



# *Paradise Valley School Paw Print*

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## **Principal's Report**

It is hard to believe that almost two-thirds of the year has come and gone already! As we end the second grading period (March 7<sup>th</sup>), I am happy to report that our positive behavior program is having an impact on our school's negative behaviors. I say this as our referrals have been on the decline for the past several months. To further our efforts in supporting this trend, we will begin our teacher training with **Project Cornerstone** (March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>) as well as completing part II of the parent component to ensure we continue our efforts towards building the essential assets our children need today, tomorrow and in the future.

We are polishing up our skills in preparation for the **CST test** which will take place April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup> (The fourth grade will take their **CST Writing Test** on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>). It is critical that your child is present on a daily basis for the pre-test preparation lessons that are geared to provide any needed support in the test areas they may be deficient in. We know our students are learning but they need to be here to prove that.

I need your help with another issue that seems to be a continuing problem as the year goes on: the morning drop-off and the pick-up process at dismissal time. The Safety Patrol and the teacher supervisors are out at the drive-through directing traffic and making every effort to keep your children safe. Most of the time, all 680 students get to and from their cars without incident and we want to keep it that way. Please remember that you need to pull up as far as you can in the drive-through before your child gets into or out of the car. No one is allowed to get out near the office because it backs up traffic onto the street. For obvious reasons, no student is allowed to get into a car that is stopped in the driving lane on the street. We ask teachers to lead their classes past the crosswalk with the expectation that up will pick up you child at the far end of the drive-through. Please show your support for their dedication and help them (Safety Patrol) to do this very important job.

**Phil Duncan**  
Principal



## **Home & School Association**

Hello Panther Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed their President's week off! It was fun having a break from school, however it is also really nice to get back to our normal routine! Thanks to all the families who helped support our annual **Spell-a-Thon**. The money raised will go directly to the teachers to support their classrooms.

It looks like the month of March, will be a busy one for PV. March will mark the end of our second semester with report cards being sent home. **Spring Picture Day** will record how much our students have grown since the first day of school. Next up is our **Home & School Association** meeting, which will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup>, right after morning drop off. March 14<sup>th</sup>, will be our district wide **Kindergarten Registration Day**. Applications are available in the school office or online at [www.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.mhu.k12.ca.us). We are in need of volunteers to help the morning of registration, please email me if you are interested in helping. The **School Site Council Meeting** is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Last, but not least, is our **Annual Parents Night Out Event!** It will be held on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is Mardi Gras. We have a limited number of tickets, so please order yours soon!!

We will be holding another Parent Training for **Project Cornerstone**. Volunteers are still needed in a variety of areas such as Classroom reader, Asset Newsletters, copy maker to name a few. Please email me if you are interested in volunteering your time to this amazing program.

Sincerely,  
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# Upcoming Events



## March 2012

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- 2 Panther Den
- 2 Chess Club
- 6 & 7 Fourth Grade / CST Writing Test**
- 7 End of 2nd. Trimester
- 8 Spring Pictures**
- 9 Family Bingo Night/ 6:00 pm/ Cafeteria**
- 9 Chess Club
- 13 Home & School Mtg./ 7:50 am/ Cafeteria**
- 14 Kinder Enrollment/ Begins at 8:00 am**
- 15 School Site Council/ 2:15 pm/ Staff Room**
- 16 Panther Den
- 16 Hawaiian Day**
- 16 Chess Club
- 23 Chess Club
- 30 Parent's Night Out @ Coyote Creek Golf Club**
- 30 Chess Club



## April 2012

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- 6-13 NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK**
- 17 CST Testing, April 17 through May 14**
- 17 Home & School Mtg./ 2:10pm/ Cafeteria**
- 20 80's Spirit Day**
- 26 School Site Council Mtg./ 2:15pm/ Staff rm**



### Parent's Night Out

*Mardi Gras Madness Auction Fundraiser*

**Friday, March 30, 2012  
6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.**

**Coyote Creek Golf Club  
One Coyote Creek Drive  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

Price: \$75.00 per person

Price includes dinner, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks, domestic bottled beer, house wine and an evening to dance the night away!

