



PANTHER PRIDE

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! These first few weeks have been filled with positive energy, which is indicative of the year to come! Students have been participating in a variety of activities, dedicated to reminding them of what it means to be peaceful, aware, wise and safe in all areas on campus. Be sure to ask your students how they are contributing to the PAWSitively Panther spirit at school.

This year, we are fortunate to welcome some amazing new professionals to the Los Paseos staff. **Ms. Hilary Brueckner** is officially a Panther staff member and is teaching fifth grade. Last year, Ms. Brueckner was a long-term substitute in third grade for the entire year and we are thrilled to have her return. **Mrs. Jennifer Cordone** joined the upper grade team and is teaching a fifth/sixth combo. Mrs. Cordone taught for several years at P.A. Walsh Elementary and is currently enrolled in an Educational Leadership Program at San Jose State University. **Ms. Marissa Oh** joined the sixth grade team and is enjoying the Bay Area. Ms. Oh most recently was a Math Intervention teacher in Clovis Unified and has an extensive technology background. Additionally, the special education program at Los Paseos has expanded by two new classes. **Mrs. Kate Parsons** is teaching a first through third grade class and is thrilled to be a Panther Staff member along with **Mrs. Liz Benjamin**, paraprofessional assisting in the room. **Mrs. Vicki Bridges** is teaching a fourth through sixth grade class and is a special education extraordinaire, joining us from San Martin Gwinn Elementary, with paraprofessional **Mrs. Nola Martini**. We are lucky to have **Mrs. Liz Stewart** and **Mrs. Milynne Farrales** from Beacon School also supporting our new programs. Finally, a warm welcome to **Dr. Gail Waxman**, our new school psychologist who will be on campus every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please extend a warm Panther welcome to these special individuals!

Finally, **Back-to-School Night** is right around the corner! On Thursday, September 11th, there will be two sessions held in classrooms and our goal is to have 100% participation! Please make every effort to attend this important event. As a friendly reminder, adults only please.

Session 1~ 6:00- 6:40 P.M.
Session 2 ~ 6:50- 7:30 P.M.

* Please note that there will not be a whole-school presentation in the multipurpose room to kick-off this event. Please make every effort to be on time to the classroom sessions as agendas will be full. ☺

It's going to be an amazing year at Los Paseos! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher, our amazing office staff, or myself.

Best Regards,
Jenna Mittleman

Bienvenidos a Los Paseos

Estimados Padres,

Mi nombre es Johana García represento el Enlace de la Comunidad Bilingüe de la Escuela Los Paseos. Este año escolar 2014/2015 espero conocer cada uno de ustedes en nuestras próximas reuniones mensuales de ELAC y en todas las otras funciones de la escuela.

Estoy aquí para ayudarle con cualquier pregunta o preocupación que usted pueda tener con respecto a la educación de sus hijos y está en mi mejor interés que todos los estudiantes se esfuercen aquí en Los Paseos y alcancen su máximo potencial.

Por favor no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo por teléfono o por correo electrónico a:
(408) 201-6420 Ext. 14134 garciaj@mhusd.org

Atentamente,

Johana L. García

Enlace de la Comunidad Bilingüe



Welcome to Los Paseos

Dear Parents,

My name is Johana Garcia and I am the Bilingual Community Liaison at Los Paseos Elementary. This 2014/2015 school year I hope to meet every single one of you at our upcoming monthly ELAC meetings and at all the other school functions.

I am here to assist you with any questions or concerns you might have concerning your child's education and it is in my best interest that they strive here at Los Paseos and reach their fullest potential.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or via e-mail at:

(408) 201-6420 ext.14134 garciaj@mhusd.org

Sincerely,

Johana L. Garcia

Bilingual Community Liaison

Los Paseos Home and School Club News

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LPHSC Officers for 2014/2015

President: Diane Bringuel • **Vice President:** Patty Keith • **Secretary:** Cherry Baena-Levstek

Treasurers: Summer Hess & Pauline Stuart

Lost and Found:

Please remember to go through lost and found items before the last day of every month – it's located in the multi-purpose room or in the cafeteria. Any items that are not picked up will be donated.

