



Paradise Valley School Paw Print

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Principal's Report

As the 2011-2012 academic year draws to a close, I want to express to all of you my deepest appreciation for your support and a most earnest commendation for a job well done. The efforts you have made over the past 3 years by placing emphasis on the quality of our academic program and the fact that this has led to our position as one of the elite schools in the district speaks to your capacity and worth. However, the challenges ahead will require us all to remain united to continue to make improvements in the systems that we have created and will create here at Paradise Valley.

I strongly believe that if you take a comprehensive view of Paradise Valley—the quality of staff; student achievement scores; quality and scope of our program; services offered; success with our extracurricular activities; and quality of our facilities (and those to come), to name just a few—we can see that Paradise Valley does not have to take second place to any school in the district. Indeed, admittedly with perhaps some degree of bias, I am of the opinion that our school will remain so in the years to come. As you work together, I know you will accomplish a great deal more. I want you to know how much I have enjoyed working with each of you, but especially with your children and how much I've appreciated the special relationships we've shared.

To our staff, H&SA, SSC, ELAC, and the **many** parent volunteers, thank you for your achievements over the past three years. Our students benefited greatly from your effort. Remember that the quality of instruction at this school is its foundation, and yet there is always room for improvement.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable summer. I look forward eagerly to hearing about your continued success in the future.

Thank you,
Phil Duncan
Principal



Project Cornerstone

Paradise Valley Project Cornerstone is looking for parent volunteers for the 2012-2013 school year. If you love to read to children and want to make a positive impact in the lives of our students and community, then this is the place for you. Please contact Debbie Boyd at debbie@boyd.com or call [408-634-2693](tel:408-634-2693) to sign up. There will be a Project Cornerstone representative from the YMCA coming to train our parent volunteers in late August. Keep a look out for date and time.

Debbie Boyd

Room 9 Times

Mr. Loyd's, 5th graders have been busy!! Issue 1, volume 1 of the **Room 9 Times** was created April of this year. Room 9 Times is a newsletter created by students for students. Just last month, the May edition was posted to our school website, <http://www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us/studentcorner.htm>.

Once their newsletter was posted, Mr. Loyd used the classroom smart board to show his students the Student Corner section of our school website. The students were REALLY excited, and asked that Mr. Loyd send their inaugural edition (April 2012) to be posted also! Both editions have been posted and may be viewed at the above website.

6th Grade Promotion Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend the 6th Grade promotion ceremony on June 8, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the Paradise Valley cafeteria.

We wish our 6th graders the best as they leave behind their elementary school years and enter their new lives as middle schoolers. Congratulations!



Upcoming Events

June

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- 4-8 Kinder early release
- 4 6th grade, Aquatic Center, 9 am -1:45 pm
- 5 4th grade, San Juan Mission, 9:45 - 1:30
- 6 Field Day, grades 1-3
- 6 3rd grade, Biography Day, 8:10 am
- 6 Kinder BBQ/ 9:45 -11 am
- 7 Awards Assembly, grades 4-5/ 8:15 am/Cafeteria
- 8 6th Grade Promotions: 9:00am/ Cafeteria
- 8 Last Day of School, Minimum day, 12:50 release.



**MORGAN HILL UNIFIED
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2012 - 2013**

MHUSD student's first day back to school will be Thursday, August 16th. To view the tentative 2012-2013 school calendar please visit www.mhu.k12.ca.us

Paradise Valley 2012-2013

Class lists- Classroom Teacher Assignments, for Paradise Valley, will be posted on August 14, after 5:00 pm, in front of the school office.



Chess Club



As we come to the end of the school year we would like to say how proud we are of all our **Paradise Valley Chess players!!** In addition, we would like to send out a big, well-earned, ***Congratulations*** to our 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in grades 1-6. ***Thank you*** to the many volunteers and teachers who came out to teach and challenge our students to a good game of chess!

