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## Principal's Report

Dear Paradise Valley Families,

It is with great joy that I send you season's greetings.

This is the time of year for rejoicing and for rededication. A quote from Thomas Drier says it well: *"If we are ever to enjoy life, now is the time —not tomorrow or next year. The best preparation for a better life next year is a full, complete, harmonious, joyous life this year."*

Now is the time to reflect on our blessings and to recharge our spirits.

Happy holidays!

**Phil Duncan**  
Principal



## Home & School Association

Hello Panther Families! I hope you ended your year with beautifully decorated trees, thoughtful gifts and family and friends all around!

December was really busy, we had our first annual **Cookies with Santa** event. This after school event was a huge success that raised funds to help defer the cost of the 5th grade Spring field trip to the civil war re-enactment at Roaring Camp. The kids enjoyed cookies and milk, they made holiday crafts and took a picture with Santa Claus!

Thank you to all the "elves" and families that made this event so much fun and most of all to the coordinator, Gina Girouard! We also had our second **Dinner Night Out** at Dickey's Barbeque. January's Dinner Night Out will be hosted by Chili's. The Panther Den has been busy with students redeeming their hard earned



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Panther Pride tickets for great prizes. In 2011, 6306 Panther Pride tickets were collected! Way to go PV students! Keep being **safe, respectful and responsible** students!

In January, we are going to begin **Project Cornerstone** at our school. This is a developmental asset program that has been adopted by our district. Project Cornerstone teaches our children how to build character assets along with an anti-bullying component. We are seeking out volunteers for this program. Parents will be assigned to work with one of our teachers, and will introduce a book on a specific monthly character asset. The books are grade level specific, teaching the same character assets among all our grades. In order to be involved, a 2-hour volunteer training is required to participate along with filling out a short application. If you are interested please send me an email, and I will pass it along to our school coordinator, Debbie Boyd. Please look for more information to follow after the holiday break.

I hope all of you have a Happy Holiday's see you in 2012!

Sincerely,

**Sue Stapleton**  
Home and School Association President  
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## Cookies with Santa

**Cookies With Santa** was a huge success for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class who were raising funds for their field trip to Roaring Camp Railroad's annual Civil War Reenactment Camp. We are very grateful to all the volunteers and helpful 5<sup>th</sup> grade hands that made our first-ever holiday school event so much fun. Our special guest, Santa took hundreds of pictures and listened to the wishes of many children. PVHSA also sold lots of gift cards/Scrip at the event too. For our raffle, 5<sup>th</sup> grade families came together to create amazing gift baskets overflowing with holiday spirit. Thanks again to all those who volunteered and participated. Happy Holidays!

# Upcoming Events



## January 2012

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 2-6 **NO SCHOOL, HOLIDAY BREAK**
- 9 **Back to School**
- 10 Home & School Mtg./7:50 am/Cafeteria
- 13 Chess Club
- 13 Sports Day
- 16 **NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King's B-day**
- 18 **Dinner Night Out, Chili's/11am-9pm**
- 19 SSC/2:15 pm/Staff Room
- 20 Chess Club
- 20 Panther Den
- 27 Chess Club
- 27 **CRAZY Hat day!**

### **Yearbook**

We are still collecting Yearbook Cover Art from PV students. Get creative over the holidays and turn in your masterpiece after the break. *Remember* it needs to be on a 8 x 11 paper (leaving a blank space at least 1/2 inch around the perimeter) **Paradise Valley Elementary 2011-2012** –clearly written and please put your name and grade lightly on the back of the artwork. No artwork will be accepted after Jan 20th. Please turn in artwork to your teacher or in the office.

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## February 2012

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- 3 Chess Club, Panther Den
- 10 Chess Club
- 14 Home & School Mtg./2:10pm,Cafeteria
- 16 SCC/2:15pm/Staff Room
- 16 6th Grade Panorama Pic/9:15am
- 17 Panther Den
- 17 **NO Chess Club**
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL, WINTER BREAK**

### **Choice Placement/Interdistrict Transfers for the 2013-2013 school year**

The Morgan Hill Unified School District will begin accepting Choice Placement and Interdistrict Transfer applications for the 2012-13 school year beginning Thursday, January 12, 2012. Choice Placement are for those parents who are interested in having their children enroll in a district school outside their assigned home attendance area. Interdistrict Transfers are for those wishing their student to attend school in another district. Application forms can be found at [www.mhu.k12.ca.us/Educational-Services/Enrollment/index.html](http://www.mhu.k12.ca.us/Educational-Services/Enrollment/index.html)

