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Morgan Hill Unified School District Morgan Hill, CA

**September 2009**

## Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. Our opening day was filled with excitement and plenty of smiles. Students, staff and parents were very pleased to see each other as our campus seemed to come back to life due to the excitement and emotions that come with beginning of a new school year at Paradise Valley Elementary School.

You will notice that we have added several new staff members: **Ms. Nahrain Nona** in third grade, **Ms. Carrie Williams** in second grade, **Ms. Janel Bolze** in fifth grade and **Mrs. Doting** in the third grade (Substitute for **Mrs. Jean Mason**). They bring a variety of skills and talents to our staff and we are very happy that they chose to be a part of our Paradise Family.

The District has adopted a new K-2 math program this year as part of our focus on increasing academic skills for all students. As you may or may not know, our API for last year is projected to jump to 875. This means that our performance may have increased by as much as 45 points. That is considered a significant gain. Congratulations to all students staff members, parents and community stakeholders in Paradise.

Please be reminded that anyone coming on campus needs to check in at the office ...even if you are "just dropping something off." The office will make sure that all items are delivered to your child. Daily attendance and punctuality are important factors for your child's academic achievement. Please make sure that your child is on time to school and attends school each and every day as this will become a 'habit of mind' as your child gets older and progresses through the educational system. Also, please review the "pick up and drop off" procedures on the backside of your school map and be reminded that you are not to leave your car unattended at the curbside in front of the Kindergarten yard prior to afternoon bus pick-up. If you are a Kinder parent, park on the street if you want to walk up to pick up your child. Always pull as far forward as possible and proceed with the

utmost caution during curbside pick up.

For those of you new to our school, our phone system allows a menu of options that will allow you to report an absence, leave a voicemail message for your child's teacher, or have 24/7 access to any of our staff voice mail directly. We found that this is a more effective and efficient communication tool for all of us.

Please mark your calendars for **September 4<sup>th</sup>** to join us for our monthly **Principal's Coffee Chats**. Our informal chats begin at **7:55 a.m.** Also, mark **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** on your calendars and join us for **Back to School Night from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear their plans for the year. Don't miss this chance to get the year off to a positive start and meet the other half of your child's success team.

Finally, whether you are coming to Paradise Valley for the first time, or beginning your last year here, We want to invite you to the **Welcome Back BBQ** on **Friday, September 11** sponsored by the Home and School Association. It's a great night that begins at 5 p.m. and guarantees fun for everyone. This is a time to meet your child's friends and start building those parent networks that will be extremely important as you move along through our MHUSD schools. Who knows? You might even find a volunteer opportunity! We LOVE our volunteers!

See you at the Back to School BBQ! Welcome back! We are glad to have you here!

**Phil Duncan,**  
**Principal**

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# 🐾 Upcoming Events 🐾

## September 2009

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- 4 Principal's Coffee Chat 7:55am/Library
- 7 **NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY**
- 11 Back to School BBQ 5:00pm/Playground
- 16 Home and School Assoc. Mtg. 1:55pm/Library
- 17 School Site Council Mtg. 2:15pm/Staff Room
- 21-24 Book Faire
- 22 **MHUSD Board Mtg. 6pm/DO**
- 23 **Back to School Night 6:30-8:00pm**
- 30 **Fall Pictures**

## October 2009

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- 9 Parent's Night Out
- 15 School Site Council Mtg. 2:15pm/Staff Room
- 21 Home and School Assoc. Mtg. 1:55pm/Library
- 22 Cookie Dough Sale Begins
- 28 Great Pumpkin Display
- 30 Halloween Parade

### Principal's Coffee Chat Friday, Sept 4, 7:55 a.m.



Join Mr. Duncan in the Library **Friday, September 4th** at 7:55 a.m. This is your opportunity to ask Mr. Duncan any questions and hear the latest PV news.

### 🐾 Back to School BBQ/Carnival, Friday, September 11, 2009

What's new at the Carnival? The back to school BBQ and carnival will be held on campus Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year the carnival will have jump houses, arts and crafts, face painting, a cakewalk, win a goldfish game, a soccer kicking contest, a sponge toss (toss at the principal or hopefully your favorite teacher), a water gun game, a basketball game, a bean bag toss, a hula hoop toss, and so much more. In addition we will be selling cotton candy, popcorn, snow-cones, and nachos. Don't miss out on this great tradition. Carnival game tickets can be purchased at the event and we will be accepting Visa and Master Card as well as cash or checks. Don't forget to bring your whole family out for fun and games. Food being provided will consist of Turkey Hot Dogs for \$4.00 or Tri-tip Sandwiches for \$7.00, both include chips and a drink. Fliers have been sent home to PRE-ORDER food for your families. Pre-ordering is essential to help ensure that there is enough food for our Paradise Families. If you wish to volunteer to work a half hour shift at a carnival booth, please call **Erin Machado** at 782-9741.