**Live and Silent Auctions to benefit PV school.  
Limited tickets are available, don't miss out!**

*Forms and payment drop off can be found at the Home & School Assoc. desk inside the front office entrance.*

### 2012-2013 Kindergarten/New K-6 Student Registration Information

Kindergarten/New student registration for the 2012-2013 school year begins Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 8:00 am. Registration packets may be picked up at any elementary school, or downloaded from our website at [www.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.mhu.k12.ca.us) beginning February 1, 2012. 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. Your child's classroom assignment will be posted at the office of your assigned school on the Friday before school begins.

## Order Scrip Today!!

Purchase Gift Cards from PV for ALL your shopping needs and earn \$\$ for our school at the same time! All funds raised from this program will go directly back to our students by stocking the Panther Den with great new items. Gift cards are available for purchase online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (school ID 525B748621813) or for pre-order using the order form from in your student's Friday folder.

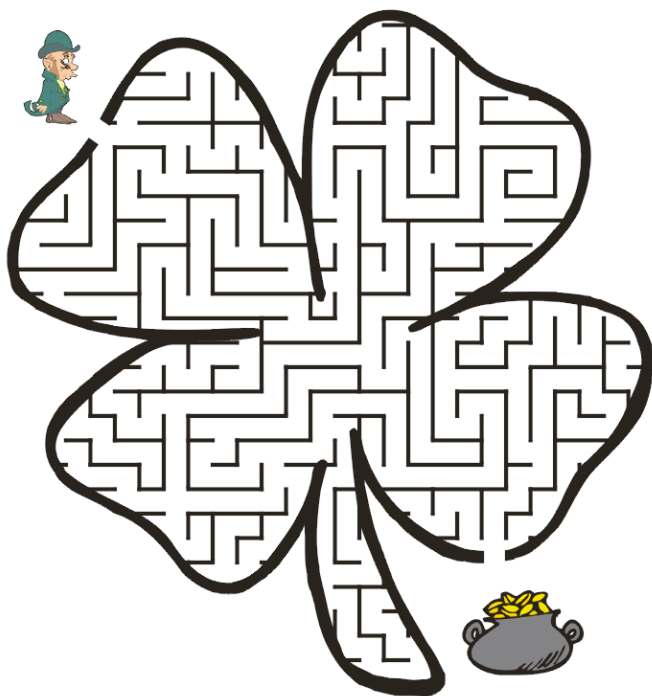
March orders are due Friday, March 2 and will be ready for pick-up/ delivery by Thursday, March 8th.

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Scrip Coordinator

## Spell-A-Thon

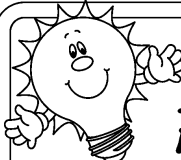
All classes participated in our annual **Spell-A-Thon fundraiser**. Thank you to all friends and family for making pledges, big and small, to your PV super spellers! The spelling test was taken on Feb. 16, and our fabulous parent helpers corrected and sent the packets home on the 17th.

Please turn in all pledge sheets and money by **March 7th**. ALL MONEY collected will go directly back to the classroom, allowing PV teachers to purchase needed classroom supplies.



## Family B-I-N-G-O Night

We will be having **Family Bingo Night** on Friday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. Please come join us for a fun filled evening of bingo. We will have great prizes including two **Sharks** tickets and tickets to Paradise Valley's annual **Parent's Night Out** – plus much, much more. No need to worry about dinner, we will have pizza and soda on sale! Also, you won't want to miss the great bake sale items – each item just \$1.00 each. PV Spirit Wear will also be available for purchase. Don't miss this fun filled evening with PV friends and family!



### Just a Reminder

- You may turn in your Parent's Night Out **basket donations** to your student's classroom teacher.
- Clip and turn in your **Box Tops and Labels for Education** with your child's First, Last, and Teacher's name clearly printed.
- If your child is missing a jacket, lunch bag or backpack please take a look in our **Lost & Found** located in the cafeteria.
- Remind your child that their safe, responsible and respectful behavior can earn them tickets to use at PV's **Panther Den!**

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