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Principal's Message

Dear Los Paseos Community Members,

Fall is officially here! This month has been exciting and I am continually in awe of the support provided by our wonderful community members. Our Trek-N-Treat walk-a-thon was an amazing event that was made possible with your support! Thank you to our amazing Home & School Club and all parents volunteers who helped to plan and execute this event. Our school goal was to raise \$20,000. I am proud to announce that over \$25,000 was raised! All students were thrilled when our surprise visitor Sharkie arrived ready to walk with students and sign the backs of t-shirts. In this newsletter, you will find more details about the top class from each grade level.

The window for Parent Teacher conferences begins Friday, November 8th, and extends through Friday, November 15th. Please remember that there is no school on Friday, November 8th or Monday, November 11th. Conferencing allows for parents and teachers to discuss students' progress, including areas of strength and focus. Please check with your child's teacher if you have not yet scheduled a conference.

On October 2nd, Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 484, which moves all California schools from STAR (CST testing) to MAPP (Measurement of Academic Performance & Progress – sometimes referred to as the Smarter Balance Assessment System). For the 2013-2014 school year, students in grades 3-11 will be field tested on the MAPP in either Language Arts or Math. The details regarding which subject area students will be tested on are unknown at this time. Results will not be reported for districts, schools, or students. MAPP assesses the Common Core Standards, and moves testing from paper and pencil to adaptive, computer-based assessments that comprise multiple methods (i.e. selected response and short answer). CST tests will still be administered for science in 5th grade. As a district, MHUSD is committed to assessing all students in both English Language Arts and Math. Holding ourselves accountable for student performance remains a priority for Los Paseos staff. I will continue to share details regarding end of year assessments as new information is provided.

Finally, I would like to extend a huge thank-you to Mr. Marco Garcia for helping create a short production film that was presented to the MHUSD board on September 24th, to enlighten them about our positive school culture and why Los Paseos is such a special place to be. Thanks Mr. Garcia!

Have a PAWSitively wonderful week.

Best regards,

Jenna Mittleman

Send comments & article ideas to newsletter editor Theresa Le at lospaseoshsc@yahoo.com



September Awards

Weekly Attendance Awards

Baby Shadow (kinder)	Little Shadow (1 st -3 rd)	Big Shadow (4 th -6 th)
Best Agbalog/Gallagher Best Patterson	Anderson Brueckner Anderson Fruit	Caprista Caprista Mitchell Schultz

Yard Duty Awards

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**.

Dropping Off Lunch for a Student

It is a special treat if you need to drop off a lunch for your student. The office staff may not have time to call that student to let them know there is a lunch waiting for them. Please make sure your child is aware a lunch will be waiting for them in the office. The student should check with the office at the start of their lunch period. Thank you for your understanding.

School Site Council

CONGRATULATIONS! I am proud to announce the following members of the School Site Council :

Mrs. Theresa Le (parent)- Chairperson	Steve Bakwosky-teacher
Mr. Chris Escobar (parent)-Vice-Chair	Kelli Patterson- teacher
Mrs. Lisa Moore (parent)-Secretary	Carol Anderson-School secretary

The various state laws that created School Site Councils were very clear in stating that a council has decision-making responsibilities that affect the operation of the school. Therefore, it is important that time is spent developing the council into a collaborative team that can work together to effectively address its overall purpose: Improving academic Achievement for all students is a top priority of this council. Most importantly, please know that the school site council meetings are open to the public! Please join us!

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

Science Camp Fundraiser

5th and 6th grade parents Science Camp is wonderful experience with lifelong memories for all our 6th graders. In order for all our students to have an opportunity to attend, 5th and 6th grade students will be participating in two upcoming fundraisers: See's Candy Bars and Gift Check Books. This will be an excellent opportunity for your student to earn money towards the cost of their science camp trip. Be on the lookout for more information regarding a Science Camp fundraiser meeting in November.

