

Osprey News

August 21, 2015



Dear PVES Families

Thank you for a great first week and thank you for patience as we fine-tune our routines. Our family has grown and we are all getting accustomed to our increased numbers. Kelly Keeler, our curriculum writer, is sharing her first edition of Kelly's Corner this week so my part of this week's newsletter is reminders and announcements.



Here are the reminders:

- Supervision on the yard begins at 7:45. If you need morning care you must make arrangements with STAR. Beyond the Bell does not provide morning supervision and children may not wait in the office in the morning until supervision arrives.
- It is understood that parking is a challenge both before and after school. Walking to school when possible, arriving early, and parking on the street during permitted days and times are helpful ways to relief the congestion. Please do not double park to drop your child off. We do have valet drop off, for your convenience, at the front of the school.
- If you volunteered last year you do not need to attend a volunteer training. All that is needed is for you to go online and complete the new on-line volunteer form. You can find the form at <https://volunteerapp.lausd.net>.

Here are the announcements:

- Our Scholastic Book Fair is back! Come shop a wonderful selection of beginner readers, fiction, non-fiction and STEM titles for all grade levels.

The book fair will be in the library and is open for shopping before and after school from 8/28 through 9/2 with extended evening shopping hours for Back to School night on September 1st.

Teachers and students will have an opportunity to preview the fair and make their wish lists - please support your class library by purchasing a book from



your teachers wish list to donate to the class. Student wish lists will also be at the fair for parents.

Get an early start on your shopping: You can [order online here](#) NOW through September 3 and books will be delivered directly to your child.

25% of the sales benefit the PVES library so be sure to stop by! Questions: Email Aisling Byrne at aislingb@me.com



CALENDAR

Tues. August 25th
Volunteer Training
8:20a.m. MPR

Wed. August 26th
Room Parent Meeting
8:20a.m. MPR

Thurs. August 27th
Volunteer Training
2:15 p.m.MPR

Fri. August 28th
Book Fair Begins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 30th
Back to School Picnic

Tuesday, Sept. 1st
Back to School
5:00 Hot Dog on a Stick
6:00 General Parent Meeting
6:40 Meet with Teachers

Wed, Sept 2nd
FPVS Meeting
8:30a.m. Library PD Room
Last Day of the Book Fair

Fri. Sept. 4th
No School

- A huge thank you to Toyota Foundation for awarding Friends of Playa Vista School a \$5,000 grant to support a Tinker, Make, Innovate program at Playa Vista Elementary School. This program will begin in 4th and 5th grades and incorporate design thinking, engineering, and making in student projects through The Exploratory.
- Back To School is on Tuesday, September 1st. We begin with Hot Dog on a Stick around 5:00p.m., have our general parent meeting at 6:00p.m. in the MPR, and round the evening off with parents visiting the classrooms to hear from their teachers about the great year in store for their child. Teachers will be doing two presentations, one at 6:40p.m. and one at 7:15p.m. This is a parent only event. Information about day care for the evening will be coming soon.

Have a wonderful weekend. I'll be spending mine in San Francisco with my three daughters. It's a real treat to spend time together with my three adult children! It comes much sooner than you expect it to!

Enjoy Kelly's Corner

With warm regards,

Mrs. Johnson

Principal

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year, Parents!

I suppose I should start by introducing myself. My name is Kelly Keeler and I am the STEM Curriculum Developer. In partnership with LMU and the Friends of Playa Vista, my role here at Playa Vista Elementary School is to help strengthen the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) connections that are happening in our classrooms, as well as to help teachers facilitate lessons using a fully integrated approach.

For those of you who are new to *Kelly's Corner*, here the idea: Every two weeks, I include a letter in the Parent Newsletter to update you on all things STEM-related happening in the classrooms here at Playa Vista Elementary School.

