



Paradise Valley School Paw Print

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Principal's Monthly Message

Paradise Valley Families:

With just a few short months ahead of us in this school year, we have accomplished a great deal together!

Under the leadership of **Diana Gill**, our **ABC Reader program** through **Project Cornerstone**, has had a tremendous impact. Thanks to our parent volunteers, every single classroom at our school participates in a monthly read aloud that focuses on developing qualities that nurture a child's social-emotional being. This school wide initiative has provided us with a common language to address appropriate ways to address daily challenges.

Thirty of our sixth grade students engaged in a full day YMCA sponsored session titled "**Expect Respect.**" Students brainstormed different ways to create a culture of respect at our school that involves students at every level. **Ms. Miller** and parent volunteer, **Cristy Gieg**, will be following up with this group of leaders to ensure that the draft plan develops into one that is tangible with long-lasting positive outcomes.

All Paradise Valley students partook in the "**Theatre of All Possibilities**" assembly that featured approximately thirty upper-grade students in a variety of roles. **Mrs. Carney** and parent volunteer, **Nicole Chaisson**, successfully prepared students to act in this performance that focused on "**The Spirit of America.**" During **February's African American History Month**, this event provided us the opportunity to reflect on the contributions of some of the influential leaders of the civil rights movement that have provided us with the freedoms we have today.

The highlight of February most certainly was the student **Talent Show**. What talent we have at Paradise Valley Elementary! From students playing the piano and drums, to those performing gymnastics stunts, dance routines (some glow in the dark), karate moves and skits. The courage displayed by young people jumping rope, conquering hula hoops, and singing was inspiring! American Idol's got nothing on us! The standing room only crowd was a testament to the great spirit of our school. **Thank you again** to all the parent volunteers, under **Nicole Chaisson's** coordination, who made the event such a success.

Finally, a **special thank you** to the Paradise Valley **staff members** who performed in the closing act of the talent show. Your participation demonstrated to our community our unity and cohesion. It was a pleasure to practice with you during our rehearsals and to stand by your side as we professed our commitment to supporting each and every learner at our school through our act. I offer you the Academy Award for "**Best School Staff Talent Show Act!**"

In gratitude,


Erika Benadom-Principal

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Needs Your Donations!!

If you own a vacation home, time share, own a business or are willing to host some type of party, please consider making a donation to the PV Parent's Night Out Auction Fund Raiser. All donation items will be used during our live and silent auction on Friday, April 26th, 2013. These proceeds go directly to making our school a better place for our children!

Laura Freeman
PNO Coordinator



PVHSC Spring Plant Sale!

Start your spring garden by shopping at PVHSA's plant sale on Friday, March 22, 2013, right after school! All proceeds go directly to PVHSC. There will be a large selection of **organically grown heirloom tomatoes** ranging from **cherry** to **beef-steak**. Come on out and support our school and your home garden!





March

- 1 Panther Den
- 5 & 6 STAR Writing, Grade 4
- 6 End of Second Trimester
- 6 6th gr. Science Camp Parent Mtg./6:30/Cafeteria
- 6 T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library
- 8 BINGO Night/ 5:45-8 pm/ Cafeteria
- 14 DLAC Mtg./ 6 pm/ District Office
- 15 Panther Den
- 19 Home & School Mtg., 7:50 am/Cafeteria
- 20 Booksmart Book Fair Fundraiser- All day
- 20 T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library
- 21 School Site Council, 2:15pm/Cafeteria
- 22 PV Spring Plant Sale, after school
- 27 Spell-A-Thon pledge sheets due!!
- 27 T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library
- 28 Parent Info. Mtg- Standards test/6pm/Library
- 29 NO SCHOOL

Upcoming Events....

April



- 1-5 NO SCHOOL- Spring Break
- 8 Spring Pictures
- 10 T.I.P. Workshop/6:30- 8 pm/ PV Library
- 15- thru May 3/ STAR Testing Window
- 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
- 26 PARENT'S NIGHT OUT, Coyote Creek Golf Club

2013-2014 Kindergarten & New Student Registration

Kindergarten/new student registration for the 2013-2014 school year began on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. Registration packets may be picked up at any elementary school. Completed applications must be **returned to your school of residence for processing**. All documents must be complete **before** your child is considered registered. Classroom placements will be made at the school site. Your child's classroom assignment will be posted at the office of your assigned school on the Friday before school begins. Enrollment at your school of residence is on a first come, first served basis. Students currently enrolled in the district do not have to re-enroll. Every attempt will be made to place new students at their school of residence. The district cannot guarantee such placement however, and reserves the right to place **new students** at other schools within the Morgan Hill Unified School District, as necessary, when a grade-level enrollment capacity is reached.

