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Morgan Hill Unified School District, Morgan Hill, CA

September 2010

Principal's Report

Dear Paradise Valley Families,
Welcome back to all students and families and a heartfelt welcome to those who are new to our school. I am proud to be returning as principal of a school with a tradition of academic excellence and dedicated parental involvement. I hope that your time away this summer was restful and rejuvenating.

I will be working hard to make sure that Paradise Valley Elementary School remains a safe and effective environment for learning. I look forward to working with such a great community and excellent staff once again. The staff has been busy this summer preparing classrooms, planning, and attending trainings and conferences in order to be able to provide a stimulating school year filled with many academic and social development opportunities for every student.

We want your child to be happy and successful at Paradise Valley. We believe that families play a key role in student success by continually showing interest in school and providing support for their child. Any child who knows that his or her family is interested in and supports the school program will always enjoy greater success. Please share with your child's teacher any information you feel will help us better serve your child and your family. We believe that ongoing *communication* among parents, students, and teachers is critical in assuring student success. Within a few days, you will be receiving our Parent-Student Handbook. Please take time to review and discuss the handbook with your child and family.

As we prepare for the coming year, please mark the following dates on your calendar. There is no school Monday, September 6th. On Friday, September 10th, I would like to personally invite all families and students to our annual Back to School BBQ and Carnival from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. I'd like to inform you that our first Home & School Association meeting is Tuesday, September 21st. Our annual Back-to-School Night is on Thursday, September 22, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Lastly, fall pictures are September 30th. More information about future calendar events can be viewed on our Paradise Valley School Calendar as well as our

monthly newsletters.

For the safety of our students, we again ask that all parents and/or visitors on campus sign in at the office. You will receive a visitor's pass to wear, so that you can be easily identified while on campus. We also ask that you only use the main office entrance of the school prior to going to any area on campus during the day when students are in class.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in the office at 201-6460. Please feel confident that we are here to assist you and to provide the best education and experiences for your child.

On behalf of the staff, I welcome you to another year and look forward to seeing and speaking with you.

**Your Principal,
Phil Duncan**

Have you visited the Paradise Valley Garden?? WOW it is so beautiful! So much work and countless hours has been put into our Garden this summer by so many wonderful Paradise Families. We just want to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who did weeding, digging, planting, cleaning, shopping and painting. There are so many extra added touches such as the beautifully painted stepping stones, cute plant signs and so much more. A special thank you to **Kathleen Nguyen, Jennifer Ta, Cristy Gieg, the Picchi Family, Roberto Aquirrez, Angelique Fuegmann, Mary Phillips, The Neves Family, John Wohgelmuth, The Girouard Family and Mary Vasquez.** Also a BIG thank you to **Ace Hardware** who donated \$200.00, **Home Depot** who donated \$25.00 and may free plants and **Matt Camisa** for the concrete. Thanks again!!

**Aimee Consigny,
Home and School Assoc. V.P.**

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Upcoming Events

September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30		

- 6 **NO SCHOOL, Labor Day**
- 10 Back to School BBQ & Carnival, 5:00-7:30pm
- 16 School Site Council, 2:15pm
- 17 Principal Coffee Chat 7:50am/Library
- 21 Home & School Assoc. Mtg., 1:55pm/Cafeteria
- 20-24 Book Faire, Library
- 22 Back to School Night, 6:30-8:00pm
- 28 Gate Parent Night, 6:30-7:15pm
- 29 Fall Pictures

October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

- 8 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

Fall Fundraiser, The Duckies are Here!!

Yes, you heard right the Ducks are here!! They arrived on August 26th with our kickoff assembly. I hope you already turned in your reach out booklets for your prize: (crazy straw glasses and DUCK!) We are also still having our Ducky Days as stated in the note that was sent home those days are when you turn in your coupon to receive your ducks! 8/27, 8/31, 9/3, & 9/8. This MUST happen before School. Please make sure your **NAME** and teacher name is on your coupon, this is how we will do our Lucky Ducky Drawings at the end of each day. We will draw 10 tickets daily for prizes.

As many of you know last year our cookie dough fundraiser brought in a little over 11 thousand dollars! This is a great way to make money for our school and with such great items that we all use! You can also make purchases online as well. Go to www.gaschoolstore.com and use the Paradise online store ID number 1452911.

The online ordering is such a convenient way to send this to friends and family that live out of town. PLUS the online orders also count for prizes too! Let's beat our \$11, 000 from last year!

