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Principal's Monthly Message

Dear Paradise Valley Families:

During this month of April I'd like to take a moment to recognize some of the hard work of our parents, staff and students, outline our mindset for the coming month, and offer some reminders as we move into warmer days.

I personally extend gratitude to **Sue Stapleton** and **Gino Borgioli** for making the dream of **Fun-Visors** a reality. At lunch, students now have alternative play options in the form of bubbles, chalk, water colors, board games and much more. This is just the beginning of this initiative and it's already a hit with students. There is such excitement and energy that is focused in a positive direction. Additionally, I offer a special tribute to **Mrs. Balestreiri** (1st grade teacher) for hosting an amazing **Cave Art** and **Caveman Soup Tasting**. Almost a hundred parents gathered to see the beautiful cave painting their children created. After a short presentation, families were able to try a variety of foods that cave dwellers might have eaten. Dried crickets were on the table and tasted by some brave Panthers! **Finally, my sincere thanks go out to all of our students and teachers who have been working tirelessly to master learning standards.** Each child comes with his/her own strengths and areas of need and finding the perfect combination of strategies to support success is a journey that we undertake each and every day with commitment and passion!

To that end, April is going to be "**Show What You Know**" month for all students. For students in grades 2-6, that knowledge will be shown off via the **STAR California Standards Test** starting the week of **April 15th**. This test can bring with it anxieties and nervous anticipation. Instead, we look at it as an opportunity for students to show their beautiful colors as do male peacocks with

their beautiful feathers. **We want students to strut their knowledge with pride and confidence.** They have worked diligently all year long and now is the time to demonstrate their brilliance. Please help us support this messaging by reinforcing the hard work your child has put in to their learning. Compliment their daily reading at home, honor their mathematical genius by engaging in some mental math with them, ask them to verify that the change you got at the store is accurate, have them find geometrical shapes on a walk through the neighborhood. Learning takes place throughout the day and can be celebrated before and after school. **Here's to each remarkable brain inside every single Panther at Paradise Valley!**

In closing, the warm weather is just around the corner and with that will come **requests from children to stay and play on campus after school gets out.** A school is a place of community and we encourage your presence. We do have a few requests though! **Parents, please actively supervise your children.** This means that you should be in close proximity of your children. If your child is playing on the play structure, please stand near the play structure (not at the lunch tables). We need to make certain that all children are safe and in order to do that, we need your cooperation. In addition, we will be investing in some trash cans that will stay out before and after school. Please throw your trash in these containers so that we can keep our campus clean.

It continues to be an honor to serve this community of learners, staff members and parents.

At your service,

Erika Benadom
Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS



April 2013

- 1-5 **NO SCHOOL- Spring Break**
- 10 **Spring Pictures**
- 10 **T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library**
- 12 **Panther Den**
- 15 **STAR Testing window (4/15 thru 5/03)**
- 16 **Home & School Mtg., 2:15pm/Cafeteria**
- 17 **T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library**
- 24 **T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library**
- 25 **School Site Council, 2:15pm/Cafeteria**
- 25 **Parent Info. Mtg.-Early Literacy/6pm/Library**
- 25 **ELAC Mtg/ 1:00 pm/ Library**
- 26 **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, Coyote Creek Golf Club**
- 26 **Panther Den**



May 2013

- 3 **STAR Testing ends**
- 9 **DELAC Mtg/ 6:00 pm/ District Office**
- 10 **Panther Den**
- 13 **6th Graders leave for science camp!**
- 15 **Spring Open House/ 6:30-8:00 pm**
- 16 **School Site Council, 2:15/Cafeteria**
- 16 **ELAC Mtg/ 6:00 pm/ Library**
- 17 **6th Graders return from science camp!**
- 21 **Home & School Mtg., 7:50 am/ Cafeteria**
- 22 **2nd Grade Performance**
- 23 **Volunteer Tea**
- 24 **Panther Den**
- 27 **NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day**
- 31 **Panther Den**

Panther Den

The students have really enjoyed having the **Panther Den (PD)** this year. It is amazing how excited they get when they come and shop at the PD. Some of the students have told me, that they really like being rewarded for their personal standards with tickets, and that they like being able to shop with those tickets at the PD's store when we are open.

