



Paradise Valley School Paw Print

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Principal's Message

The **2012-2013 school year** is off to a great start. Students are mastering classroom routines and delving into their studies with diligence. On Friday, August 24th, all students participated in a **School Rules** assembly. Together we reviewed our three school wide rules: **1) Show Respect, 2) Make Good Choices and 3) Solve Problems.** Along with classroom discipline plans, as a school, we will recognize positive behavior through **Panther Pride tickets.** When a student is seen making a great decision, they receive a royal blue ticket that can be used in the Panther Den. The **Panther Den** has all sorts of goodies that students can "purchase" with their tickets. We will also recognize the many ways our students shine by sharing examples of their excellent behavior in morning announcements and by displaying a written account on a half sheet in the main entrance to the school. Be sure to pass by the office to celebrate Paradise Valley's rays of light.

CST test results for our 2011-12, 2nd through 6th graders (this year's 3rd through 7th graders) have arrived and we are preparing individual student reports to be sent home. Students will bring them home in their Friday packets on September 7th. The results will be accompanied by a letter from our Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, Dr. Norma Martinez-Palmer. Parents, please take time to review these results with your child. Students in grades 2, 3, 4 and 6 during the 11-12 school year will have English-Language Arts and Mathematics results. Fifth grade students during the 11-12 school year will additionally have Science results. Please note that it is our goal at Paradise Valley to support each and every child with reaching "**Proficient and Beyond!**" As you go over the results with you child, note first the subject area(s) of strength and celebrate that accomplishment. Should your child not be at the proficient level, rest assured we will be working together as a teaching staff to address learning gaps in order to accelerate their academic achievement this year. You can also take an active role in assisting your child by seeking out resources to support their success in this year's **STAR testing** by visiting this website <http://starsamplequestions.org/>. Paradise Valley students will reap academic benefits via a focused partnership between school and home.

Student safety on campus is of paramount importance. Paradise Valley has a campus design that is very open. While this has many benefits, it poses challenges in that there is no central entry point to ensure

that every adult on campus is on site with the best of intentions for children. I will be walking the campus throughout the day monitoring our site for any adult that is not wearing a name badge. Should I come across an adult that is not identified as an approved visitor, I will ask that individual to sign-in in the office or leave the premises. We have a **new sign-in sheet** that also now includes an area where each visitor must indicate the purpose of their visit. Due to the high expectations and accountability that face our students and teachers everyday, every moment of instruction must be maximized. Please remember and respect that our students begin their classroom instruction at 7:40 am and continue right up until the last bell rings. Please do not go to your child's classroom before the final bell and please plan a swift morning drop off so that our teachers can immediately engage students in learning each morning.

Finally, the traffic flow at morning drop off and afternoon pick up continues to be a concern. Our **Student Safety Patrol** will start next week and I look forward to parent modeling of **1) Showing Respect, 2) Making Good Choices and 3) Solving Problems.** We are making every effort to assist our buses in exiting the premises as quickly as possible. Until the buses leave, we need the cooperation of parents waiting in the drive thru. The drive thru is a fire lane and therefore parents may not exit their vehicles for any reason. When making your way through the drive thru, please pull as far forward as possible before stopping your vehicle. I will be visiting other sites to see how traffic is managed and will be investing in additional signage to assist us all in an orderly drop off and pick up process.

In partnership,

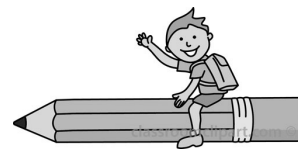
Erika Benadom- Principal



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Upcoming Events



September

- 3** **NO SCHOOL**, Labor Day
- 14** **Back to School BBQ**, 5 p.m.
- 17-21** **Book Fair**, Library
- 18** **Home & School Mtg.**, 2:15 pm./Cafeteria
- 19** **Back to School Night**, 6:30 to 8:00 pm
- 20** **School Site Mtg.**, 2:15 pm /Staff Rm
- 25** **Fall Pictures**

October

- 8** **NO SCHOOL**, Furlough day
- 16** **Home & School Mtg.**, 7:50 pm./Cafeteria
- 18** **School Site Mtg.**, 2:15 pm /Staff Rm
- 19** **Panther Prowl Run**
- 26** **Picture Make-Up Day**
- 30** **Great Pumpkin Display**, Library
- 31** **Halloween Parade**

Second Annual Panther Prowl

Paradise Valley is having it's **Second Annual Panther Prowl** "walk-a-thon" this October. This exciting event was a huge success last year and we are hoping to make it even better this year! The Panther Prowl will promote fitness while raising funds for our school. The event will also be the only **major fundraiser** this fall.

Right now we are looking for **parent/corporate sponsors** for the event. In return for your tax-deductible sponsorship, your name/logo will appear on the walk-a-thon pledge form passed out to almost 700 students that will then be passed among our community. Larger sponsorships will have their logo placed on a banner hung, in front of our school, during the month of October.

Help us to make our 2nd Annual Panther Prowl an even bigger success this year!

