

PANTHER PRIDE



March 2013

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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 Parents,

It is hard for me to believe how fast time is flying this year. The second trimester ended on March 6th, leaving just a few more months left in the 2012-2013 school year. Please look for your student's report card to be sent home on Friday, March 15th.

I am asking for your support in the following areas: signing in when on campus and traffic in the parking lot. Anytime you come on campus, whether as a volunteer or a visitor, please be sure to sign in with the front office and get a visitors sticker. Whether you are here once in awhile or on a daily basis, it is imperative that you sign in. Signing in is crucial to ensure the safety of students, staff as well as visitors of Los Paseos.

Second, I would like to remind everyone to please be mindful of the drop off and pick up rules when bringing and/or picking up your children from school. I realize that the morning drop off and afternoon pick up times can be challenging, but I kindly ask for your patience for the safety of everyone. Please remember that student supervision doesn't begin until 8:40, so please feel free to drop your children off after that time. Whether students are being picked up or walking home, they must leave campus at the end of the school day. Our main concern once again is the safety of our students and there is no supervision available after school.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in these two areas.

Rex Coffman,
Principal

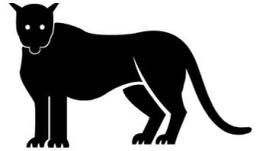


Morgan Hill Rotary's "Dictionaries for Kids" gives dictionaries to 900 local 3rd graders

Rotary Club of Morgan Hill has given free, hardcover dictionaries to every 3rd grade school child in the Morgan Hill area.

"At the end of this massive service project, we will have put dictionaries in the homes of 4,500 local children," said Laura Lundy, president of Rotary Club of Morgan Hill. "We are making an investment in the joy of lifelong learning."

January & February Awards



Weekly Attendance Awards (Big Shadow/Little Shadow)

Lower Grade

Gallagher/Mason
Abberton, Anderson
Abberton, Bossingham
Bossingham, Kenney

Upper Grade

Mitchell, Shoemaker
Grgich, Leung, Shoemaker
Mitchell, Grgich

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**.

Lost and Found

Have you lost a jacket or sweater? Please check the lost and found in the Multipurpose Room **before Friday, March 15th**. ALL items left in the lost and found will be **donated after that date**.



Yearbook

It's not too late to order your yearbook. Order your copy for \$25. Order forms and payment can be brought to the office.

Los Paseos Home and School Club News

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LPHSC Officers for 2012/2013

Presidents: Diane Bringuel & Alison Kelley • **Vice Presidents:** Patty Keith & Colleen Orman
Secretaries: Megan Fowler & Summer Hess • **Treasurers:** Jill Hoge & Beth Chamberlain

Spring Carnival

The 2013 Los Paseos Spring Carnival and Auction will be on **Friday, May 3, 2013 from 3:00pm to 7:30pm** in the school yard. Don't miss it!



In order to have a successful carnival we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering for the Spring Carnival and Auction please email the Home and School Club at lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com or complete the flyer that went home in last weeks Friday Folder.



Family Pasta Night

Do you need a break from a busy week of work, homework, sports, making dinner? Come to our Family Pasta Night on **March 20, 2013** and enjoy a wonderful pasta dinner. Visit with other Los Paseos families. There will also be games and art for the kids. No homework passes will be given for those who attend!

Sound fun? Only \$8 per person or \$30 for a family of four. Pre-order your tickets before March 18th and you will receive free admission to Nickel City. Complete the pre-order form that went home in last weeks Friday folder or stop by the office.

Scrip

Have you heard about Scrip? It's the easiest way to help raise money for Los Paseos without spending any of your own money or asking others to buy something.



How does this work? Easy! You purchase gift cards from Los Paseos Home and School Club (LPHSC) for every day purchases, such as groceries and gas. Need to buy some clothes for the kids, a gift or dinner out? Buy a gift card for a store or restaurant from LPHSC. There are many available.

How this works is LPHSC purchases the gift cards, or Scrip, at a discount and sells them at face value. If the gift card is a \$20 gift card YOU pay \$20. LPHSC gets the profit. Easy!

We will be selling Scrip after school on Tuesdays and Fridays. Come by and check out what gift cards are available. You can also stop by the office and talk to Pauline or Diane.



Labels for Education

Los Paseos is now participating in the Labels for Education program. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com to see a list of the over 2,500 eligible products. Keep collecting and look for a Labels for Education contest coming soon.

March Music Note

March will find us getting ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and the music of Ireland. Because Ireland is an island, we will study sea chanteys, the work songs of the sailors of the tall ships. In February, we learned how the slaves used music to work to a beat. Sailors, too, would hoist lines and raise sails to the rhythm of their rousing songs.



This month we will also learn Irish folksongs. The leprechauns will be smiling as we will learn *The Leprechauns are Marching*, *Michael Finnegan*, *Molly Malone*, *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, and listen to the famous *Irish Washerwoman*. We will also learn *Character Tango* and *In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb*.

The lives of some of the Great Masters will be studied. We will learn how Beethoven lost his hearing during his life, making composing so very difficult. We will musically map Vivaldi's *Spring* from his *Four Seasons*. And, we will study the lives of Johann Strauss II (The Waltz King) and Prokofiev. Now that we have learned the instruments of the orchestra, we will hear how those instruments bring magic and identity to Prokofiev's characters in "Peter and the Wolf."

If you are the parent of a 5th or 6th grader, your student will be receiving a recorder this month. These recorders have been provided to our schools by Rotary Club of Morgan Hill (Walsh and El Toro) and the Live Oak Foundation (Barrett and Los Paseos). I was fortunate to get funding through grants I submitted. Our students will be writing thank you notes to the Rotary and Live Oak Foundation.

Students will be able to keep these instruments and will need to bring their instrument to music each week: Walsh – Mondays; Barrett – Tuesdays; El Toro – Wednesdays; and Los Paseos – Thursdays. Students have learned note values, musical symbols, and basic rhythm. Now we will be able to put this learning to practical application! Students are encouraged to practice at home, always returning their recorders to their backpacks. By doing so, they will have their instruments ready for weekly music class.

This month, our songs of America will be *This is My Country* and *God Bless the U.S.A.* As you know, I am the Musical Director of each year's Patriotic Sing held on July 3rd in Morgan Hill. Be watching for announcements regarding rehearsals and an essay contest! I would love to have your youngster – ages Kindergarten through 8th - be a part of our chorus as we Honor Those Who Serve.

Karen Ann Crane

What is Happening in March?



Date:	Event
March 19	Ross to Peralta Adobe
March 20	Shoemaker to Peralta Adobe
March 21	Grgich to Peralta Adobe
March 25	Russian Spectacular Assembly (12:45 & 1:45)
March 26	Abberton to San Born Park
March 28	Saah & Kenney to San Born Park
March 29 - April 5	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 8	Back to School