



Paradise Valley School Paw Print

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Principal's Message

Paradise Valley Families and Staff:

It's a sprint to the finish line and what an incredible race we have run together!

In May, our sixth graders spent a week at **science camp**. Students spent invaluable time together forging life-long friendships while learning about nature, conquering their solo night walks and some even joined the "**Banana Slug Club**." **Thank you** to our dedicated teachers who spent countless hours planning for this event and for the brave parents who survived a week bunking in cabins with our Panthers.

Incoming kindergartners and parents had a chance to "*Sneak a Peek*" at Paradise Valley on May 22nd. Kindergarten teachers shared information about the academic program and then the students and parents paraded through each of the classrooms. The evidence of a cohesive grade level was abundant; each classroom displayed similar student art and writing projects. The visit culminated in an **ice cream social** and craft activity hosted by our generous **Home and School Association** under the leadership of **Mimi Beauchesne**.

Our **second graders** serenaded parents with a musical performance that was an instant hit. The show was outstanding!!! Students sang, danced and transitioned from song to song through dialogue on the microphones. The hard work these students dedicated in daily rehearsals paid off as the fuller than full house enjoyed hearing a little bit of country and a little bit of rock and roll. None of this could have been possible without the hard work of the outstanding opportunity to strut their stuff.

What a turn out we had for **Open House!** The true sense of family shined through on this special night as students shared their proud creations with not only their moms and dads, but also their grandparents and extended families. It was a joy to watch children's smiles as they explained their accomplishments and reflected on their growth over the past

year. **Thank you to all staff** that contributed to this night's success and for your efforts all year long in pushing students towards maximizing their potential.

Although the 2012-13 school year may be coming to it's close, opportunities for learning will continue throughout the summer. Parents, enjoy the change in routine and the gift of extra time with your children. As you know, they will be grown and gone in the blink of an eye. May these summer months provide you with plentiful opportunities to experience authentic learning moments through visits to the beach, walks in the park, adventures to the city, and more. Here are three manageable ways to maintain learning with your children over the next two months: **1) read** for at least 20 minutes a day, **2) keep a daily journal** that highlights the BEST part of each day, **3) practice math** online through www.ixl.com. Above all, engage in conversations with your children that honor their thinking and push their ideas to greatness.

Finally...I thank YOU! I will cherish this year as one that enriched my life tremendously. As I interact daily with remarkable children, I know that they are who they are as a direct result of their parents and the educators who mold them. YOU are extraordinary!!!

With admiration,

Erika Benadom
Principal



6th Grade Promotion

*You are cordially invited to attend the
6th Grade Class Promotion/Award Ceremony
On June 6, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.
In the Paradise Valley Cafeteria*

**MORGAN HILL UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT
2012 - 2013**

MHUSD student's first day back to school will be **Thursday, August 15th**. To view the tentative **2013-2014 school calendar** please visit www.mhu.k12.ca.us

 **Paradise Valley Elementary
2012-2013**

Class lists- Classroom Teacher Assignments, for Paradise Valley, will be posted **August 13, after 5:00 p.m.**, outside of the school office doors.



June

- 3-6 Kinder early release time, 7:40-11:00 am**
- 3 Kinder BBQ, 9:30-11:00 am**
- 3 6th Grade- Aquatic Center, 9:00-1:30**
- 4 Hawaiian Sunglasses Day**
- 4 Field Day, Grades k-3**
- 5 4-5 Awards Assembly/ 8:15 am/Cafeteria**
- 6 6th Grade Promotion/ 9:00am/ Cafeteria**
- 6 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, Minimum Day/ 12:50 pm release!!**

 **PV School Library**

All school library books and textbooks should have been turned in to the library by now. If you have any outstanding books due, please make sure to turn them in as soon as possible. Lost book? Please check with our librarian and pay any fines due. Thank you!

 **Paw Print Business Sponsors**

We would like to give a heartfelt *Thank You* to our wonderful business sponsors who have placed their ad with the Paw Print this year! Remember to Shop Local and

 **New Paw Print Editor**

Please welcome fellow Paradise Valley Parent, *Amy Whelan*, as she volunteers to be the new Paw Print Editor for the incoming school year!

