Paradise Valley School Paw Print



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Morgan Hill Unified School District, Morgan Hill, CA

October 2010

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

As you are aware, our most recent efforts to balance classes were met with despair and tension. Rightly so, I will admit, our process was inadequate to handle the large number of students being impacted by moving to other classrooms and teachers. We will develop a more effective and equitable process to balance our classes in the future. There were legitimate concerns and questions presented by our parents whom were most effected by the massive changes that occurred.

I will be in continued discussion with our superintendent and his cabinet about what future class reconfigurations and the process in which Paradise Valley Elementary will follow.

In the meantime, please know that I continue to be a strong advocate for the continuous improvement of our school. I am convinced that we need each and every parent's support in order to continue to provide our students with a quality education.

Finally, please be assured of my personal gratitude for making Paradise Valley Elementary the great school that it is. We have come through worse, and we will come through this as we always have—together.

Sincerely Your Principal, Phil Duncan

Note from Home and School Association

Hello Paradise Valley Families.

Our first weeks of school have been very busy. Back to School BBQ, The "Ducky" Fundraiser, Book Fair and Back to School Night. We so appreciate all your support and efforts to help all these events become the huge success they are. Without all the Paradise Families, these events and Paradise Valley would not be the school it is. We all thank you. We have also had our first Home and School Association meeting.



Please send comments and articles to Newsletter Editor: Laura Freeman at slfreedog@aol.com We enjoyed seeing a lot of new faces, along with some of our invaluable, familiar families. We hope to see even more of our P.V. families at our next meeting on Tuesday, Oct 19th at 6:30 p.m. We still have a lot of fun events coming in the next few months, so come get involved. Events such as: the Pumpkin Display, Halloween Parade, Talent Show Auditions and Parent's Night Out. PNO is our largest fundraiser of the year and a great time for all. The more "help" the merrier. Contact us for volunteer information and more.

Thank you very much,

Cristy Gieg and Aimee Consigny President and Vice President Paradise Valley Home and School Association



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October 2010

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- Chess Club Mtg., 1:50pm/Library
- 15 Principal Coffee Chat, 7:50am/Library
- 19 Home & School Assoc. Mtg., 6:30pm/Cafeteria
- 21 School Site Council, 2:15pm
- 28 Great Pumpkin Display
- 29 Halloween Parade
- 29 **Kinder Early Release**
- 29 No Chess Club



November 2010

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- **Election Day**
- 3 Picture Make-up Day
- 5 Parents Night Out
- 9 Home & School Mtg/1:55/Cafeteria
- NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day 11
- 12 **End of First Trimester**
- **15** NO SCHOOL, In Service Day
- Minimum Days, 12:40 dismissal 16-19
- School Site Council Mtg/2:15pm 18
- NO SCHOOL, THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

🖰 Black Knights Chess Club

The Chess Club has its first meeting on Friday, October 8! We meet most Fridays (check the school calendar) in the school library from 1:50-2:45. Members have opportunities to learn basic strategy and play other members. It is FREE and all kids K-6 are welcome! Beginner lessons will be offered during October. Permission slips go home in late September. We are looking for parent volunteers to teach basic chess skills during meetings in October. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Laura **Hernandez** at 710-2917.

Laura Hernandez

Chess Club

Talent Show Tryouts

Calling All Singers, Dancers and Rising Stars!!! Mark Your Calendars! Paradise is hosting our Talent

Show -Got Talent! on December 3rd.

