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Principal's Report

As we move into the change of seasons and the shortened daylight hours, I need your help in keeping our students safe.

Several students are late being picked up every day. If your child is on the playground after school, there are no adult supervisors watching to see that they don't get hurt. Please help us protect your child. Dismissal is 1:50 p.m. If you are delayed, please call the office so that we may let your child know. Students who are not picked up by 2:05, when the Safety Patrol goes off duty, will be asked to come to the office and parents will be called. If one of your students is in extra help classes with his/her teacher, please pick up their sibling at the regular dismissal time.

Some of our students are riding bikes and skateboards to school without helmets. This is a violation of the traffic laws. Students are supposed to walk their bikes and skateboards once they pass through the back gate, or arrive at the traffic circle. We need your help in reinforcing the safety rules with your child.

Finally, when students miss extended periods of school, no matter the reason, they are likely to fall behind in their school work, have a decline in their academic performance, and lose their attachment or positive attitudes toward school.

According to Ed. Code 48260, any pupil who is absent from school without a valid excuse three (3) full days in one school year or tardy or absent for more than any 30 minute period during the school day without a valid excuse on three (3) occasions in one school year, or any combination thereof is truant and shall be reported to the school attendance supervisor (principal) which could lead to a referral to the district Truancy Abatement Program (SARB).

As always, I thank you for your help in supporting the teachers, myself and most importantly our students in these very important areas.

Phil Duncan
Principal



Please send comments and articles to
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We Need Your Pictures!!!!

Got Pictures??? Paradise Valley's 2010-11 Yearbook needs your help. If you have been taking pictures of class activities, field trips or holiday events and would like to share, here are your options:

1. Put photos on a CD and submit to "yearbook" in the office.
2. Upload to our private PV site. Contact me gina@girouardfamily.com.
3. Don't know how to get them off your camera? Contact me at: gina@girouardfamily.com

Gina Girouard
Yearbook Coordinator



Vegas Style



Night

Join in the fun!!!

Parent's Night Out

Friday, November 5th at 6PM

Willow Heights Mansion

Morgan Hill

Buy your tickets now!!



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Upcoming Events

November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- 2 Election Day
- 3 Picture Make-up Day
- 4 ELAC/6pm/Paradise Valley
- 5 Parents Night Out/6pm/Willow Heights
- 9 Home & School Association Mtg/1:55pm/Cafeteria
- 11 **NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day**
- 12 End of First Trimester
- 15 **NO SCHOOL, In Service Day**
- 16-19 **Minimum Days, 12:40 dismissal**
- 19 **No Chess Club**
- 19 Bingo Night 6pm/Cafeteria
- 18 School Site Council Mtg/2:15pm
- 24-26 **NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

December 2010

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- 2 ELAC/6pm/Paradise Valley
- 3 Talent Show
- 14 Home and School Association Mtg./1:55pm/Cafeteria
- 14 1st Grade Christmas Program/7pm/Cafeteria
- 16 School Site Council Mtg./2:15pm
- 17 **No Chess Club**
- 20-1 **Holiday Break, NO SCHOOL**

Parent's Night Out

Buy your tickets now for the upcoming Parent's Night Out on Friday, November 5th at 6:00pm. The event this year will be held at Willow Heights Mansion in Morgan Hill. You can purchase tickets for \$70.00 per person. Checks can be put in the Home and School Association box outside the office. This year's theme will be Vegas Casino with casino style game tables and a live performance by the Steve Ezzo duo. Invitations to this event were sent home in your child's Friday Folder. This year we will have door prizes for those attending, great raffle prizes like a Specialized Bike, theme park tickets, and auctions for theme parties and gift baskets just to name a few. Your tickets will include buffet dinner, two drink tickets and "chips" to begin playing casino games with. Rooms are available at the Mansion for individuals or groups who want to stay the night.

We hope to see you at this great event!!

Check out our website at:

<http://paradisevalleyparentsnightout.shutterfly.com/>

Camille Benton-Williams
PNO Committee Chair

Family Bingo Night

Please join us Friday, November 19th for Paradise Valley Bingo Night from 6:00pm to 8:30pm in the Paradise Valley cafeteria. Bring the kids, family and friends and come try your luck at Bingo.

We will have many wonderful prizes, plus pizza and drinks for sale and even a Bake Sale. All proceeds will go to the 6th graders to be used for Science Camp.

This is a really fun family outing! Hope to see all of you there!