 **Lost & Found**

Summer break is around the corner! With that in mind, please check the Lost & Found bin located in the cafeteria for any items your child may be missing. The bin will be emptied out on June 12. I will be donating to Hope Services later that week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. *Thanks for another wonderful year!*

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WANTED

**Home & School
Association Officers**

The Paradise Valley HSA is currently looking to fill officer positions for the upcoming school year.

Available positions are:
President, Treasurer, Secretary

If you are interested in making a difference at PV, please contact Sue Stapleton at sue.i.stapleton@gmail.com



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 **Project Cornerstone**

Our **ABC Readers** had a terrific year reading and discussing **Project Cornerstone** books with PV students. We were very impressed with all they have learned this year.

Our Panthers have been introduced to a plethora of tools that can be used in daily situations. This summer vacation try to find opportunities to have your child **practice the skills** they learned this year. Practice and reminders help them to learn how to react in difficult social interactions.

As a reminder, the following is a summary of the lessons that we covered this year:

Have You Filled A Bucket Today?



- Be a bucket-filler.
- Don't dip into other buckets.

Simon's Hook



- Be a free fish. Swim free!
- Do little or nothing! Don't react!
- Pretend to agree with the hook.
- Change the subject; distract the bully.
- Laugh at the hook and make a joke of it.
- Be in control. Choose how you will react.

Say Something



- Be an UPstander!
- Speak up. Reach out. Be a friend!
- Refuse to join in with bully behaviors.
- Use positive peer influence to help friends
- Say/do something when someone needs help.
- Standing by someone will make them feel better!

Mr. Peabody's Apples



- Rumors stop with me!
- Refuse to hear when friends are gossiping.
- Question the accuracy of the rumor. Go to the source.
- Tell a trusted adult and discuss your options.

My Secret Bully

- Identify your supportive adults.
- Get an adult when you need help and support.
- Role-play situations with a caring adult, so you can plan ahead for how to respond to the hooks.
- Use positive self-talk to remind yourself that the bullying is a hook.
- Understand friendship boosters and busters. Hang out with people who let you be YOU!

Nobody Knew What to Do



- Tell and make a report.
- Tell an adult when there is danger, an issue of safety or the right thing to do.
- Making a report can help prevent something from happening or protect someone from getting hurt.

- Ask an ally to go with you to make the report.
- Tell as many adults as needed until someone helps you.

Chrysanthemum



- Use I messages to explain how you feel.
- Ask for support from caring adults.
- Fill buckets to help people bloom.
- Use your lid to prevent wilting.

Recess Queen



- Learn and use conflict resolution skills.
- Targets can be empowered to become UPstanders!
- Become friends with the Bully.
- UPstanders on the playground can help improve your school's climate.
- Be open to learning new things about fellow students.

We look forward to continuing to grow the Project Cornerstone Program at Paradise Valley in the new school year. If you are interested in becoming an **ABC Reader** or helping us grow the program in different ways, please contact **Diana Gill** at dlding@yahoo.com As they say, it takes a village to raise a child and we need as much help as we can get to continue to develop this program for our children. Have a great summer!

 **Panther Den**

Thank you to all the parents and students who donated to the **Panther Den**. Your donations were appreciated by the PV students and staff. Through part of your donations to **Box Tops** and personally to the Panther Den, we were able to have a very successful year of rewarding PV students for keeping in their Personal Standards. We collected over **15,000 tickets** this year. Two of the students who were able to collect 150 tickets were given an **iPod Shuffle**.

We need **volunteers** for the Panther Den during the **2013/14 school year**. The Panther Den is about a two hour per month commitment. They generally run every other Friday from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. The Panther Den is a great way to give back to the students for all their hard work.

Please consider becoming a member of our team. The Panther Den takes a truly committed team to run the store. If you can make that commitment of two hours per month, please contact me at jydc@charter.net. Your help will be greatly appreciated by the students and staff of Paradise Valley.

I hope you all have a great summer, making wonderful memories with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing you all in the 2013/14 school year.

Joan Daniels
Panther Den Chair



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