



PANTHER PRIDE

September 2013

Morgan Hill Unified School District • Los Paseos Elementary School
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Visit us at www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us • School Office Hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Principal's Message

Dear Los Paseos families,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year. I hope each of you had a terrific summer and found plenty of time to have fun in the sun! The staff at Los Paseos rested and played as well, and many teachers continued their own learning over the summer. Common Core Standards are here! As we begin to implement Common Core State Standards (CCSS), the Los Paseos staff is committed to integrating 21st Century learning strategies into our daily routines. Staff members are signed up for CCSS trainings and will be attending these throughout the year. You can find more information on the standards at www.corestandards.org. The standards are written to embrace collaboration, prepare your child for college and their careers, and to have equal expectations for all students. You might notice teachers making adjustments in some of the instructional strategies and the type of work students are asked to complete in and outside of the classroom. Ensuring that all children will be college and career ready is a top priority for Panther Staff.

On Thursday, August 15th, we held a Welcome Back Principal's Coffee to review school rules, explain our PAWS Behavior Expectations Matrix, which focuses on being Peaceful, Aware, Wise, and Safe in all areas of our school. Our Home & School Club President, Mrs. Diane Bringuel, introduced her board and the importance of becoming involved.

The *Panther Pride* newsletter provides important information about our school's philosophy, procedures, policies, curriculum, and schedules. Also, you can stay connected with the new and improved Los Paseos website www.lospaseos.mhu.k12.ca.us. Many, many thanks to our webmaster, Mrs. Laura Martin, for her expertise and continued work to make our website the best it can be.

Know that the staff at Los Paseos will work very hard, daily, to create a safe, positive, and welcoming climate for students. We want to make strong connections with students, offer them engaging curriculum, and help them develop and grow into responsible citizens. We invite you to attend our Back-to-School Night on September 17th at 6:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about our school and meet your child's teacher.

I look forward to a collaborative and productive school year, while we strengthen our relationships and gain momentum as partners in your child's education.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jenna Mittleman
Principal

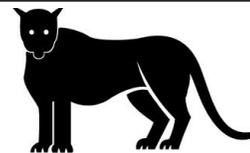
August Awards

Weekly Attendance Awards

Baby Shadow
Agbalog/Gallagher
Best

Little Shadow
Commons
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Big Shadow
Herrell
Shoemaker



Yard Duty Awards



PANTHER THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you to the **Orman Family** for donating a wheel chair to the health office!

A HUGE thank you to **B. Scadden Design** for their donation of the parking lot signs!

What is Happening in September?

Date	Event
Sept. 11	HSC Meeting at 6:00pm
Sept. 13	Kick Off Trek-n-Treat Walk-a-Thon Assembly
Sept. 16-19	Book Fair
Sept. 17	Back to School Night at 6:00pm
Sept. 20	Movie Night featuring <i>Hotel Transylvania</i> doors open at 5:30
Sept. 26	First Trek-n-Treat Walk-a-Thon pledge turn in
Sept. 30	Picture Day



Looking Ahead to October

Oct. 18 Trek-n-Treak Walk-a-Thon

Every Week After School

Tuesday BBQ • Friday Ice Cream & Nachos

Come have a BBQ hot dog or hamburger before going to that after school activity or stop for a treat after a long week.

Lost and Found

Please check out the Lost and Found in the Multipurpose Room by the end of the month. Everything that has not been picked up by September 30, 2013, will be donated.

Order your Spirit Wear!

Look for order forms in your child's Friday Folder. Orders are due September 20th.