Talent Show Update

Auditions were held Tuesday, October 26th and WOW do we have talent at Paradise Valley!! We will continue to meet every Tuesday to perfect our show. Mark Your Calendars! You don't want to miss our very first Talent

Show –**Got Talent!** on December 3rd. If you would still like to volunteer to help with this grand production, please send an email to **Gina Girouard** at: gina@girouardfamily.com to be part of the fun and excitement. Thanks!

Gina Girouard
Talent Show Committee Chair





Home and School Association News/School Fundraisers

Note from Home and School Association

What's been going on in the PV Home and School Association?

I am sure that many of you wonder what the Home and School is doing! Well since the beginning of the school year we have been so busy! With the Back to School BBQ/Carnival, the Great American Fundraiser, Scholastic Book Fair, hard at work in the Garden, planning the Parent's Night Out for November 5th, gearing up for the Talent show, finishing up the school Directory, preparing the Panther Den, planning our first Bingo Night of the year, and the list just goes on!

Needless to say there is always something to do for our students and staff at Paradise Valley. I have really enjoyed getting to know many of you through the Home and School Association, it is so much fun and so rewarding knowing all the good things that we all do for our school!

Things that we have in progress:

Finishing up the connections of the 13 Smart Boards that we purchased last year. I hope by the end of November all Smart Boards should be installed and working.

Applying for a grant to provide funds for our school garden.

In the process of getting the first grade and two of the second grades the technology that will be useful for their grade levels.

Working on the successful/ implementation of the 3 B's (Be Safe, Be Respectful, and Be Responsible)

Looking into pricing of the new 3 B's T-shirts.

Working on school pride and spirit and we are getting a new sound system for the cafeteria (this will be perfect for the school performances and the assemblies). None of this would be possible without the help of so many dedicated families.

Of course as the holidays approach us we will have many more opportunities to help out! We also have Adopt a Family in December this helps families here at our own school, One Warm Coat Drive and so much more. If you would like to get involved please contact me and I will put you in the right direction. Thank you

Cristy Gieg

President of the HS&A

BoxTops

Thanks to all the kids who have turned in BoxTops, as of October 22 we have collected over \$100 this month! Congratulations to **Hailey Gangitano**, 5th grade, she was randomly drawn last month for the \$10 Gift Certificate to Fro Yo! This month's winner will get a \$10 card to Target. Next month, a new

card! PLEASE remember to put your child's first and last name and teachers name on the entry form. If you have a lot of Box Tops, feel free to staple a bag to the entry form, as groups of 50 have to be counted out for submission and it's easier than tons stapled on a form. Keep collecting, remember Thanksgiving, relatives coming from out of town, call them and have them save them for you!

Michawn Giovannoni

BoxTops/Campbell Labels Coordinator

Panther Den

The word is out! You can catch a glimpse of **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior at Paradise Valley School! Recently, at our October 8th ticket exchange, two fifth grade students pooled their earned tickets to "purchase" a rubber bouncy ball for their classmates. It was delightful to witness such remarkable student conduct at PVS. 1,782 Panther Pride tickets have been collected thus far in the school year.

The students are truly enjoying shopping for items in the Panther Den store. October 22nd provided Halloween items for ticket exchange where all items were popular and flew off the shelves.

For November 12th and December 10th store dates, we will be offering \$5.00 gift cards in our Panther Den store. Please consider purchasing a gift card from Target, Wal-Mart, The Dollar Tree or Thinker Toys for donation to our next two ticket exchange opportunities. Thank you to the parents who donated to our Halloween inventory; your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your interest in our program. Please talk to your PVS student about earning tickets at school for their **safe, responsible, and respectful** behavior! Don't hesitate to contact **Peggy Kapaku** with any concerns or questions regarding the Panther Den at pkapaku@verizon.net.

The Panther Den

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Book Fair Results

Another great year at the Paradise Valley Book Fair! We exceeded our goals by far! We raised \$12,000 in money and credits for books to be put in the classrooms. **Mrs. Kaska** and **Mrs. Mason** won for the most books bought for their classrooms. Thanks to the parent volunteers that spent many hours setting up, working and supporting during book fair week. A special thank you to the H&SA board

that helped keep the volunteers fed, we forget to go home during the week! With all the effort, we'll be able to help stock the library and teacher's rooms with books and use the funds to help keep Paradise Valley the great school it is! Look forward to next year!

Cheryl Ansbro and Michawn Giovannoni
Book Fair Co-Chairs

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