



# PANTHER PRIDE

## Los Paseos Elementary School

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*School Office Hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm*

Morgan Hill Unified School District

**October 2010**

### A Note From The School Nurse

Please make sure emergency cards are current. Immediately notify the office of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, or emergency contacts. It is important that there be a local contact available should your child become ill or injured at the school.

Please advise your child not to share food, beverages, and hair grooming accessories with other students to prevent the spread of harmful germs and diseases. Germs and diseases may include: colds, flu, hepatitis, meningitis, oral herpes strains (type of cold sores), and lice.

Please remind your child to wash his/her hands before and after eating and after each bathroom use to reduce germ and disease transmission.

Sunscreen is encouraged and considered to be a necessary precaution.

As a reminder to parents, please **do not** send your child to school if he/she displays one or more of the following:

- Ear ache (with acute pain, redness, inflammation, and/or accompanying fever)
- Headache
- Runny nose and/or persistent cough
- Sore throat
- Nausea/vomiting. Please wait 24 hours.
- Diarrhea—anytime in the last 24 hours
- Fever—100 or above within the last 24 hours
- Skin rash (unless diagnosed by a doctor as non-contagious)
- Red, crusty, and/or draining eyes

- Lice—Parents, please continue to check your child's hair for lice/nits at least once per week. Nits (lice eggs) may appear as dandruff but are difficult to remove from the individual hair follicle. Dandruff can be removed relatively easily from the hair follicle simply from shaking the hair strand or a light touch to the flake, whereas nits require manual removal from the strand itself.

*The school has a "no nit" policy. Once identified, ALL nits must be removed before a child can return to school. Students who return to school following lice treatment will be excluded again if any nits remain.*

Children who are ill at school do not have a productive educational day. Please allow your child to recover from an illness at home not at school.

Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy.

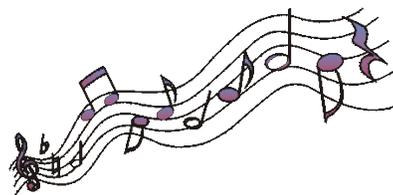
**THANK YOU to the following families who donated much needed supplies to the health office.**

Parkham Family • Oakes Family  
Bowen Family • Einess Family

The health office is still in need of **Hand Sanitizer, Band-Aids, and Kleenex. Please bring donations to the office. Thank you!**

## October Music Notes – Grades K – 4<sup>th</sup>

September was a busy, musical month! We reviewed “God Bless America,” “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”



and other favorite songs from last year. We learned the rules we should observe in classroom music and learned a “sing and response” activity where children have to match the pitch of the piano. We learned about the instruments of the Keyboard family and danced “The Chicken Dance” to the accordion.

In October, we will sing “This Land is Your Land,” and “America, the Beautiful” as our Patriotic songs. My goal is to increase your child’s oral tradition—songs or stories we must learn in order to pass them on to future generations. We will also sing “Light of Liberty” to honor the October dedication of the Statue of Liberty, a gift to America from the people of France.

We are singing songs of the season as autumn comes our way. We will sing Halloween songs such as “Casper, the Friendly Ghost,” “Charlotte’s Web,” and, of course, “Dem Bones.” We will also sing “Take Me Home, Country Roads” by John Denver, and discuss his life and songs, as a tribute on the anniversary of his death. John Denver was a true environmentalist. We will examine the lyrics of his songs to determine just how he was able to promote his beliefs through music. We will study the lives of Bach and Beethoven.

We have learned about the piano and have listened to the difference between high and low pitch, and the characteristics of keyboard instruments. We have learned about the harpsichord and its shortfalls! It would only play one volume—not loud or soft. It was replaced by the *pianoforte* which means “Soft” and “Loud.” This *pianoforte* is the piano of today.

As the World Series approaches, we will sing “The Star Spangled Banner,” “Take Me Out to the Ballgame,” and “Centerfield.” We will also learn “We Are The Champions” and discuss how each of us has a seat in the stadium of life and is a champion! We are discovering that music is woven into the fabric of our lives and into the history of this country.

Thanking you, *Karen Ann Crane*



### Fall Picture Day

October 6<sup>th</sup> is school picture day. This year you will be able to order online! You can also get picture day information, check out new portrait looks, customize your package with multiple portrait looks and pay with your credit card!

Go to [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)  
Picture Day ID: SF640128Y0

### Parking Problems at Drop Off & Pick Up

Everyone is doing much better with drop off and pick up. Thank you for using the crosswalks and pulling up all the way when dropping off your child.



We are still having some problems with parking. Please remember **DO NOT** block sidewalks and **NO** double parking in the street.

There has also been verbal altercations between parents. Please be a good example to your child. Follow the traffic and pedestrian **laws**. Our teachers are in front of school every morning and every afternoon to make sure our students are safe. Please show them respect.

# Los Paseos Home and School Club News

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## LPHSC Officers for 2010/2011

**President:** Jana Levic • **Vice President:** Greg Bowman • **Secretary:** Wendy Marley  
**Co Treasurers:** Jill Hoge (budget & bookkeeping) and Beth Chamberlain (deposits)

## A Message from the LPHSC President

Happy Autumn Los Paseos!

It's hard to believe it is already October; the time seems to be flying by at Los Paseos Elementary.



September was a very busy month, we kicked off the Gift Wrap Fundraiser and we did very well. We did not quite reach our goal but we made over \$14,000 in profit. We had our first Back to School Night and our first Book Fair. With that said I would like to thank all of you who supported our fundraisers and a BIG thank you to the great volunteers who made it all happened.

Here at Los Paseos the HSC organizes various fundraising activities to cover the cost of supplies and programs at school. Providing these extras is important to us, but our work goes beyond raising money.