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## 1st. Trimester Awards



### DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR

ARCA, DAVIS  
 BLOTZ, BRENNAN  
 BRENNY, SAMANTHA  
 BROWN, MAX  
 BURKE, ASHLEY  
 BURRINGTON, LOGAN  
 BURRINGTON, MADISON  
 BYRUM, JESSICA  
 CALLISON, COOPER  
 CAMACHO, MADISON  
 CORRA, PIPER  
 FOSTER, MOLLY  
 FUEGMANN, HANNAH  
 FUEGMANN, ISABELLA  
 GANGITANO, HAILEY  
 HARRIS, NICOLE  
 HAY, JARED  
 HEBERT, EMMA  
 HERNANDEZ, MARCUS  
 HOMICK, MIKAYLA  
 LAM, TIFFANY  
 MACMILLAN, JOSHUA  
 MCCAUF, GILLIAN  
 MENDOZA, FERNANDO  
 NERHOOD, GABRIELA  
 NERHOOD, JUSTIN  
 RASHID, JUSTIN  
 RASHID, SEAN  
 SCHWAN, CALEB  
 SCHWAN, CORA  
 SLAYBERS, HANNAH  
 ST. CLAIR, KELLI  
 TA, JADEN  
 VAILLANCOURT, TALIA  
 VALLEZ, GAVIN  
 WIDMAN, CAMILLE  
 YABUMOTO, ASHLEY  
 YANG, CLAIREY  
 ZIMBRICK, SERGIO

### HONOR ROLL

ARTIAGA, JULISA  
 BARATTA, ALEX  
 BARNCORD, JAROD  
 BESKE, MASON  
 BETTENCOURT, MCKENNA  
 BRUNO, ALYSSA  
 CAMACHO, JULIANNE  
 CASE, LEAH  
 CATALE, ADAM  
 CATALE, ALEX  
 CHAISSON, DANIELLE  
 CHUN, ANNA  
 CLARK, JULLIAN  
 CONSIGNY, EMMALEE  
 CORRIEA, ZACHARY  
 CROWHURST, EVAN  
 DELEON, ANGELINA  
 DIETZ, CONNER  
 DZEK, CHRIS  
 FARIDNIA, NASEEM  
 FEAGAN, HAVYN  
 FITTERER, EMILY  
 FITTERER, ETHAN  
 FITZGIBBONS, NATALIE  
 FLORES, ZITLALIC  
 GALOCY, LEXI  
 GIEG, ZACKARY  
 GIOVANNONI, MAKENZIE  
 GIROUARD, EMILIA  
 GOMEZ, ADRIANNE  
 GRATON, SARA  
 HOWARD, SARAH  
 HU, GEORGE  
 JARA, JENNIFER  
 LAM, TRACY  
 LATOS, BRETT  
 MAIN, HENRY  
 MAIN, SAMANTHA  
 MAJORS, JACOB  
 MALI, MORGAN

### HONOR ROLL (cont.)

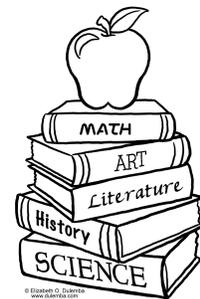
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 TINA  
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 MURRAY, SARAH  
 NEVES, CARMELLA  
 NGUYEN, KATE  
 NUNES, EMMA  
 OJEDA, ELIANA  
 OURRICARIET, MONIQUE  
 OXTOT, TAYLOR  
 PATEL, RASHI  
 PEREZ, RICARDO  
 PURDY, ELIZABETH  
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 RAMIREZ, ISAIAH  
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 RODRIGUEZ, ELYSSA  
 ROSE, TRENT  
 SAKAI, JUSTIN  
 SCHWAN, ANNA  
 SEDGHYAR, MADELYN  
 SHURLEY, JILLIAN  
 SILVAS, NATHAN  
 SJODEN, HANNA  
 SMITH, ANDREW  
 SORCI, CHLOE  
 SPISAK, COURTNEY  
 TAN, RAYMOND  
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 TOMASCO, ALINA  
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 WESELOH, KYLE  
 WHITE, HUNTER  
 WHTIAKER, AHSLEY  
 WOODWARD, NATALIE

### HONOR ROLL (cont.)

WIDMAN, ELIZABETH  
 WIECZOREK, NATALIA  
 WITTHAUS, PAYTON

### TOP CAT AWARD

ALBARRAN, BRITNEY  
 ALDERESE, WILLIAM  
 ALFARO, FILI  
 BURKE, AMANDA  
 FIGUEROA, ANA  
 FITZGIBBONS, KEVIN  
 FLORES, BRENDA  
 FUENTES, LYSSA  
 GANGITANO, LINDSEY  
 GILL, LOVLEEN  
 GRANT, KAYLAH  
 HANLON, ETHAN  
 JUAREZ, AMYANNE  
 SANTOS, ROBERTO  
 SLAYBERS, HANNAH



### Panther Den

We ended 2011 with the Panther Den being a big hit with the students. We have collected 6,306 tickets in 2011. We are now completely done with the yellow tickets. Thank you to all the students for making it easy to faze out the yellow tickets. The next Panther Den dates are January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 17<sup>th</sup>. Please consider making donations of items for children in grades one through six to the Panther Den. Thank you to all the parents who have already donated items to help with our inventory; your help is always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your interest in our program. Remind your PV student about earning tickets at school for their **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior!

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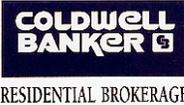
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