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Scrip

Scrip is coming!! Watch for Scrip order forms and more details in next week's Friday folders (Sept. 7). When you purchase Gift Cards (Scrip) through our school, we earn money which goes directly to stocking the student "**Panther Den**" with great prizes for our student to buy with their **Panther Pride** tickets. You can also order scrip online at: www.shopwithscrip.com (school ID: 525B748621813).

Questions?? Contact: **Tara Miller, Scrip Coordinator** at taramiller@hotmail.ca

BACK TO SCHOOL



BBQ /Carnival



When: September 14, 2014
Where: Our very own PV Campus
Time: 4:00 - 7:30 pm

What better way to start the year off than with our annual **Back to School BBQ/Carnival!**

REMEMBER to pre-order your dinner by Wednesday, September 5th, to guarantee your meals! We will have Great Food and Snacks-Games and Prizes- Lots of Family Fun! Cash, checks and credit cards will be accepted.



*It takes many volunteers to make this event successful. Please contact **Cristy Gieg** to learn how you can help. 408-858-1821*



Coming Soon.....

- **BoxTops & Campbell's Labels For Education:** Continue collecting BoxTops and Labels. These are separate programs and should be placed on separate forms to turn in each month.
- **Panther Den-** Check Friday folders for dates. Students, start earning your Panther Pride tickets now with your positive behavior!
- **Apple-A-Day-** Help keep our classrooms well stocked with needed supplies by buying an Apple for only \$5.00. More information to come!
- **PV Spirit Wear -** Show your **Panther Pride** by purchasing your spirit wear at the Back to School BBQ/Carnival. Order forms can also be found at the PVHSA desk or email mijrigo@gmail.com

 **Home & School Association**

Welcome Back to school! We hope that everyone is adjusting back into their school routine! It's always bittersweet saying goodbye to Summer!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is **Sue Stapleton**. I am a Paradise Valley parent and the **Home & School Association President**. I look forward to partnering together with you on the many activities and events that make our school great!

We have started this 2012-2013 school year with a bang! We have several upcoming events, see calendar on pg. 2, including our **Back to School BBQ/Carnival**, **Back to School Night** and **Scholastic book Fair**. Our *BBQ and Carnival* is a fun opportunity for you to have dinner with your children and their new friends and families. *Back to School Night* is your opportunity to meet your child's teacher visit the classroom and hear about all the exciting things that they will be learning this year. Lastly, our *Book Fair!* The Book Fair is a week long event that is held in our library. Students will have the opportunity to preview and purchase new books for themselves and their classrooms. The Book Fair will be open during *Back to School Night*. Please stop by!

The **school website** will be updated this year to serve as a central location to find out what is happening at *Paradise Valley*. We will continue to use our **YAHOO! GROUPS** to share up-to-the-minute information and communications with you via email. We are currently forming a committee called, "**Go Green!**" Our goal is to decrease our paper usage and send out school wide Friday folder communications by email. Please help our effort in going green by filling out your contact form. In the interim, continue to check your children's **Friday folders** for current information and communications.

We currently have a few vacant committee positions available, and many volunteer opportunities. **Get involved** by signing up and helping out! We would not be able to host all of these wonderful events without the help of all our PV families! We are looking forward to a fun, exciting 2012-2013 school year!

Sue Stapleton
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10 Reasons To Get Involved

- 1. Your child benefits.**
 Research shows children whose parents are involved get better grades, do better on tests, and have fewer discipline problems at school.
- 2. We make a difference.**
 We provide support for teachers in and out of the classroom. We provide resources they need. We try to build the kind of atmosphere that makes school fun.
- 3. We pledge to honor your time constraints.**
 An hour or two a semester really makes a difference. We won't push you to commit more than you want to or are able to.
- 4. We have fun.**
 Volunteer work shouldn't be drudgery. We accomplish a lot. We don't take ourselves too seriously, and we try to enjoy ourselves along the way.
- 5. Meet nice people who share your concerns.**
 We all have a common bond. We care about creating the best possible educational experience for our children. Many friendships have developed by these connections.
- 6. There's a lot to be done.**
 These days, schools are asked to do more with less. Our help is needed more than ever to fill the gaps.
- 7. We can match jobs to your interests and abilities.**
 The work we do covers a broad spectrum: filing and photocopying, planning and executing events, working directly with children, and lots more. We're thrilled to have people take on tasks that meet their skills and interests.
- 8. We're welcoming.**
 To us, there are no "outsiders." We are people who have come together to work toward common goals. We couldn't be happier to have you join us in working toward those goals.
- 9. We're about parent involvement.**
 Our number one goal is to get more parents connected to the school because building parent involvement in education is essential in creating a great school and improving student performance.
- 10. This work is very rewarding.**
 It's seeing the smiles that shows we're making school a little more fun. There are lots of rewards, both big and small, for those who get involved. *Won't you join us?*



To learn more about how to get involved with Paradise Valley's Home and School activities please contact :
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 Please send comments and articles to
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YEARBOOK



Would you like to help create class memories for your child? We are looking for at least one volunteer, per class, who will be responsible for taking, collecting, and submitting photos of their child's class. Contact me directly or sign-up at Back to School Night!!

Gina Girouard
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To File:

Paradise Valley Elementary official website:
www.paradise.mhu.k12.ca.us

YAHOO! Group
www.groups.yahoo.com/group/PVHSA

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