Our key mission is to promote an environment where teachers and administrators can do their best work and our students can do their best learning. We're always eager to find more great people, like you, to help us meet this goal.

We don't expect a huge time commitment from volunteers. An hour can be a big help to our group and the school. We have positions and tasks to fit all schedules and interests. Just let us know whether a program, event, or activity interests you and when you might be free to help. (You don't even have to come to the school or attend a meeting to be involved, although we'd really like to meet you personally!)

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education have better grades and fewer discipline problems. Involvement at the school also makes it easier to establish friendships with teachers and other parents. We promise that the time you give our group and the school will be worth your while—and fun!

We have planned some really exciting events for our community like our Spaghetti Dinner and Carved Pumpkin Auction, Movie Nights, Spell-a-thon and Walk-a-thon, Spring Carnival and so much more.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Have an outstanding October!

*Jana Levic*

## Together Everyone Achieves More

### A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Patterson & her wonderful neighbors!

Mary and her neighbors put together a block sale and donated a portion of the sales to LPHSC: \$129.  
THANK YOU!



### Inventory Reduction Sale

*Sizes are limited.* If you are interested in purchasing some Panther t-shirts or sweat shirts please see Cheryl in the office.

Once we reduce our existing inventory we will be taking specific orders and prices will go back to regular price.



## Volunteer Opportunities in October

- October-May *Books and Beyond* • Please see your child's teacher. Then attend the meeting on 10-4-10 at 9am.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> *Gift Wrap Delivery Day* • We need help organizing all the orders and delivering them to classrooms. Any amount of time you can spare.
- October 20<sup>th</sup> *1st Spaghetti Dinner* • We will need help with serving, ticket sales, and silent auction coordinators

## Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. and Nob Hill Quality of Life Cards

Remember to keep using your Lucky S.H.A.R.E.S. and Quality of Life cards when shopping at Lucky and Nob Hill. Los Paeos earns a certain percent of your grocery bill just by having you slide your card. If you need a card, please e-mail us at [lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com](mailto:lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com) or come by the office and we will get you card. When requesting a card, please e-mail your child's name and room number so we can send a card home with them.



### BOOKS and BEYOND

Our Books and Beyond program will start on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a Books and Beyond parent volunteer meeting on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Please come and learn how easy it is to get our kids excited about reading!



Please send comments and article ideas to Newsletter Editor: Theresa Le at [lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com](mailto:lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com)

## Pictures of School Events Needed



Hello Los Paseos,

Let me introduce myself as the new yearbook coordinator for the 2010/2011 school year.

I am asking all parents to break out your cameras and capture those special moments. Your submissions will ensure I have a broad selection of photos to include when the time comes to create the yearbook.

Please feel free to submit your photos at any time to [LPSYearbook@yahoo.com](mailto:LPSYearbook@yahoo.com) or you can drop CDs off at the front office to Carol or Anita. Please include the following information when submitting photos: teacher name, grade, and event. Thank you!

*Jennifer Belardes*

## I Get Paid in Smiles and Hugs...Part 2

Hello, my name is Cheryl Foreman, I am a parent volunteer at Los Paseos school.

I have two boys. My oldest is at Sobrato; my second is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Both boys started school here at Los Paseos. I enjoy being with my boys and knowing what is going on in their lives, so I volunteer at both my kids' schools.

Our family lives on a cattle ranch in the hills up Metcalf Road. A cattle ranch job is not a profitable job, so donating money to a public school's Home and School Club can be a hardship. That is where my volunteer time comes in. A donation of time is just as important as the donation of money.

When you donate your time at our school you get to know your school, your children's teacher, and meet other parents. Your time could be, for instance, one morning a week making copies for a teacher. It could be chaperoning a field trip, or just helping a struggling student with math homework.

Volunteers don't get monetary payment; they get paid with hugs and smiles. Come joins us and receive your payment of smiles and hugs.



# October 2010



| Sun             | Mon                            | Tues  | Wed  | Thurs                                       | Fri  | Sat |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|-----|
|                 |                                |   |  |   | 1  | 2   |
| 3               | 4                              | 5<br>5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip               | 6<br>Fall Picture Day<br>HSC Meeting 6pm               | 7   | 8  | 9   |
| 10              | 11                             | 12<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Grade leaves for Science Camp | 13<br>GATE: Chemistry                                  | 14  | 15<br>6 <sup>th</sup> Grade returns from Science Camp  | 16  |
| 17              | 18<br>GATE: Stage Door Stories | 19  | 20<br>GATE: Minute to Win It<br>First Spaghetti Dinner | 21<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Grade to Happy Hollow | 22   | 23  |
| 24              | 25                             | 26  | 27<br>Cookie Dough Kick Off<br>GATE: MTWI              | 28<br>GATE: Computer Dissection             | 29<br>School Halloween Parade<br> | 30  |
| 31<br>Halloween |                                |   |  |   |  |     |

**Sneak Peak to November**  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night  
November 11<sup>th</sup> - NO SCHOOL

## Yes! I would like to volunteer with the LPHSC

Please contact me for the following areas:  
Check ALL that apply.

- I would like to be a Books and Beyond Parent volunteer  
my child's teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to help with Gift Wrap Delivery on October 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Sometime before noon on 10/5 our order will be delivered.)
- I would like to help with the 1<sup>st</sup> Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction
  - Serving
  - Ticket Sales
  - Silent Auction Coordinators
- Please add me to the email list. I would like to know about future volunteer opportunities. If I can help I would like to.
- I would like a  Lucky Shares Card  Nob Hill Quality of Life Card  
(your card(s) will be given to your child)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_