Spirit Wear:

Watch for it at the beginning of September!

September 3rd – Home and School Club:

Meeting will be at 9:00 AM. We will discuss the Walk-A-thon, Room Parent, Spirit wear, this year's budget, school year fundraisers, and spirit sticks.

September 8-11th – Book Fair:

Please visit our Book Fair starting Monday, and including Back to School Night!

September 26th – Movie Night:

This year's movie will be held in memory of Robin Williams, and as our tribute we will view *Aladdin*.

September 29th – Picture Day:

School portraits will be taken for the yearbook, and for purchase. There will also be a makeup day later in the year.

October 24th – Walk-A-Thon:

Plan ahead to join us! We'll have fun and raise funds.

Activity fee:

In order to provide supplies and subscriptions to every classroom, please remember to submit your Activity Fee payment as soon as possible. We are asking for \$25 per child.

Amazon.com:

If you do any shopping on Amazon.com be sure to use the link on our school website. Just by using that link, Los Paseos receives money. Easy!

Box Tops for Education:

Don't throw away those box tops! If you purchase any product with the "Box Tops for Education" logo, clip out the logo and turn it in to the school. Each logo is worth 10 cents. Eligible products include General Mills® cereals, Pillsbury® products, Nature Valley® granola bars, Kleenex® tissues, and Ziploc® bags and containers. All those box tops do add up!

To learn about more ways to earn money for our school through Box Tops, visit one of these websites: www.btfec.com and www.2ways2earn.com.



Find us on Facebook:

Did you know Los Paseos Home and School Club has a Facebook page? Be sure to "like" us. We'll give you updates and reminders on everything related to our school and activities.



SEPTEMBER K-6th MUSIC NOTES

Welcome back to school and welcome "BACH" to music! It's so good to be back with the students for another year of singing, listening, creating, and learning. I so appreciate your support of my music curriculum for our kindergarten through sixth grade students. Music is the universal language and all children should have the opportunity become familiar with theory, multicultural music, and traditional songs.

This year, classes will receive a thirty minute instructional time, once a week. I teach at four schools in MHUSD. On "Magical, Musical Mondays", you'll find me at the Walsh STEAM Academy; Tuesday is reserved for the Barrett Bengals; Wednesday is the day El Toro youngsters sing their socks off; Thursdays are designated for those Los Paseos Panthers.

Our primary youngsters will be doing plenty of singing as well as learning to identify musical instruments by sight and by sound. Our upper grade youngsters will be accomplishing similar activities as well as learning about composers and basic music theory. Our fifth and sixth graders will be playing recorders this year. Music classes begin the week of September 15th.

I am available to teachers who would like to present class performances. I already have a Patriotic Sing scheduled at Los Paseos in February 2015! Last year we performed Patriotic Sings, recorder concerts, World Sings, and Holiday Extravanzas. Teachers advise me of their subject matter and I find songs to integrate into their classroom curriculum. Studies have proven music to be an excellent tool in our learning process.

We will have a busy start to music. We will establish our classroom rules and schedule. We will work on our listening skills – after all, music involves so much listening! Listening to rhyming lyrics, listening to the pitch of fellow singers, listening to the tones produced by various instruments, and listening to familiar melodies will keep us busy! We will start our study of instruments with keyboard instruments and such famous composers as Bach, Brahms, and Beethoven.

The most important goal of my music program is to increase the children's "Oral Tradition", songs they know by memory. If we don't learn the words to songs like "This Land Is Your Land" or "Take Me Out to the Ballgame", these songs will be lost. Our youngsters need to preserve the songs that have been woven into our country's past. This applies to our country's patriotic and folk music.

Thanks to so many of you who supported this year's Patriotic Sing held on July 3rd. Our efforts to "Honor Those Who Serve" were appreciated by the members of our military. And now, I hope your student will put a song in your heart as we journey through this musical year.

Karen Ann Crane

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