I can't believe it is already the first week of school! I hope you had an enjoyable summer break with your families. During my summer vacation, I traveled to Norway with my husband, sans our 18-month old daughter, and had a wonderful time! And the craziest thing happened while in the tiny 500-person fjord town of Balestrand...I randomly bumped into one of our 2nd grade teachers, Ms. Bonham. It really is a small world!

Our teachers have already started off with some exciting inquiry-based, problem-solving activities. As the students get back into the swing of things, the teachers are giving them the opportunity to use engineering to collaborate and solve problems! Here are a few highlights from the week:



In 2nd grade, our students were given the challenge of building the tallest spaghetti noodle tower that could support the weight of a marshmallow. To the left, you can see a few students in Ms. Killacky's class and to the right, Ms. Huynh's class, as they try to create the tallest tower.



In 3rd grade, our students had to design and build a new kitchen tool, describe how it works, and persuade the rest of the class as to why every kitchen simply **MUST** have their tool. To the left are a few students from Mr. Little's class with their "Salad-Pastanator 8000" and to the right are a few students from Ms. Lepore's class with their "Mixer 3000."





In 4th grade, our students had to use one piece of loose-leaf paper to somehow create a support structure that could hold the weight of three textbooks. To the left is a picture of a few students in Ms. Pace's class with their design idea. To the



right is a group of girls from Mr. Weisbart's class who were not only able to hold three textbooks with their support structure, but **18** textbooks, before it collapsed!



In 5th grade, our students were given the challenge of building the tallest spaghetti noodle tower that could support the weight of a marshmallow. In addition to building, they also had to consider the cost of materials in their design. Then, they had to make a claim to the developer as to why their design was both the tallest and most cost-effective. Students worked as architects, accountants, and sales representatives all in one lesson! Here are some pictures from Mrs. Horton's class.



As you can see, it has been a great first week at school. We have a wonderful team of teachers, administrative/support staff, and parents here at Playa Vista Elementary. None of the above could be accomplished without the hard work of the whole PVES team and family! I loved the bulletin board that Ms. Huynh's class created on the first day of school and feel like it is very fitting, not only for her class, but for our whole Playa Vista community: **We Fit Right Together!**

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kelly





Playa Vista Elementary School

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Join us for food, games, music, and fun!

with Coach Derek
Jelly Bean Jamz
Children's Music Workshop
Broadway Gymnastics

Parents, students, teachers, staff and partners, let's celebrate the start of a new school year as a community!

Don't miss this fun schoolwide event! Bring your blankets and chairs!

Popeyes lunch is available for pre-order for \$6 per person or bring your own lunch.

100% of lunch sales benefit PVES. Thanks to Popeyes for supporting PVES!

at Playa Vista Central Park

Jefferson and Centinela

nearest address:

12045 Waterfront Drive, Playa Vista 90094

(South of the soccer field)

Sunday, August 30th

11am - 2pm

▶▶▶▶ PRE-ORDER POPEYES LUNCH ONLINE BY AUGUST 27TH ◀◀◀◀



Popeye's lunch is available for pre-order online for \$6.00 per lunch and includes: 3 chicken tenders, coleslaw, biscuit and a drink (juice or bottled water). Pick up your order at the event.

All proceeds from lunch sales benefit PVES. Lunch must be pre-ordered online by Thursday, August 27th. Pick up your order at the event.

Admission to this event is free. Lunches will not be sold at the event.

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**TO ORDER PLEASE GO TO WWW.PLAYAVISTASCHOOL.COM
or scan the QR code on the left with your smartphone or tablet.**



♥ MOTHER'S TEA

tea . lunch bites . mimosas . dessert

Sunday, September 20th
12 o'clock in the afternoon
Playa Vista Centerpointe Club
6200 Playa Vista Drive | Playa Vista

Hosted by Friends of Playa Vista School

Buy Tickets Online Only at
www.playavistaschool.com

\$35 per person (paid by Sept 11)

\$40 per person (Sept 12-17)

Tickets are limited and will not be sold at the door.

The proceeds from this event benefit PVES.

