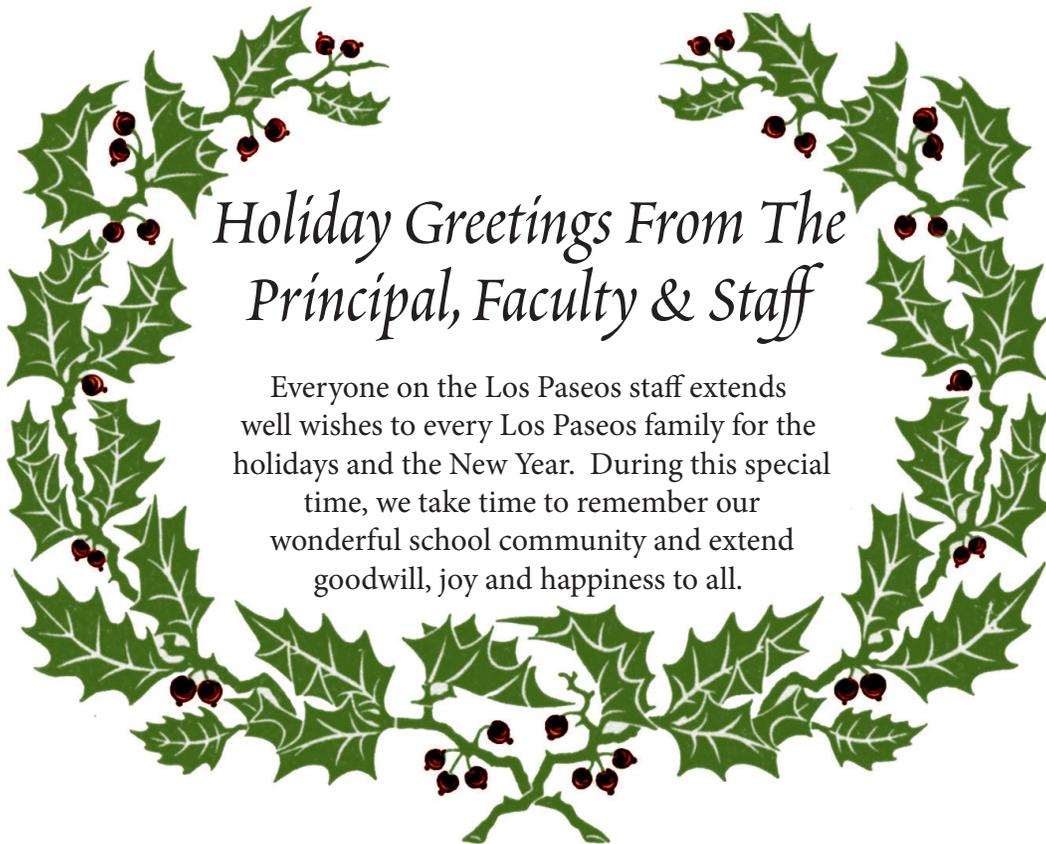




PANTHER PRIDE

December 2013

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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.

NO SCHOOL

There will be no school from

**December 23, 2013 through
January 3, 2014.**

Have a great two weeks!

School starts again on
Monday, January 6, 2014.



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.



Girls on the Run (GOTR)

Have you heard of a program called Girls on the Run? It's a 10-week program March through May that's focused on girls in 3rd through 6th grade. Every aspect of the program is geared toward helping girls feel good about who they are physically, emotionally and socially. The program culminates in all the girls running (or walking) a 5K in mid-May. If you have a 3rd through 6th grade girl who would be interested in this program please contact Lisa Sweeney, Los Paseos Parent, at slsweeney7223@comcast.net for more information. Registration for this new program starts in early January. For more information you can check out Girls On The Run Silicon Valley <http://girlsontherun-sv.org/>.

Earn a Pass for You & a Friend to the LP Rec Room in January

Every student (their family) that purchases a total of \$300 worth of Scrip Gift Cards in the month of January will receive a pass for them and a friend to get into the Los Paseos Recreation Room during a lunch hour. For families with more than one student, a total of \$400 in Scrip Gift Cards needs to be purchased for all students in that family to receive a pass.

You can purchase Scrip Gift Cards online at www.ScripZone.com or before and after school.



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 have now studied the lives of Vivaldi, Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Chopin. In December, we will focus on 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!

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!

On Sunday, December 22nd, I lead the annual **Machado School's Caroling by Candlelight**, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to come to **Historic Machado School, 15130 Sycamore Drive, Morgan Hill, for Caroling by Candlelight**. The event is free, please dress warmly and bring cookies to share, if possible. This is not a school event, but a chance to enjoy the traditions of an earlier time.

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 January?



Date:	Event
January 7	Rainforest Assembly
January 15	5 th Grade Assembly - Revolutionary War
January 20	NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 22	Science Family Night