Grade	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
1st	Derek Hernandez	Miles McGarvey	--
2nd	Isaac Woolford	Sadie Cox	Tori Hamilton
3rd	Taylor Wake	Evan Kverno	--
4th	George Hu	Jamie MacMillan	Molly Foster
5th	Ryan Wensmann	Gavin Vallez	Davis Arca
6th	Marcus Hernandez	Elizabeth Widman	Tina Molina

Home & School Executive Board for 2012-2013

Congratulations to our 2012-2013, Home & School Board executive board:


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| Sue Stapleton-president | Laura Freeman-secratery |
| Cristy Gieg-vice president | Piper Dietz-treasurer |


**SCHOOL REQUIREMENT
for incoming 7th Graders
for Fall Semester, 2012**


All incoming 7th graders must be vaccinated against pertusis (whooping cough) **by the first day of school.** Seventh graders will be required to show proof of a "Tdap" booster shot before starting school this Fall semester, 2012. Visit www.mhu.k12.ca.us for additional information.

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 **Lost & Found:** With the temperatures heating up, many of our students have been shedding their jackets and sweaters on the playground as they enjoy their recess. If your child has misplaced their jacket, lunch bag or any other items, please check our Lost & Found, located in the cafeteria. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of the school year.

 **Library:** All school library books and textbooks should have been turned in to the library by now. If you have any outstanding books due, please make sure to turn them in as soon as possible. Lost book? Please check with our librarian and pay any fines due. Thank you!

 **Business Sponsors:** We would like to give a heartfelt **Thank You** to our wonderful business sponsors who have placed their ad with the Paw Print this year! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Home & School Association

Hello Panther Families,

This has been an amazing year, and I feel like it flew by! I can't believe that we are already making summer plans!

We have many things to reflect back on for this school year! It began last August, with all the hustle and bustle of the beginning of the school year. Just about the time we were getting use to the school schedule, we held our first walk-a-thon, the **Panther Prowl**. It was an amazing event; the kids had so much fun! The memory that sticks out most in my mind is watching all of the classes cheer on the next group. There was a real sense of teamwork and companionship. We also had a busy holiday season beginning with the **Halloween Pumpkin Carving and our annual parade**. The Christmas Holiday season was right around the corner! We had our first ever 5th grade event, **Cookies with Santa**. PV students had a wonderful time having their pictures taken with Santa, and enjoying treats. The proceeds of that event went to support the 5th grade class field trip to experience the **Civil War Re-enactment at Roaring Camp Railroad**. Hopefully, this will become a new tradition! Our annual **Parents Night Out**, Dinner, Dance and Auction was held in the Spring. The evening was filled with wonderful auction items, good food and plenty of dancing! We made our highest profit yet!

This year has been a great success and it could not have been accomplished without all of our **PV volunteers!** I would like to thank all of them for helping create our Paradise Community. On any given day you can find many volunteers dedicating their time and support to our school. Without our PV volunteers, many programs would not be been possible. Their time and

dedication makes our school a fun place for all our kids and our staff!

As you talk about the past school year with your child, take time to reflect on their best memories! It's amazing how much they grow and mature during the course of a school year. Often times we are so busy that we forget to stop and appreciate just how much our children have learned. I hope that this summer you take time to enjoy and make lasting memories with your loved ones! I look forward to seeing you all when school starts back up in August!

Sue Stapleton
H&SA President 2012/2013



Panther Den

The Panther Den was a program brought to our school by Mr. Duncan, in an effort to encourage our students to become more respectful, responsible and safe. Our students have enjoyed their purchasing power while shopping with their earned **Panther Pride** tickets this year. The total ticket count for this school year was **15,526!!** Great job PV students. Thank you, Mr. Duncan, for bringing this program to Paradise Valley School.

The Panther Den was so excited to assist a few students, from both Ms. Schenkelberg's and Mrs. Doting's class, as they respectively combined their 200 tickets to buy their teachers an **iPod Shuffle**. What a wonderful thing to do!

We have had a huge number of donations for the Panther Den these last six weeks. The Panther Den's budget was cut by two-thirds this last year. We would not have been able to continue had it not been for your generous donations. We would like to say **THANK YOU** and we appreciate your continued support!

We also would like to say thank you to all our parents who volunteered their time to the Panther Den. It really takes a dedicated team to pull off the Panther Den. We are thankful to have had you all as team members. **Thank you!**

The Panther Den could use more volunteers for the upcoming school year. If you would like to help out, please contact me by email. The Panther Den runs two Fridays per month, from 8:50 AM to 10:00 AM.

Finally we would like to wish Principal, Phil Duncan, the best in his upcoming retirement. We, in the Panther Den, will miss him greatly!

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