Los Paseos Home and School Club News

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LPHSC Officers for 2013/2014

President: Diane Bringuel • **Vice President:** Patty Keith • **Secretary:** Megan Fowler • **Treasurers:** Summer Hess & Pauline Stuart



Box Tops

Last year Los Paseos raised around \$1600 just from our Los Paseos families saving Box Tops. Keep saving those Box Tops and be on the lookout for double Box Tops on select products in your favorite grocery store. Be sure to check out the Box Tops website for a list of Box Top products, coupons, worksheets to glue or staple your clipped Box Tops and much more. Look for a Box Top contest coming in October. Keep saving! www.boxtops4education.com

Give with Target Program

The Give with Target program is giving \$5 million dollars to local schools to help buy the supplies that kids and teachers need. Parents please visit GiveWith.Target.com to vote for Los Paseos. With each vote, we earn one more dollar. If every family were to vote just one time, we could earn \$500! You may vote once a week until September 21, 2013.

Books and Beyond

Our Books and Beyond reading award program will kick off on Monday, September 23, 2013. Students at that time may start recording and turning in their log sheets. 100 minutes is equal to one (\$1) Books and Beyond dollar. Dollars accumulate fast and these earned dollars can be redeemed at our monthly store during lunch time. Students are encouraged to read for fun and at their grade levels. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Alison Kelley at alison@alisonkelleydesigns.com



We could not have done it without you!
A giant **PANTHER THANK YOU** goes out to all of our volunteers!

Kristie and Anthony Spagnolo for putting together our welcome back to school gifts.

HSC officer's, Michelle Montoya and Maila Scott for helping with first day coffee with the principal.

HSC officer's and Jen Scadden for helping to welcoming new kinders at the Ice Cream Social.

Balloonatics for our festive display on the first day of school.

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!

Scrip Fundraiser

Need a gift card? Maybe you're on a budget? Scrip is a great fundraiser that doesn't cost you any extra money. A flyer is going home this week explaining how the Scrip fundraiser works. Ask for Pauline in the office if you have any questions.



Visit 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 Los Paseos.

September Music Note

Welcome Back to School and Welcome Back to Music!

My name is Karen Ann Crane and I will continue to teach music at four schools in Morgan Hill Unified this year. This is my twenty-eighth year of teaching elementary school classroom music. Each class receives thirty minutes of weekly music instruction. My curriculum includes:

ORAL TRADITION

Students, from Kindergartners to 6th grade youngsters, are taught the songs of our culture and our country. It will be up to them to pass down such songs as *God Bless America* or *Oh, Susanna*. We also learn songs of importance to other countries, *De Colores*, *Cockles and Mussels*, *Oh Canada*, and more.



MUSIC HISTORY

We learn about famous Classical to contemporary composers. We compare and contrast their musical styles and explore their circumstances and the world around them. The fact that Chopin was writing his music as gold was being discovered in California leads to an interesting discussion! We will learn how the songs of the Irish sailors and the slaves who were brought to America enabled them to endure difficult situations – from days at sea to endless days of work.

MUSIC THEORY

The students learn basic music theory. We study dynamics, musical notation, rhythms, and note values. Students will be able to identify melody, harmony, and rhythm in selected pieces of music. They will also understand musical terms such as *crescendo*, *largo*, and *allegro*.

MUSIC APPRECIATION

Listening to examples of symphonies helps us identify the instruments of the orchestra and their sounds. The students will listen to various musical genres from Classical to reggae.

CALIFORNIA HISTORY

Fourth graders will study songs related to our California history, the westward movement, and the discovery of gold.

RECORDERS

Fifth and sixth graders will be able to put their understanding of music theory into practice by playing recorders.

Here's where you can find me. You are welcome to stop by the office, get a pass and join us. Music begins the week of September 9th once classes are settled.

"Magical, Musical Mondays" – P.A. Walsh Elementary

"Tuneful Tuesdays" – Barrett Elementary

"Wonderful Wednesdays" – El Toro Elementary

"Thrilling Thursdays" – Los Paseos Elementary

Throughout our school year, children will be presenting performances—look for invitations to these programs. With the study of the topics above, hopefully our students will come to believe in the power of music. It is said, "Music is a universal language." We seek to understand, appreciate and preserve this language!

With a song in my heart,

Karen Ann Crane