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Principal's Report

Dear Paradise Valley Families,

When students miss extended time from school, no matter the reason, they are likely to fall behind in their schoolwork, decline in their academic performance, and lose their attachment or positive attitudes towards school. We can not close the achievement gap if our students are not in school. Also when students are absent from school, they are unable to receive the instructions necessary for them to be successful. Things do come up that make it necessary for students to miss school. Nevertheless, I know you will continue to do your best to get them here as well as get them here on time. Keep practicing that daily attendance habit. It is important that every student be in school every day.

Our After-school programs have begun and are in full swing. Please remember that attendance for these programs is especially important for your child. We ask you to please be on time to pick them up from the program. Also, please look for the announcement of our Saturday program that will begin within the next two weeks from now. We will continue to offer our Language Development Academy but plan to add a math club as well as a reading support program called Phono-Graphics. Upon receipt of the announcement, please return your child's permission slip as soon as possible. Placement in either of the programs will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The program will only be offered from 9:30am to 11:00am.

Interested parents should also look for an invitation to take part in a program called 'Engaging Parents as Asset Builders at School'. In this program, volunteers are prepared to read specially selected books and lead classroom activities and discussions that illustrate assets such as making healthy choices, peaceful conflict resolution, honesty and friendship skills. In addition to providing meaningful opportunities for parent engagement and for students to interact with caring adults the program helps create a common language for behavior expectations throughout the school. STAR testing begins April 5th and continues through April 21st.

Thank you for your continued support.

Phil Duncan
Principal



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Note from Home and School Association

Welcome Spring!

With only three months left of school, the Home and School Association has a lot to accomplish! We need your help! This month we have a BINGO Night fun for the whole family with great prizes and a Spell-a-thon fundraiser in which all proceeds go straight to our children's teachers to buy much needed supplies. The yearbook committee is finishing up layouts so we can send off the book to be printed. Finally, the garden committee has just finished up a great worm experiment done in many classrooms and will begin some planting this spring. With all of that said, I would like to express many thanks to all of our committee chairs for making all of these things possible for our students. All of these parents do this voluntarily and our children just love it!

We are in the process of waiting for the 5 document camera and projectors to arrive that we have purchased for our first grade team and one of the teachers on the second grade team. These will be a great technology teaching tool the teachers can do so much with.

We are also in the process of using our Scholastic dollars that we earned from the Book Fair this year. With this we can purchase more and more books for our classrooms. Our next meeting will be held Friday, March 15th at 1:55pm. We hope to see you all there. In this meeting we will review the Committee Chair Positions and Executive Board Positions. This will be helpful for Home and School Association Members (that is you) to ask questions and inquire about these jobs that will need to be filled for the upcoming school year. Nominations will be held at the April meeting for the Executive Board Positions. The Home and School Association is a great way to get involved in your child's school. All of the things we do benefit our very own children!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Thank you

Cristy Gieg
President, Home and School Association

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Upcoming Events

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
- 4-31 Spell-A-Thon Deadlines
- 9 Kinder/New Student Enrollment/8:00am/Library
- 11 Report Cards Sent Home
- 15 Home & School Association Mtg/1:50pm/Cafeteria
- 17 School Site Council Mtg/2:15pm
- 17 Spell-A-Thon test given
- 24 Spring Pictures
- 24 DELAC-DAC Mtg./6-8:15pm

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 4-6 Star Testing
- 8 Chess Club Tournament/1:55pm/Library
- 15 Chess Club Awards/1:55pm/Library
- 19 Home and School Association Mtg./1:55pm/Cafeteria
- 21 School Site Council Mtg./2:15pm
- 22-30 **SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL**

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 join us 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!

2011 Spell-A-Thon

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

Black Knight Chess Club

We have many fun events coming up for Chess club. Teacher Day is March 11th. All teachers are invited to play official day with students. Parent Day is March 25th. All moms and dads are encouraged to come and play and see how much their kids have learned. Our members are improving their chess skills so they can compete in our annual chess tournament on April 8th.





Donations Needed/BoxTops

First Aid Supplies Needed

The Disaster Planning Committee is in the process of updating the First Aid Backpacks that are in your child's classroom. We are asking for donations to help offset the cost of purchasing backpacks and filling them with needed supplies. A plastic tub will be placed in the hallway leading to the library with a sign for donations. If you are interested in helping with this project or know any local business that may donate supplies, please email me at sue_stapes@msn.com. Supplies need:

Band-Aids (all sizes)
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 Ace Bandages
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 Alcohol Pads
 First-Aid spray
 4x4 Gauze Pads
 Individually wrapped towelettes
 "Sharpie" Black Pens
 Hot Packs (individual packs that you break up)
 Cold Packs (individual packs that you break up/not ones that go in the freezer)

Thank you for your donations and any help you are able to provide with this project!

Sue Stapleton

Disaster Planning Committee

Visit Paradise Valley's website at www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us. The site is full of useful information such as Policies and Procedures, Calendars, Bell Schedule, Menus, Volunteer Information, Library (catalog search!) and links for students.



BoxTops

Happy March, Spring is almost here! Only 3 1/2 months left to collect FREE money for our school! We have collected over \$1,000 in BoxTops this school year and a ton of points in the Labels for Education program. Monies collected go directly back into the school and points are used to buy things for auctions, BBQ raffles and the Panther Pride Den. Please remember the following guidelines when submitting BoxTops and Labels for Education: Child's first and last name and teachers name **MUST** be present in order for your child to get a raffle ticket (every 10 valid entries gets a

raffle ticket into monthly drawings) and BoxTops can not be expired. Labels for Education must include the insignia AND the UPC code, partials of either entry will not be accepted by the companies. If you are going to submit in bulk, Labels for Education have worksheets that you can glue your entries to and for every 19, you get one free. The worksheets are located in the filing box on the wall in the school lobby. If submitting BoxTops in bulk, please attach a bag or an envelope with the extras, please do not glue tons of BoxTops onto one sheet, its hard to read and frowned upon from the BoxTop program. Thanks for your participation! Free money for our school is a great thing!

Michawn Giovannoni

BoxTop 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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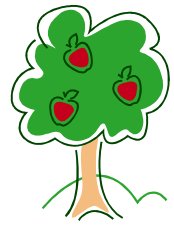


Apple Blossoms on Sale

Spring is almost here and the Big Apple Tree in the lobby is waiting for Apple Blossoms to appear! The cost is \$5.00 per Apple Blossom – you can buy one or many. Your name is then placed on the Paradise Valley Apple Tree. The money collected will help keep our classrooms stocked with needed supplies. Money raised from Apples sold in the beginning of the year

helped to purchase white board markers, printer ink, Kleenex and much more.

Apple Blossoms will be on sale at the next Home and School Association meeting. Order forms are also available in the office. Thank you for your continued support of our Apple Tree!!!



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