Box Tops

Congratulations to Mrs. Ross' class who won the Box Top Pizza Party! We raised just over \$1000! Keep saving those Box Tops! Visit www.boxtopsforeducation.com to find out more ways to earn Box Tops for our school.

Trek-n-Treat Walk-a-Thon

Golden Shoe Winners

(top class pledge totals from ea.grade)

Kinder- Mrs. Pusateri's class

First- Mrs. Mason's class

Second- Ms. Leahy's class

Third- Mrs. Abberton's class

Fourth- Mrs. Ross' class

Fifth- Mrs. Schultz's class

Sixth- Mrs. Leung's class

We did it! We raised over \$25,000 in pledges and business donations! Thank you Los Paseos! Fantastic job!



THANK YOU to ALL our Walk-a-Thon VOLUNTEERS! We could not have done it without you!

Diane Bringuel, Theresa Le, Lisa Moore, Lisa Cipperly, Summer Hess, Jennifer and Brad Scadden, Pauline Stuart, Cecie Boston, Erin Sichi, Patty Keith, Hollie Gevertz, Kim Perkins, Marcia Gregory, Alison Kelley, Rina Esch, Victoria Bullock, Lisa Sweeney, Mary Patterson, Sandra Jerez, Melanie Hawk, Youmi Talbot, Rosa Palomares, Jon Talbot, Cherry Baena, Kim Morales, Regina & Fernando Flores, Pamela Castellanos, Wendy Huber, Ingrid Dumas-Mayol, Mark Mayol, Bernadette Kauinana, Elishia Guersch, Saniata Bond, Vanessa Thompson, Tisa & Anette Lange, Chantilly Gaudy, Shaneice Johnson, Stephanie Harvey, Sandy Fewkes, Tabby Vaidyanath, Harry Hasse, Suzy Delgado, Sandra Pangelina, Judy Hasse, Javier Jimenez, Robby Thompson, Elizabeth Lorenzo, Rick Wade, Erica Hampton, Kayla Bitler,

Jon Talbot,
Priscilla
Gitchev,
Penny
Greathurst,
Chantilly
Gaudy,
Lana Chin,
Dee Wyness,
Christina Pak,
Raina Hodges,
Michelle
Bergholz,
Blanca Thun



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October Music Note

September was a busy month! We began our year with a quick review of past music curriculum. I was so proud of our students and their ability to retain facts about the instruments of the orchestra and the lyrics to songs we've sung in the past. Why, it's almost as if we didn't have a summer break! And, our students also remembered our classroom rules, making it easy for us to learn, learn, learn!



We sang *This Land is Your Land*, *A-M-E-R-I-C-A* and *The Star Spangled Banner* with all classes. We learned about the history of our National Anthem, written by Frances Scott Key, during the battle for Fort McHenry.

Because September 16th is Independence Day in Mexico, we learned about the Mexican flag and listened to the National Anthem. We were able to compare and contrast the National Anthems of the USA and Mexico.

As October approaches, we will be continuing to identify major key and minor key. We will review the life of Johann Sebastian Bach and listen to several of his compositions. One, *Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor* is often played around Halloween!

October will find us learning seasonal songs. We will work on *Charlotte's Web*, *Erie Canal*, and more. We will honor John Denver by singing "Country Roads" and *Calypso*. Literacy will be integrated into the program as several of his songs will be read as poems. We will also be learning a song entitled *Teach Me To Read*. Our Kindergarteners and First Graders will be reading and singing Raffi's *Spider on the Floor* and *Down by the Bay*.

We will discuss the importance of music as it relates to the world around us. We will sing *Take Me Out to the Ball Game* and *Centerfield* in honor of the World Series. We will discuss the life of Jackie Robinson and his contribution to the world of baseball. We will also learn "We Are the Champions" and discuss how each of us has a seat in the stadium of life!

I hope you were able to attend your school's Back to School Nights. The schools were filled with teachers and parents collaborating on ways to create the best learning environment for our students. We thank you for your support!

With a song in my heart, *Karen Ann Crane*

