

# Los Paseos Home and School Club News

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November 2011



## Box Tops Contest Results

Thank you Los Paseos Families. We raised just over \$1000 in Box Tops during our October submission! Congratulations to Miss Shoemaker's class who won the pizza party. Her class brought in over 1,200 box tops (over \$120)! Please keep saving those box tops all year, ask friends and family to save for you too and keep a look out in stores and on products for special Box Top promotions.

Thank you for your support and look for another Box Top submission contest in February.

## Home and School Club Meeting

The next Home & School Club meeting will be held **Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the school multi-purpose room. All parents are welcome to attend. To keep up with what is happening, notes from past meetings are posted on the school website:

[www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us/hsc\\_minutes.htm](http://www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us/hsc_minutes.htm)



## HSC Board Position Open

The Home & School Club is looking for a team player to fill the **Secretary position** on the Home & School Club Board. If you are interested in working with a really fun group in the Home & School Club and making an impact at Los Paseos, please contact Mary Patterson or Erin Adam at [lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com](mailto:lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com) or talk to them if you seen them around school. We're looking for someone who is organized, a team player and can regularly attend the Home & School Club Meetings.

## Panther T-shirts

**Coming Soon!** In November, order forms will be coming home for our new Los Paseos T-Shirts! We will no longer be keeping them in stock so be sure to place an order.



## Yearbook



### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cover Contest

All 6<sup>th</sup> graders have the chance of designing this year's yearbook cover by entering the Yearbook Art Contest. The contest description and rules were sent home on October 17. Entries are due Friday, November 11, and the winner(s) will be announced the week of November 14.

### Pre-Order Your Yearbooks

We are starting to take pre-orders for the 2011-2012 Los Paseos Yearbooks! Your child will be receiving an order envelope which is due Friday, December 16. Please have your child return it as soon as possible to his/her teacher.

This year we are only ordering enough yearbooks to fill pre-order quantities, so order now. Our yearbook contains your child's memories that will last a lifetime. Yearbooks will be distributed during the first week of June, and your child will be able to have it signed during that week.

Please make checks payable to LPHSC.

Cost: Pre-order \$20 or \$25 after December 16

### Yearbook Pictures

Parents, we need your help to make this year's yearbook the best ever! Please send us pictures you've taken of your kids at school this year. In addition to their class portraits, we would love to include as many of the kids' daily school activities and special events as possible. Special events include but are not limited to: the first Day of School, College Gear Day, Movie Night, Hat Day, Family Night Out at Sweet Tomatoes, Books and Beyond store, Book Faire, etc.

Please send digital photos to [LosPaseosYearbook@gmail.com](mailto:LosPaseosYearbook@gmail.com). Any yearbook questions can also be directed to this address.

I look forward to working with you to create and preserve your child's elementary school memories this year!

*Saniata Bond*, Yearbook Coordinator



## Pointsettia Fundraiser

A group of Los Paseos students is coordinating a Poinsettia fundraiser. Buy one of these beautiful, fresh, locally grown holiday plants to decorate your home, and support our students and our school. Use the order form your child brought home, or download the form from the school website: [www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us/gate.htm](http://www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us/gate.htm)  
Each plant costs \$10, or get 6 for \$50. **Orders are due on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our cookie dough fundraiser has kicked in to high gear! Stock up for the holidays while supporting our school. Orders are due Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## PayPal™ Donation Button

The Los Paseos Website now has a PayPal Donation Button on the front page. Especially convenient for family and friends who want to help out but live too far away! Or if you would like to give a tax deductible contribution to our school, donating is now just a click away! [www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us](http://www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us)

## Big Panther Thank You!

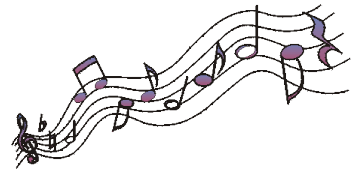
Thank you to all the parents who participated in our Gift Wrap fundraiser, the Movie Night and the Scholastic Book Fair. Profits earned from these fundraisers pay for Field Trips, our Music Program, books, and much more:

Profit from Gift Wrap sales = \$15,000 +  
Profit from Movie Night = nearly \$1,500  
Profit from Book Fair = \$5,000 in books for our classrooms and school library

Los Paseos would like to send out a special thank you to Chris Escobar for organizing the super fun family event, "Movie Under the Stars"! Also a big thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped make this a successful and fun night for Los Paseos Families! We would also like to thank the following people for donating items to sell at our concession stands: Kelly Fiorentino, Rosa Juarez, Chris and Michelle Escobar.

A big thank you to Aimee King for organizing our Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser! It was the largest turn out yet and fun was had by all!

## October Music Notes



Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> (Hooray!)

First of all, it's great to be back for yet another year, and this year I am teaching all grade levels! It is amazing to see (and hear) the benefits of a consistent curriculum as children already know so many songs and are eager to learn more! As you know, I am a firm believer that we must develop children's Oral Tradition in order to preserve the songs of our country and our musical history.

We have listened to and identified major and minor key. And, this month, we have studied the keyboard instruments of the orchestra. We have listened to excerpts from the piano, harpsichord, organ, accordion and keyboard.

When learning about the keyboard family, it is important to also study the lives of two great composers. Johann Sebastian Bach and Scott Joplin who played the organ and piano respectively. Their compositions have become classics. It is so interesting to listen to and compare Classical and Ragtime music!

We will examine the importance of music in our culture by leaning the history of our National Anthem, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and "God Bless America". All three of these songs will be heard around World Series time. And of course, we'll sing "We Will Rock You" and "We are the Champions" to understand how music unites us and celebrates victories.

We have also studied dynamics in music. What fun we had using our voices to sing *ff* (*fortissimo* – very loudly) and *pp* (*pianissimo* – very quietly) I bet you can guess which dynamic the children preferred! We compared these dynamics to sounds we hear in everyday life, from the sound of a jackhammer (*ff*) to the sound of the wings of a hummingbird (*pp*).

All in all, it's a busy musical time!

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