



June 4, 2016

Dear PVES Family,

It's hard to comprehend that we have only one week of school remaining! The staff vs. 5th grade class kickball game was a blast! Despite the rumors you may have heard, the staff won fair and square. Our second through fourth grade students, under the direction of Ms. Patillo, gave their **end of the year performances** this past week. **Thank you Ms. Patillo** for all that you do for PVES and thank you students for giving us wonderful performances!

If you were unable to attend the **Hispanic/Latino Celebration** last week, here is a link you can go to and enjoy the presentations. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B0-cyuSfqe74NU9SdUF3SHVzTGs/view?usp=sharing> Thanks again to everyone involved in making this celebration a reality.

Looking forward to next year, here's a link to the **suggested supply list** for each grade level. FPVS is not ordering supply kits this year, so each grade level has created a list of suggested items for students to bring on the first day of school. Here's the link: <http://www.playavistaschool.com/about-pves/school-forms/> Thank you in advance for your support.

The last Principal Chat was this week. The first grade parents and I had a productive conversation that resulted in two suggestions. The first suggestion was that a list of activities for students to do during the summer to keep up with their reading, writing, and math skills be provided in the newsletter and second that I create a FAQ about the configuration of classrooms and labs for next year.

So here are some **suggested summer activities** that apply to all grade levels. **In reading**, everyone should read daily. This helps form a life long habit and associated reading only with school. The two reading programs included are for the public library and Barnes and Noble. They are similar and both are free, although you may end up buying new books if you go into Barnes and Noble!

To help children stay sharp with their **writing skills** they can create a summer journal. They can write about the books they are reading. Pose a question about the book such as which is their favorite character, event, or setting, and then ask them to support their answer by including or citing sections of the story. For a science entry you can take a walk around the neighborhood or take a trip to the water. As they notice rocks, shells, birds, etc. have them do a quick sketch of what they saw and include a description. When you return home they can look up what they found and label the entry with the name of the item.

A third type of journaling is narrative. This can be a summer diary and can also include creative stories. For upper grade students a challenge would be to write historical fiction. This would include research and citing sources at the end of their story.

Common Core math is different than the way we learned math. It includes more conceptual understanding and writing to justify why a particular solution works. There are two websites included in the newsletter. One, Bedtime Math, has been tested by the US Dept. Of Education and shown to be effective. They have books that are also available. The other is from PBS learning media. It has several story problems included, even for fractions a concept that is difficult for many upper grade students.



CALENDAR

Thursday, June 9th
Kindergarten Promotion
8:30 MPR

12:45 Dismissal Time

Friday, June 10th
5th Grade Promotion
8:30 MPR

Last Day of School!
12:45 Dismissal Time

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 16th
First Day of School!

I hope you find these resources included at the end of this newsletter helpful.

Now for the [FAQ about rearranging classrooms](#) or how are we all going to fit?!

Will kindergarten classrooms still be upstairs?

Yes, all but one kindergarten class will be on the second floor. The students are going to use the kindergarten yard for recess time, gardening, and more. Victoria Groh, one of our wonderful PVES parents, is also an architect who speaks building code! She took our situation all the way up the chain to the state agency that could give us an exception to the code, and was told that it was not possible. Thank you to Victoria for your efforts.

Which grade level is going into the kindergarten classrooms?

Next year we have three fourth grade classes. They will be located together in rooms 1, 2, & 3, that are TK and Kindergarten classrooms. It is uncertain how long this arrangement will last.

Where is the 6th grade class going to be located?

The 6th grade class is set to be in room 10 and if needed, room 11.

Do we lose our computer lab?

If our kindergarten enrollment requires a sixth classroom, then yes, our lab will become mobile. As of this writing we have 5 kindergarten classes.

Do we still have technology lessons if we don't have a lab?

The district is ready to purchase a laptop computer cart for our school. This cart is going to be used for instruction that continues to be provided by Planet Bravo. So instead of our students going to the computer lab, the lab will go to them!

What about the science lab?

The science lab is set to be located in our library PD area. This is where several meetings are held such as FPVS, our Chats, and more. The district is supporting us by purchasing portable storage cabinets for our science supplies. So when we meet next year we'll have the company of our many science lab animals!

Will the recess and lunch schedules be adjusted for the increase in student enrollment?

As of this writing we are exploring the option of having a Kindergarten/First grade lunch time with recess being held on separate yards, a second/third grade lunch and a fourth, fifth, sixth grade lunch time. The same grouping would be used during morning recess.

Hopefully this helps everyone have a better understanding of what the upcoming year is going to look like.

I look forward to our last week together for this school year. Please share your summer plans with me at the gate before and after school. I enjoy hearing about the upcoming adventures.

With the warmest of regards,

Rebecca Johnson
Principal

Summer Reading Programs:



To get started pick up your FREE game board at your local library between June 13-August 6.

The Read for the Win! Summer Reading program is FREE and open to Children ages 0-11.

Get a FREE prize just for signing-up!

Suggested Reading: [2016 Summer Reading Club - Read for the Win!](#)

• [2016 Diversión de verano en la biblioteca: ¡Leer para ganar!](#)



[Join the Triathlon Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, June 4th - Find a Store](#)

Kids Earn a Free Book!

Here is How

Step 1. Fill out the [Summer Reading Triathlon Reading Journal \(PDF\)](#). [En Español \(PDF\)](#).

Step 2. Bring the completed [Reading Journal](#) to your local B&N store. [Find a Store](#).

Step 3. Choose a FREE BOOK from our selection on the Reading Journal list at the store... Enjoy reading!

Vote for your favorite hero and place: [Download the Ballot \(PDF\)](#).

Math Resources:

<http://bedtimemath.org/>

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/collection/math-games-and-videos-for-the-common-core/>

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