Your registration is complete when the following documents are returned to your school of residence:

- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Proof of Immunizations
- Health Physical
- Residency
- Registration Form
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Oral Health Assessment/Waiver Request Form
- Report of Health Examination for School Entry

Enrollment packets are available at any elementary school site, at the district office or you may download them from our website: www.mhu.k12.ca.us

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

BOOTS & BLACK TIE AUCTION FUNDRAISER



Friday, April 26, 2013
Coyote Creek Golf Club



Tickets Go On Sale: March 1st

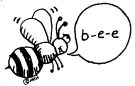
FUN-VISOR Program Starting SOON!!

Paradise Valley School is inviting you to participate in a great new program! **Be part of the fun! Be part of the play! Be part of the solution! Be a FUN-VISOR!!**

Fun-Visors allow students to engage, play, learn and socialize in appropriate ways. Help our students develop problem solving skills and tools that will offer a lifetime benefit!



If you are interested in participating in this great new program, please contact **Sue Stapleton** at sue.i.stapleton@gmail.com



Spell-A-Thon

First and foremost, **Thank You** to all the students, teachers, family, friends and parent volunteers for making our annual **Spell-A-Thon** a great success on Feb. 7th. We have about **\$9,900 in pledges** and prior to the collection deadline, Feb. 27th, we have collected about half of that already! Classroom supplies for teachers are needed more than ever. With your continued support and donations, **All money collected will go directly back into our children's classrooms** for our PV teachers to buy supplies. How do you spell "we" with two letters without using the letters W and E? U and I, so **thank you again** to all who participated and making it a great learning experience for our kids!

Tracey Nguyen
Spell-A-Thon Coordinator



For the second time, in a five-year commitment, the **Rotary Club of Morgan Hill is giving free, hardcover dictionaries to every 3rd grade school child in the Morgan Hill area.** Members of the club are personally delivering 900 dictionaries and providing a briefing on how to use them. Dictionaries become the personal property of each student and can be used at home or in the classroom.

"At the end of this massive service project, we will have put dictionaries in the homes of 4,500 local children," said Laura Lundy, president of Rotary Club of Morgan Hill. "We are making an investment in the joy of lifelong learning." Each dictionary, which retails for \$20, contains 3,000 color illustrations and photographs, and such basics as U.S. presidents, state capitals, flags of countries and a map of the solar system.

The club will be raising funds to purchase next year's dictionaries by selling mushroom soup at the **Mushroom Mardi Gras**, ad through events such as the annual **Dazzle luncheon April 26th, at Clos La Chance Winery** and the club's **Gold Classic at Eagle Ridge on September 27th.**

Incoming 7th Graders/ Fall Semester 2013

All incoming 7th graders must be vaccinated against pertusis (whoopig 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. **There will be no grace period and the regulation will be strictly enforced.** After your child has received Tdap vaccine, bring your child's immunization record to the school office as proof they have received it. If your child does not have a regular medical provider, immunizations may be obtained at the Public Health Department.

Project Cornerstone

This school year, we rolled out **Project Cornerstone's Asset Building Champion (ABC)** Program at Paradise Valley. The goal of the program is to create a common language and vocabulary about respect in our school community. Currently, we are a little over half way through the first year of a three year program.

Over the past 5 months, our **volunteer Project Cornerstone Readers** have used literature to share concepts of student-to-student respect with the children at Paradise Valley. These books and lessons help increase the student's skills in responding to bully behavior and help create a more caring, positive school climate where all students belong and feel safe.

We kicked the program off with **Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?**, which encourages students to be bucket fillers. Next, we read **Simon's Hook** which gives strategies for helping students prevent others from dipping into their buckets. **Say Something** incites students to say something and be *Up-Standers*. The negative power that rumors and gossip have is reinforced in the story of **Mr. Peabody's Apples**. Last month, we shared **My Secret Bully**, which inspires students to identify supportive adults in their lives and to use positive self-talk to shield them from hurtful words and actions.

The **ABC program** at Paradise Valley would not be possible without the funds raised by and donated to the **Home and School Association**, along with the *hours* of time given each month by our **dedicated volunteer parent readers**. I would like to thank each of them for the many hours that they spend each month training, preparing and reading to the PV students - **Melissa Ahumada, Michelle Beske, Gino Borgioli, Debbie Boyd, Nicole Burke, Dan Callison, Jennifer Castillo, Nicole Chaisson, Piper Dietz, Karen Fitch, Laura Freeman, Cristy Gieg, Laura Hernandez, Debbie Hernandez, Tara Miller, Amy Oselinsky, Suzanne Pace, Cynthia Pozas, Valerie Renggli, Vivian Rose, Sue Stapleton, Ashley Stromberg, and John Woodward.**

The ABC Program is most effective if **ALL** adults on and off campus model and reinforce the same skills and tools the students are learning in the program. To help in this effort, Paradise Valley will be hosting a **Take It Personally** (TIP) workshop/study group which gives adults tools to help children to be successful at school and in life. **This workshop/study group will meet on the following six Wednesdays (3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24) from 6:30- 8:00 p.m. in the Paradise Valley Library.** The class is being offered at no charge; however, a one-time donation of \$10 is requested for a workbook. To sign up to attend, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0945ABA72D6-take>

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



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