### 🐾 Book Fair September 21-24, 2009

Come out to the book fair this year. We will have thousands of books for sale for pre-schoolers, K-6, and even books for the grownups (including cookbooks, novels and so much more). This is our biggest fundraiser for our Paradise Valley Library and a great way to get thousands of books into the reading hands of our children. Don't forget the teacher wish list books. Buy a book or two for your teacher's classroom and give it to them as a gift. It's easy, come on in and we will show you how. Mark your calendars for the book fair. The book fair is open from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on September 21<sup>st</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>. In addition we will be open on back to school night (Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>), before, during and after you visit your child's classroom. You can send your child in with money to buy books or come browse yourself. We hope to see you there. If you wish to volunteer to work a shift at the book fair, please call **Cheryl Ansbro** at 778-8559 – we can always use the help.

## Upcoming Events (cont.)

### Save the Date!! Parents Night Out, Friday, October 9, 2009

Be sure and save the date!! Our event “Denim & Diamonds” is going to be held at the Morgan Hill Community Center and will include dinner, dancing, silent auction and live auction. Be sure not to miss this fun event.

#### Auction Donation Contest For Parents Night Out

Parent’s Night Out- “Denim & Diamonds” Event, mark your calendars for **October 9, 2009**. In hope to make this the most successful school fundraiser ever we will be having a contest for those who bring in the **Most Donations** and the **Most Valuable item** for our Live and Silent Auction! If you would like to participate you must contact **Jenifer Ta** 375-2983 or [mommyta@charter.net](mailto:mommyta@charter.net) for all the details. Only those who contact her will be eligible to win Gift Certificate Prize...up to \$100!! This contest is for new items that have not already been donated. We are hoping to bring in some new and fabulous items that will help us raise lots of money for our school!

**-Jenifer Ta,  
Committee Chair**

Visit Paradise Valley’s website at  
[www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us)

The site is full of useful information such as Calendars, Bell Schedule, Menus, Newsletters, Student Corner, Volunteer Information, Pictures, links for students, and much more!



### Family Bingo Night November 6, 2009

Please save the date of Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> for our first ever Paradise Valley Family Bingo Night. We have lots of work to pull this together so we will give you more information later, but please keep it free on your calendar.

#### September School Directory Information

It’s that time again. We are compiling all the information necessary to put together in this years School Directory. If you would like to participate by having your family information included in this year’s directory, please complete the flyer sent home with students and return by Friday, September 4, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact **Gretchen Ankiel** at 779-4505.

#### Get your Spirit Wear!!!

Are you in need of a new Paradise Valley sweatshirt or T-shirt? Do you need a Paradise Valley sticker? Spirit wear is now on sale. You may contact **Cheryl Ansbro** at 778-8559 directly to purchase your Spirit Wear. Also, you may also purchase these items on our web site at [www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us).

#### Gently Used Sweatpants Needed

We are in need of any gently used sweatpants for the health office. These are used in the event a child has an accident and is in need of clean cloths. If you have any to donate, please bring your clean items to the office. Thank you so much for your help.

#### Receive MHUSD newsletter via e-mail

The Morgan Hill Unified School District has an on-line newsletter that is being distributed via email. Go to [www.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.mhu.k12.ca.us) to signup to receive this electronic newsletter!

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**Home and School Association, Note From Co-Presidents**

Welcome Back to Paradise Valley! We are so excited that school is back in session, the kids are back on schedule and the event planning has begun! We as the Home and School Club do so much for our school and enjoy doing it! But parent involvement is the key to our success in raising money for Paradise Valley. Anyone and everyone is welcome to come and join our meetings every third Wednesday in the library at 2:00. So far our Kindergarten Orientation was a huge success; the welcome back luncheon that our Hospitality committee put on was fabulous! Thank you to **Nicole Chaisson** and **Lisa Wohlgenuth** for your Fiesta it was delicious and appreciated by all of the staff. The Coffee chat on the first day of school had a very large crowd, all to meet our new Principal **Mr. Duncan** which we are so grateful that he found our school and made it his new home! Welcome **Mr. Duncan!**

We have many fun events planned in the near future, so please read the newsletter, and be sure to read all the forms that come home in your Friday Folders. Remember a good way to communicate to us is slipping a note in the drop box in the front office hallway, labeled drop box. We will quickly get back to you or you can call or email us at your convenience. We look forward to a great 2009/2010 school year!

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