16th** – Spelling test is given.
- **February 17th** – Packets with corrected test sent home.
- **March 7th** – Pledge sheets and money due.

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

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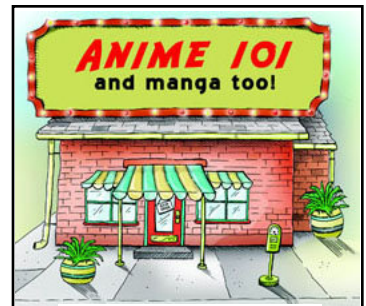
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