Any questions contact **Gina Girouard** at 201-4590 gina@girouardfamily.com or **Cristy Gieg** at 858-1821 clgieg@aol.com.

Back to School BBQ and Carnival

Join us for a fantastic BBQ dinner, carnival games, raffles, crafts and activities the whole family will enjoy. The annual Back-to-School BBQ and carnival is Friday September 10th from 5pm to 7:30p.m. We have sent home a flyer for you to PRE-ORDER your families meals for that night. Pre-ordering is essential in helping us to ensure that we have enough food for our Paradise families. **Please return forms by Friday, Sept. 3rd.** Looking forward to seeing you all there!!

Book Faire

This years Book Faire will be held September 20-24. There will be many great books to purchase for you children and their classroom.

Car Raffle Fundraiser-Win a Camaro!!

For a chance to win a 2010 Camaro RS/SS and support our school, purchase a raffle tickets for \$100.00 – total of 800 tickets to be sold. Drawing will be held November 5th 2010 at PNO. You can buy tickets from Cherisse's Hair Salon (**Cherisse White**) www.paradisevcamaroraffle.shutterly.com (rules and regulations on website) or **James Tingler** 408-427-5577. The ticket purchase is a tax deductible. We have a chance to make a lot of money for Home and School Association!

Upcoming Events Cont./School Fundraisers

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.

November 5th, Parent's Night Out

Our next PNO is scheduled for November 5th 2010 at Willow Heights Mansion in Morgan Hill. This year's theme will be Casino style with faux gambling, live music and DJ dancing, auction and the raffle drawing for our 2010 Camaro! If any one is interested in helping out, please contact me at bellashiva@yahoo.com and I will contact you with details. Thanks and hope to see you all there.
Camille Benton-Williams
PNO Committee Chair

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 throughout 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". Apples will also be on sale at the Back to School BBQ/Carnival, Back to School Night and the Book Fair.

Now Hiring Substitute Teachers

If you have a Bachelors Degree, have taken and passed the CBEST, and would like information on Substitute Teaching at Elementary level, Secondary level or both for the Morgan Hill Unified School District, e-mail **Debbie Amaya** in the Human Resources Department

Debbie.Amaya@mhu.k12.ca.us

Or call (408) **201-6020**

Box Tops

Welcome back BoxTop/Campbell Soup label collectors! We collected over \$1,000 last year in Box Tops! Our goal this year is to surpass that. If each child brought in 10 Box Tops each month, we could collect over \$5,000 for Paradise Valley, FREE! New contests each month, this month \$10 to FroYo Delite. Please label your entries with child's name and teacher, in a plastic bag if not on the collection sheet. Collections can be turned into the teacher or the Campbells Soup can basket in the lobby. Campbell Labels can also be collected for our school, a point system is used and we buy products for the Panther Den and we have 2 Ipod shuffles we are going to raffle at the BBQ on Sept. 10th. Collection sheets for labels are in the lobby. Any questions please contact **Michawn Giovannoni**, Box Top Coordinator at michawng@hotmail.com

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.

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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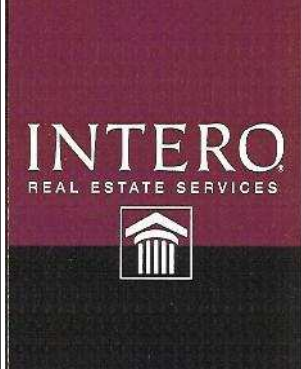


Note from Home and School Association

Welcome Back Paradise Valley Families,
 It is so nice to be back and see all the hustle and bustle around school! The kids are excited! I am sure you parents are as well.
 The Home and School Association has been super busy! As you may have noticed, our cookie dough fundraiser has now been changed to wrapping paper and many fabulous gifts you can buy for birthdays, holidays etc. This is underway as we speak, the kickoff assembly was held on August 26th.
 We are also busy planning our Back to School BBQ and Carnival which is right around the corner. This is a great event to just come to school and have all kinds of fun!
 As we try to get organized for our year it is important that you fill out all the forms that we have been send-

ing home and either turn them into your child's teacher or the Home and School drop box in the front office hallway.
 Remember any and all parent/guardians are encouraged to come to the Home and School Association meetings, which are held every third Tuesday of the month (please refer to your monthly calendars for dates and times).
 Friday Folders are a great place to find your up to date notes on all the happenings here at school, so please be sure to check those.
 IF you have any questions or suggestions please contact me either by email or phone; clgieg@aol.com or 408-858-1821.
 Thank you!
Cristy Gieg
President of the Home and School Association

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