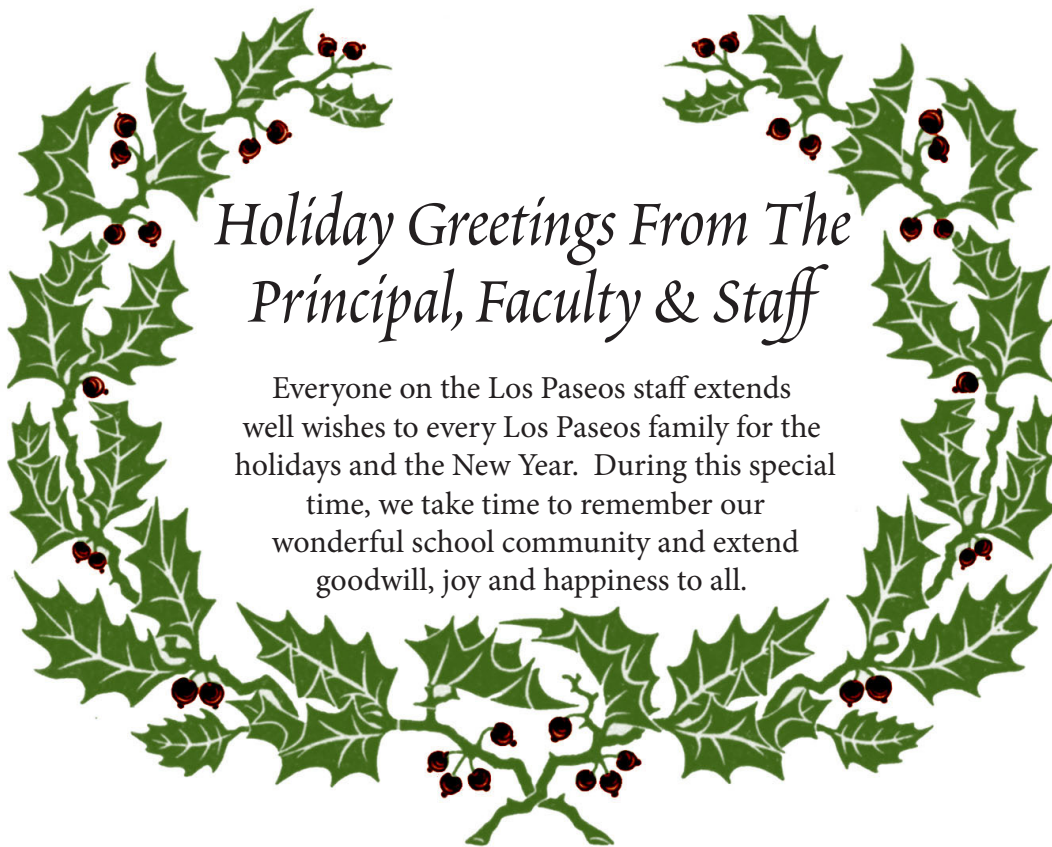


PANTHER PRIDE



December 2012

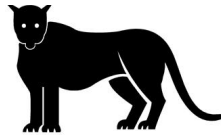
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Holiday Greetings From The Principal, Faculty & Staff

Everyone on the Los Paseos staff extends well wishes to every Los Paseos family for the holidays and the New Year. During this special time, we take time to remember our wonderful school community and extend goodwill, joy and happiness to all.

October & November Awards



Weekly Attendance Awards (Big Shadow/Little Shadow)

Lower Grade

Kenney, Anderson, Commons
Commons, Kenney

Upper Grade

Eckert, Bakowsky, Eckert
Schultz, Caprista

Yard Duty Awards



Box Tops

Don't forget to keep saving your Box Tops during the holiday season. Visit www.btf.com/hero to find valuable coupons for your holiday shopping and a chance to win 250,000 eBox Tops for our school...that's \$25,000!

Labels For Education

Los Paseos is now participating in the Labels for Education program.



Be sure to look for and save the Labels for Education UPC codes on participating products. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com to find eligible products as well as valuable coupons (just in time for your holiday shopping).



Santa's Breakfast

I want to thank all our volunteers that helped on our first Santa's Breakfast. We did run into a big problem when the griddle we rented didn't work, which caused a problem for us to make the pancakes and eggs. I appreciate all your patience and want to personally thank Greg and his crew of cooks/chef's for making due with what we had.

A huge thanks to all the families who donated to our event, as well as *Lunardi's, Nob Hill, Safeway, Starbucks* and *Wal-Mart*. I also want to thank all the wonderful volunteers listed below and all the students from Sobrato.

I look forward to next year and making it even better for all of us. All the kids looked like they were having a good time, which is the reason we all put in the extra effort.

Thanks again and Happy Holidays

Diane Bringuel



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

Mary Bacca, Jennifer Belardes, Saniata Bond, Angela Bowen, Janay Bowen, Rickey Bowen, Greg Bowman, Dave Bringuel, Trent Bringuel, Trey Bringuel, Victoria Bullock, Lalitha Chebrolu, Lisa Cipperly, Jackie Cuesta, Mike D'Agostino, Tess Douglas, Rina Esch, Megan

Fowler, Chantilly Gaudy, Marlena Govaars, Isabella Greathurst, Penny Greathurst, Lana Jimenez, Daron Keith, Patty Keith, Alison Kelley, Amiee King, Cici Lafaso, Theresa Le, Anadel Lee, Gabriel Mestaz, Michelle Montoya, Colleen Orman, Ayesha Pitchford, Swathi Rangarajan, Erin Sichi, Malia Scott, Chad Seps, Judy Seps, Kristi Spagnolo, Otilia Venegas, Deirdre Wyness

December Music Note



The students truly increased their "oral tradition" in November. Many songs were added to the list of songs they are capable of singing without needing songsheets or charts. Two of our favorites were *Over the River and Through the Woods* and *When I First Came to This Land*. We learned *America* and *America, the Beautiful*.

We studied the instruments of the brass family and learned how John Philip Sousa reconfigured the tuba to create the "Sousaphone." We counted march rhythm and listened to musical excerpts featuring the trumpet, trombone, baritone, French Horn and tuba.

Now it's time to begin to celebrate the Holidays and the treasured songs of the season. We will sing several Holiday songs including *Silent Night*. I like to include this song in our studies because of its historical significance as well as its global popularity. And, of course, we will sing Hanukkah songs and learn a Spanish lullaby. Ah, so many songs, so little time!

We will study the lives of George Handel and Peter Tchaikovsky. We will listen to excerpts from *The Hallelujah Chorus* and *The Nutcracker*. These selections are holiday traditions and it's fun to know a bit about their composers!

Instruments of the percussion family will be featured in December. Students will have the opportunity to listen to a variety of percussion instruments and to play rhythm sticks during the month. We will conclude our study of instrument families in January by learning about the woodwinds.

Be watching for information on school Holiday gatherings. Please save time to attend our Holiday programs with your child. Though this is a busy time of year, we would hope that you are able to spend time at school "seeing" the Holidays through the eyes of a child. Also be sure to support the local Kiwanis Food Drive by donating a can of food or a non-perishable item. Donations will be collected at school then distributed to local families.

I thank you for your continued support of our music curriculum and wish you a Holiday Season filled with good health, family, good friends, and, of course, music!

Karen Ann Crane

What is Happening in December?

Date	Event
December 18	Kinder Holiday Show
December 19	1st Grade Show

December 24 through January 4 NO SCHOOL



What is Happening in January 2013?

Date	Event
January 7	Return to School
January 16	Spelling Bee at 9:15am
January 21	NO SCHOOL - MLK Jr Day

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.