

Osprey News



Playa Vista Elementary, 13150 West Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, CA 90094



November 7, 2014

Dear Families of Playa Vista Elementary,

Operation Gratitude was a great success! You donated such a large amount of candy that both bags were filled. I'm sure our troops will appreciate the sweets from home. Thank you!

This Friday, November 14th at 8:25 a.m. there will be a Volunteer Training for anyone wishing to work in a classroom on a regular basis. Remember that the requirements to be a volunteer are to have completed a volunteer application, have a clear T.B. screening, attend a volunteer training, and sign a Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement. So if you would like to work in a classroom one or more times during a month and haven't attended a training this year, I'll see you Friday morning!

One of our main goals this year is to create an integrated STEM unit for the first and second semesters. Our teachers have been very busy working with the Friends of Ballona Wetlands, LMU, and collaborating within their grade levels to make this happen. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the area of focus for the different grade spans and give an update on our progress.

While all grade levels have science lessons based in the Ballona Wetlands, the wetlands themselves have several ecosystems and different grade levels have a different area of study. Our TK through second grade students are spending time in the Discovery Park and the riparian corridor. Our third graders are studying the freshwater marsh and our 4th and 5th graders are moving toward the salt marshes as their area of focus. This year marks the first time our upper grade students have walked across Lincoln Boulevard to visit the freshwater marshes!



Here is a group third graders on their trip to the Ballona Wetlands. The gentleman in the back with the gray hat on is Patrick. He is with the Friends of Ballona Wetlands and has been working very closely with us as we develop our STEM units.



We hope to have our 4th and 5th grades travel down to the saltwater marches soon. To do so takes buses and that's why they have been selling pizzas on Wednesdays after school, to pay for their trips.

Our TK through second grade students have made several trips already this year to the Discovery Park. Our first graders have been hard at work studying the movement patterns of the sun and moon. They've been collecting data on their shadows, how they change during the day, and how the placement of the sun in the sky effects the length of their shadows.

I'd thought you'd like to see a few photos of our students as they expand their studies and venture out into our wonderful outdoor classrooms, the Ballona Wetlands and Discovery Park!

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your continued support as we travel this new road together!

With kind regards,

Rebecca Johnson
Principal



Our first graders have been studying the sun and the moon, their movements across our sky, and collecting information on their shadows over time. Here they are in Discovery Park ready to make a human sundial!



CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 11th

Veteran's Day No School

**Thursday,
November 13th**

Room Parent Meeting

8:30 Room 22

Friday, November 14th

Volunteer Training

8:25 MPR

Parent Conferences Begin

Monday, November 17th

Special Dismissal Schedule

Monday 11/17 - 2:00 Dismissal
Tuesday 11/18 - 1:36 Dismissal
Wednesday 11/19 2:00 Dismissal
Thursday 11/20 2:00 Dismissal
Friday 11/21 2:00 Dismissal

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thanksgiving Week
November 24th - 28th No
School**

Imagine a world where there is **NO MORE STAGE 4 BREAST CANCER**



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About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime.

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November 3 thru November 21

Playa Vista Elementary School is proud to participate in the Twin Peaks-Twin Purpose Fundraiser! For every sale, \$10 goes to the Twin Peaks Cancer Foundation and \$10 goes to funding our PVES music program next year!

Our school goal is to raise \$15,000 to fund our PVES Music Program!

**Top selling class wins a pizza party!
Top selling student wins a \$50 Target gift card!**

**If each student sells one case of lip gloss
WE WILL REACH OUR SCHOOL GOAL!**

Selling Ideas & Tips!

- Family, Friends and Neighbors (Take your parents!)
- Social Media & Email (parents post or email a photo and explain the cause!)
- Mom and Dad's co-workers
- Grocery Store Booth (class bonding bonus!)
- Your Sports Teams
- Great gifts for the holidays!



Lip gloss Tri-Pack \$20

Every sale benefits two great causes:

**Twin Peaks and PVES Music Program
Pay by cash or check to "Friends of PVS"**

**If you have questions and would like additional Twin Peaks Tri-Packs, please contact
Donna Sorensen phone: 310-880-9054 (ok to text) | email: donna@sparklensprinkle.com**

At the end of the Twin Peaks Fundraiser, each fundraising participant will be responsible for turning in the total sales proceeds (cash and checks) and any unsold product to your room parent. If the Twin Peaks product safety seal/tag is broken on any package, that package is deemed sold. It cannot be returned.



The 2014 Party Book is Here!

SIGN UP ONLINE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

<http://www.playavistaschool.com/support-pves/party-book/>

Party Book Line Up:

October 29, 2014

Paranorman Movie Night. Snacks and drinks will be provided – Hosted by Brenda Alvergue

SOLD OUT - October 31, 2014

Halloween Party ON Halloween – Hosted by The Kataoka/Slezak's

SOLD OUT – November 2, 2014

Minecraft Building Challenge at The Exploratory - Hosted by Aisling Bryne & Winnie Licht

SOLD OUT – November 7, 2014

How to Train Your Dragon 2 Screening – Hosted by Alex & Jennifer Stein

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Mommy Game Night – Unleash your inner wrong by Cards against Humanity. Drinks and appetizers will be served. – Hosted by Katya Hirose

November 8, 2014

Progressive Party – Four Homes, Interactive Gourmet Menu (Think Asian Noodle Bar, Customized Italian Pastas, Chocolate Fondue Dessert Station and a Special Cocktail Pairing. – Hosted by The Goldbergs, The Kataoka-Slezak's, The Donell's and The Bowen's

November 9, 2014

How to Use Your DSLR Camera – Hosted by the every so famous Alex Stein

November 14, 2014

Mixology Party – Learn the Secret to making a great cocktail with recipe cards to take home – Hosted by Shelby Schulte & Jenn Goldberg

November 16, 2014

A Taste of Dream Dinners – Prepare a 3 serving meal and sample sides. Save time and money with Dream Dinners - Hosted by Circe Mirano

November 21, 2014

TK & K Kids Night Out – Enjoy a movie, pizza and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar – Hosted by Lisa Tsimanis & Beth Serlin

December 3, 2014

Craft-Tails Party – Design 2 Unique Glass Pendants all while enjoying delicious cocktails. – Hosted by Donna Sorensen & Jenn Goldberg

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