



PANTHER PRIDE

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Principal's Message

Greetings Los Paseos Families,

What a spectacular month so far!

Many Los Paseos students embarked on a new journey this week known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). These computer-based tests are aligned to the Common Core State Standards for English and Math, which ultimately describe what knowledge and skills students need to be well prepared for college and careers, no matter where they come from or where they live. This year, CAASPP is being field tested to determine how many individual questions allow students to demonstrate what they know and what they still need to learn. In the next two weeks, all 3rd -6th graders will be participating in this field test. Please strive to have your students arrive to school on time after having a healthy breakfast at home. Being punctual and having an alert mind provides a tremendous advantage to students during testing.

We need your help! We are seeking your opinion about our school and your child's educational experience. Please take 5-10 minutes to take this survey for your youngest student. Your participation is anonymous and your individual answers will not be shared. Thank you for your participation!

Here is the link and it will also be posted as a link on the Los Paseos website:

<http://tinyurl.com/lospaseosurvey>

Have a PAWSitively awesome week!

Best,

Jenna Mittleman
Principal

Attention 6th Grade Parents

All 6th graders must have the Tdap immunization to start 7th grade. Please bring your proof of immunization to the front office **as soon as possible**.

Send comments and article ideas to newsletter editor
Theresa Le at lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com



March Awards

Weekly Attendance Awards

Baby Shadow (kinder)	Little Shadow (1 st -3 rd)	Big Shadow (4 th -6 th)
Patterson	Anderson	Schultz
Agbalog/Gallagher	Abberton	Caprista
Pusateri	Fruit	Ross

Yard Duty Awards

Have You Purchased a Yearbook?

If you did not purchase a school yearbook there is still time. Please stop by the office to order your copy. The cost is now \$30.



Teacher/Staff Appreciation Lunch

Our annual teacher and staff appreciation luncheon will be on May 6th. Look for a flyer in your child's Friday folder for more information.

STUDENT Art Show

We will have our annual Student Art Show again this year. Wonderful art from our talented students will be displayed during the Carnival on Friday, May 30th.

Students interested in having a piece in the art show should look for a flyer going home in the next few weeks with more information. In the mean time...start creating some awesome art!



Congratulations to our Book Fair Ticket To Read Winners:

Los Paseos Home and School Club News

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LPHSC Officers for 2013/2014

President: Diane Bringuel • Vice Presidents: Patty Keith & Jennifer Scadden • Treasurers: Summer Hess & Pauline Stuart

Lost and Found

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



Tuesday BBQ and Friday Ice Cream

April is the last month that we will be doing Tuesday BBQ and Friday ice cream, due to carnival planning.

Spring Carnival

We hope you are planning on joining the fun at our annual Spring Carnival on Friday, May 30th. It is the largest and most successful school event at Los Paseos. Don't miss it.



We are in need of carnival donations for Silent Auction and Raffles. If you would like to donate items please stop by room 7 or email lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com.



Britton Carnival

Britton Middle School in Morgan Hill is having their annual Carnival the weekend of April 25th through 27th. Los Paseos will be hosting a pizza and drink booth. If you attend the Britton Carnival please stop by our booth. If you would like to help work the booth please email lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com or stop by room 7.

Job Opening

After eight years I am retiring as editor of the Panther Pride Newsletter. I have loved keeping Los Paseos parents, teachers, staff and students informed about school news and events. This year will be my last year as editor.



If you are looking for a way to volunteer at Los Paseos this is a great way to help. Especially for working parents.

If you are interested in becoming editor of the Panther Pride Newsletter please contact me. I will be happy to give you more information.

Theresa Le
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April Music Note



Spring has sprung and the songs of Earth Day and Easter will be a part of our music curriculum. We will sing *Here Comes Peter Cottontail* and *Ten Little Bunnies*. The latter song will help our kindergartners and first graders musically perfect their skill of counting backwards from ten to one. Our older youngsters have already started to think about Cinco de Mayo as they are learning *Viva el Cinco de Mayo*. We are singing *I Love You, California*, our state song. The 5th and 6th graders have received their recorders and are actually reading music.

April will find us celebrating Earth Day by singing songs like *What Do You Do With a Water Waster*, *I Can See Clearly Now*, *It's Easy Bein' Green* and *What a Wonderful World*. April is also the month we remember the *Dust Bowl* and Woody Guthrie's *So Long, It's Been Good to Know You*.

I am really excited about our recorder classes! The students have been so responsible about remembering to bring their recorders on music days. All of our work with rhythm sticks has helped them understand note and rest values. Students are provided with practice music or techniques to use at home. As always, practice makes perfect!

As many of you know, I am the chairperson for the annual Freedom Fest Patriotic Sing to be held on July 3rd at the Britton Gymnasium. This is our 26th year! Golly, where did the time go? The program features the children of our community singing songs of our country and honors members of our military, past and present. I would love to have your youngster(s) be a part of our Patriotic Sing Chorus. We sing on July 3rd, then ride a float in the parade, and finally sing at Fireworks. There are lots of memories to be made on the 4th of July. Information on rehearsals will be distributed shortly. Our first rehearsal will be on Tuesday, May 27th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Britton Gym.

Our Freedom Fest essay contest is being held this month. Our theme this year is *Destination America* and we will be celebrating the many faces of America. Students are encouraged to write about their family histories, telling why parents or grandparents settled in this country of ours. Children in Grades 2 through 6 are invited to write essays. Essays may be handed in to me during music class or to the classroom teacher. We have various prizes including a ride through Morgan Hill on a fire truck during our annual 4th of July Parade! Essays are due on April 11, but I have already received several. Please email me for additional information or with any questions about the Sing, the essay contest or classroom music.

Thank you for the privilege of working with your children!

Karen Ann Crane
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What is Happening in April and May?



Date:	Event
April 29	Kinder to Machado School
May 1	Kinder to Machado School
May 2	GATE: Physics Day at Great America Mitchell to MH Historical Museum
May 5	Gold Rush Assembly
May 6	OPEN HOUSE
May 12	3 rd Grade Downtown Field Trip
May 13	Schultz to MH Historical Museum
May 15	5 th Grade Play
May 26	NO SCHOOL
May 29	Panther Patrol/Student Council to Golfland
May 30	Herrell to MH Historical Museum SPRING CARNIVAL