Mandatory auditions are on Oct. 26th followed by mandatory practice sessions. (see flyer for dates and requirements) We really need some talented volunteers to help with this grand production so 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**



🖰 Parent's Night Out

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Parent's Night Out on November 5th at 6:00pm at Willow Heights Mansion in Morgan Hill. This year's theme will be Vegas Casino with casino style game tables and a live performance by the Steve Ezzo duo. Look for invitations to this event in your child's Friday Folder and reserve early since space is limited. This year we will have door prizes for those attending, great raffle prizes like Specialized Bikes, 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://paradisevallevparentsnightout.shutterfly.c

Camille Benton-Williams **PNO Committee Chair**



Upcoming Events Cont./School Fundraisers

BoxTops

Great job kids and parents! As of Friday September 24th, we have collected over \$100 dollars in Box Top money. We can make this even more successful if EACH child brings in at least 10 BoxTops each month, we'd collect over \$500 a MONTH!!! This month's winner will be pulled on, October 1st. October's contest will end October 29th. Remember each 10 BoxTops/Labels turned in gets a raffle ticket! Keep collecting, let's supply Paradise Valley with all it needs to make our children's year a great one!

Michawn Giovannoni BoxTops/Campbell Labels Coordinator

Panther Den

Our parent organization sponsors an incentive program for good behavior for all students at Paradise Valley. The program was initiated and implemented last year by **Principal Phil Duncan**. The goal of the program is to create a culture of **safe**, **responsible**, **and respectful** children. Students earn Panther Pride tickets from campus staff members when they are "caught" being **safe**, **responsible**, **and respectful** toward fellow students, adults at the school or property on campus. Once the students earn tickets, they have an opportunity to "shop" at the Panther Den. This store provides prizes in exchange for earned tickets. Parent volunteers keep the store stocked with prizes and schedule shopping times monthly during student recess times.

The first Panther Den was held on Friday, September 17th at morning recesses and both lunches. We collected 710 tickets school-wide. We anticipate even more tickets gathered at our next store, scheduled for October 8, 2010.

If you would like to help provide us with additional inventory for our store, we are taking donations of items that span interest levels of girls and boys ages four through twelve. Cash donations would be an even greater support in our efforts. Please email

pkapaku@verizon.net for any comments or questions. Thank you for your interest in our program. Please talk to your student about earning tickets at school for their safe, responsible, and respectful behavior!



The Panther Den Committee

Buy Gifts Cards and support your child

Buying groceries this week? Going out to dinner? Need to buy someone a gift???

If so, buy a Gift Card from Paradise Valley for all your shopping needs and earn money for your school at the same time. There is no additional cost to you...simply purchase a gift card (at face value) and PV gets a percentage. So easy...and it gets better! All funds raised from this program will go directly back to your students by stocking the *Panther Den* with great new items. Gift cards will be available for purchase after school on the last Friday of the month, online at www.shopwithscrip.com (school ID

525B748621813) or for pre-order. Look for more information in your student's Friday Folder in the coming weeks.

Questions??? Contact **Nicole Chaisson** via email at nicolec1313@yahoo.com.

An Apple a day.....

Have you been in the lobby and noticed the big apple tree? The apples are part of a fundraiser to help keep the classrooms stocked with needed supplies through-

out the year. We will be selling apples the last Friday of every month. The cost is \$5.00 per apple; you can buy one or many. Your name is then placed on the apple and put up on the PV apple tree. Look for forms in your child's Friday Folder. Extra forms are available in the school lobby in the "Apple Box".



Yard Duty Needed

If you are interested in working with the children and joining our yard duty staff, please contact Didi Wake in the Paradise Valley School Office or call 408-779-8391.

Paradise Valley Home & School Association

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Duckie Fundraiser Results

The Duckies were here, and now they have gone south for the winter!

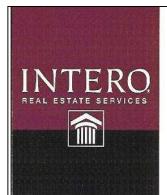
Great job Paradise families on all of your Great American fundraising! We had a huge success once again in raising money for our school! We are fast approaching our goal of \$11,000.00. There is still time to shop in the online store! In fact, you can shop there all year! Go to **gaschoolstore.com** and use our I.D. number 1452911 and we will still get the profits. Our totals are still being updated so I will send it home in a Friday folder note as well as the date and time for pick up! Thanks again for all of your support! **Cristy Gieg**

President Home and School Association

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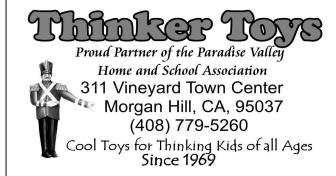
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