The Panther Den's store is in need of some more **parent volunteers**. We have **four** more Panther Dens left for this school year. It takes at least **five parent volunteers** to run **one PD**. The time that is needed is **one hour**. It runs on Fridays during the first recesses from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM. If you are able to volunteer on one or more of the following dates: April 12th, April 26th, May 10th and May 31st, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at: jdyc@charter.net or [650-279-4932](tel:650-279-4932).

Joan Daniels

PARADISE VALLEY PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

**BOOTS & BLACK TIE
AUCTION FUNDRAISER**

Friday, April 26, 2013
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Coyote Creek Golf Club

Ticket price: \$75 per person

Price includes dinner, dessert, domestic bottled beer, house wine, non-alcoholic drinks, dancing, Live and Silent Auctions to benefit our school.

Make checks out to PVHSA and deposit in HSA box outside school office

Send any comments and articles to
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Project Cornerstone

Last month our readers read *Nobody Knew What to Do* by **Becky Ray McCain**. This is the story of how one child found the courage to tell a teacher about a student who was being **bullied** in school. We are often scared and don't know what to do when we witness a bullying incident. As students learn and use **bully prevention techniques** their confidence in their ability to be UP-standers increases. One important UP-stander tool is learning that it is **OK to make a report to an adult about bullying**. Students tell an adult when they need to prevent harm or protect a student or property. Remind youth frequently that YOU are one of the caring adults they can count on when they need support.

Reminder: Take It Personally (TIP) workshop/study group will meet again on **4/10, 4/17, and 4/24 from 6:30- 8:00 p.m.** in the **Paradise Valley Library**. To sign up to attend, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0945ABA72D6-take>

For questions or comments regarding Project Cornerstone, please contact **Diana Gill, Paradise Valley Project Cornerstone Coordinator** at dlding@yahoo.com

SCHOOL REQUIREMENT For Incoming 7th Graders Fall Semester, 2013

All incoming 7th graders must be vaccinated against pertusis (whooping cough) **by the first day of school**. Seventh graders will be required to show proof of "Tdap" booster shot **before** starting school this Fall semester, 2013.

It is recommended that parents who currently have a child in 6th grade, get their student vaccinated well before the first day for school **There will be no grace period and the regulation will be strictly enforced**. After your child has received their Tdap vaccine, bring your child's immunization record to the school office as proof they have received the vaccine.

To obtain a whooping cough/pertusis vaccination for your child, please see your regular health care provider. Immunizations may also be obtained at the Public Health Department.

Student Art For PNO Auction

Students at Paradise Valley along with some very special parent volunteers have been quite busy creating some **one-of-a-kind art pieces** that will be sold at auction during the **Annual Paradise Valley's Parent's Night Out**. This year, the items include canvas creations such as "**Cool Coffee Cups**," "**Kinder Tree**" "**Wildflowers in Kingman Meadow**," "**Tree of Life**" and "**Cupcake Crazy**" just to name a few. This year there is also a "**Table Top Puppet Theatre**" that comes with the most unique collection of puppets ever seen! Classes are offering up awesomely unique items such as: **handmade quilts, batik scarves, ceramic wind chime, cookie jars, a collection of wine-charms and even a flower pot**. Please stop by the library between now and the Annual PV PNO (on Friday, April 26) to take a look at these masterpieces.

Ways to Support PV...

- Continue collecting and turning in your **BoxTops & Labels for Education**.
- Place your **Scrip** order online at: www.shopwithscrip.com (school ID: 525B748621813)
- **Apple-A-Day**- Continue to help your child's classroom stay well stocked with needed supplies by buying an Apple for only \$5.00.
- **PV Spirit Wear**- PV Spirit Wear may still be purchased! Email mijrigo@gmail.com with your orders!

Lost & Found

Please check our **Lost & Found** for any of your child's missing clothing, lunch boxes or other items. The Lost & Found is located inside the cafeteria. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity, so make sure to check before it's too late!

Robin Guevara



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