



PANTHER PRIDE

November 2013

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Principal's Message

Dear Los Paseos Family,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. As one of my favorite times of the year, Thanksgiving provides an opportunity to enjoy precious moments with family and friends and time to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy this time with your loved ones and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Every day, I am grateful for a sense of community, the focus on learning, the giving spirit, and caring individuals that are clearly seen on our campus. We are all fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful community. Los Paseos is successful due to our dedicated staff, enthusiastic students, and caring parents—a winning trio! Los Paseos staff members continually go above and beyond to deliver your students a top-notch education that is helping to prepare them for a successful future in their college and career plans.

Los Paseos students are kind, responsible, and caring citizens. Recently at the upper grade honor roll assembly, I asked several 6th grade students whom received a Principal's award to share their future college and career aspirations. I am proud to announce that we are surrounded by students with big dreams and I am anxious to watch them become reality. I am thankful to you, their parents, as you serve as role models for your children. Thank you for supporting the Los Paseos staff and our Home and School Club throughout the year with your precious gifts of time, talent, and monetary contributions.

I am proud to be your principal. Thank you students for bringing a smile to my face each time I see you!

Gratefully,

Mrs. Mittleman
Principal

Send comments and article ideas to newsletter editor
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October/November Awards

Weekly Attendance Awards

Baby Shadow (kinder)	Little Shadow (1 st -3 rd)	Big Shadow (4 th -6 th)
Agbalog/Gallagher	Brueckner	Grgich
Agbalog/Gallagher	Saah	Schultz
Agbalog/Gallagher	Brueckner	Herrell
Best	Abberton	Ross
Pusateri	Mason	Caprista
Patterson	Fruit	Schultz

Yard Duty Awards

The SmileSafe Kids Program



Be on the look out for your complimentary SmileSafe Kids Cards to be sent home soon. These cards are provided by Lifetouch with your students school portrait. The card also has instructions on what to do if you should suddenly discover your child is missing.

SmileSafe Kids is a partnership between Lifetouch and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Since the beginning of the SmileSafe Kids partnership program the NCMEC has activated Lifetouch's Rapid Response Team an average of once every other day. There have been 47 students safely recovered as a direct result of having their picture provided to the NCMEC from Lifetouch's Rapid Response Team.

In addition to the SmileSafe Kids program Lifetouch helps protect students and parents in other key ways. All Lifetouch employees successfully complete the exact same FBI/BCI fingerprint background check that is required for school employees. They help protect parents against identity theft. Parents that wish to pay by credit/debit card can use a secure site from the privacy of their home, versus writing their credit card information on the outside of the picture order form.

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 • Secretary: Megan Fowler • Treasurers: Summer Hess & Pauline Stuart



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 December 20, 2013, will be donated.

Purchase Scrip Gift Cards & Receive Pass in December to the new LP Recreation Room

Los Paseos has a new recreation room. Inside the room we have Ping Pong, Electronic Basketball, Air Hockey, Foosball, Wii and many board games.

Every student (their family) that purchases a total of \$300 worth of Scrip Gift Cards in the month of December will receive a pass to get into the Los Paseos Recreation Room during a lunch hour.

This not only includes playing games, but will include a pizza lunch. For families with more than one student, a total of \$500 in Scrip Gift Cards needs to be purchased for all students in that family to receive a pass.



Go to www.ScripZone.com to order your gift cards. Group ID is LosPaseos

You can also purchase Scrip Gift Cards before and after school.

Support Our 6th Graders Going to Science Camp

The Los Paseos Home and School Club will be selling Gift Check books for \$12 to \$15. All proceeds go toward helping our 6th Graders go to science camp. They will be for sale before and after school as well as in the office. Last day to purchase a Gift Check book is December 10th.



We would like to thank the following people for donating granola bars, oranges, and/or Otterpops for our Walk-a-Thon: Kayla Bitler, Maribel Castro, Wendy Huber, Cherry Baena, Ingrid Dumas-Mayol, Shaneice Johnson, Heather Smith, Heather Smith, Nicole Merritt, Jeannie Fang, Kelly Fiorentino, Veronica Heffernan, Christine Osbourne, Daniela Shuman, Renee Moreno, Lisa Sweeney, Tammy To

Los Paseos Home and School Club is on Facebook. "Like" our page and keep up with everything at Los Paseos.



<https://www.facebook.com/LPHSC>

November Music Note



October was a very busy music month. One of our favorite songs was *Character Tango*. This catchy song, with a tango rhythm, had everyone singing their socks off while learning about integrity, respect, and compassion!

We took an imaginary trip to the World Series, where we discovered the role music plays in sporting events. We sang *The Star-Spangled Banner* as we took our seats, *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*, and *God Bless America* during our seventh inning stretch, and closed with *We are the Champions*. We also clapped various rhythms and shouted a collective *Charge!*, just like the fans do at the stadium!

We studied the lives of Bach and Vivaldi, and listened to various selections written by both composers. Though the music was composed over three hundred years ago, students excitedly recognized the melodies from commercials, ring tones, and games. If only the Great Masters could see us now! On the horizon, we will study the lives of Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin. Our students have retained so much of our curriculum from last year's study of musical instruments, we will concentrate on the lives of composers this year.

Our Patriotic songs have included *The Star Spangled Banner*, *God Bless America*, and *This Land Is Your Land*. To these, we will add *America, the Beautiful*, "America", and *Oh, I Love America*.

Later in November, we will concentrate on songs of Thanksgiving. Be listening for *Over the River and Through the Woods*, *My Paddle*, *When I First Came to this Land*, and *All Kinds of People* as we talk about the Pilgrims and their journey to America. For fun, we'll be learning *Oki Toki*, *Umba* and *There's a Turkey in the Backyard*.

Thanking you for your continued support of our Music curriculum,

Karen Ann Crane
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What is Happening in December?

Date:	Event
Every Tuesday	After School BBQ
Every Friday	After School Ice Cream/Nachos/Popcorn
Before & After School	Scrip Gift Card Sales Gift Check Books Onsale (until 12/10)
Dec 23, 2013 - January 3, 2014	NO SCHOOL

