



PRCS Coyote Howl

JANUARY 18, 2021

JANUARY

1/18/21 No school – In observance of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr's Day
 1/20/21 PTA Board & Assoc. Mtg at 6:00PM via Zoom - p.2
 1/21/21 GSC Meeting at 3:00 PM via Zoom – p. 2
 1/27/21 Dine Out – Earl's Donuts – p. 10

FEBRUARY

2/2/21 Booster Club Meeting at 3:00 PM via Zoom
 2/9/21 Coffee with the Superintendent at 9:00 AM via Zoom
 2/15/21 No School – In observance of Presidents' Day

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School Experience Survey (SES) 2020-2021

Be sure to take the online survey – see p. 5

Deadline Extended to February 5, 2021

Let us know what you think



SES Available in *English, Spanish and Korean*

<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

I have a Dream & LEADER IN ME Shirts or Grade Colors Day!
 Friday, January 22, 2021 (see p. 3)

TK/Kinder	Blue
1 st Grade	Green
2 nd Grade	Purple
3 rd Grade	Orange
4 th Grade	Red
5 th Grade	Yellow



Principal Demirjie's Message: Good Evening PRCS Families. LAUSD is still continuing to offer free COVID 19 Testing at select schools. Please see the flier by visiting our website at gopracs.org and also on page 6 of the HOWL. You can also [click here](#) to make an appointment. Household family members of students and employees of LAUSD can schedule to be tested.

The [School Experience Survey](#) is still available for parents and staff to complete. PRCS is looking for 100% participation from our families. **Note:** If you have more than one child at **this school**, please complete one survey only.

Please join us on Wednesday, January 20th at 6pm, our PTA will be having their Association and Board Meeting via Zoom. Our School Governing Council will be meeting this Thursday, January 21st at 3pm via Zoom and pre-registration is required. Zoom information for PTA and GSC is included below.

Tomorrow, Monday the 18th, school will not be in session to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Our virtual classes will resume on Tuesday, January 19th. Have a great week and please stay safe everyone. Thank you.

PTA Meeting 1/20 @ 6pm

Zoom Session ID: 857 2783 9916

Passcode: hello

Governing Council Meeting 1/21 @ 3pm

Pre-registration is required

<https://lausd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlud-yoqDovGtzRCHUNs9Cy7CUW5T6Eh7hK>





School Announcements

Let us know what you think



Take this survey to share what you think about your, and your child's experiences with Porter Ranch Community School. <http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

LAUSD School Experience Survey: Please take the time to fill out a survey **by February 5, 2021**.

In light of all that has happened during this unprecedented school year, the Fall 2020 School Experience Survey Window has been **EXTENDED** two additional weeks until **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2021** to allow more time for students, staff, and parents to respond.

Let LAUSD & PRCS know what you think? Online survey is available in **English, Spanish and Korean**. The **School Experience Survey** is an annual survey administered in the fall to all LAUSD schools. Survey results provide schools with important feedback from teachers, staff, students and parents. If you have any questions about the School Experience Survey, please send an email to schoolexperiencesurvey@lausd.net or call (213) 241-5600. See flyer on p.4.

PRCS would like to have 100% participation from parents and staff.

LAUSD Covid-19 Testing – Who can take the LA Unified Covid 19 Test? See p.6

- Los Angeles Unified Students
- Los Angeles Unified Employees
- Household Members of LAUSD Students and Employees
- Children Participating in Los Angeles Unified Child Care Programs

To make an appointment, go to dailypass.lausd.net

PRCS Non-Resident Waitlist for 2021-2022 school year for K – 8th Grade is now available.

This is only for non-resident students. Go to <https://www.goprcs.org/> and click on ADMISSIONS

Booster Club: Next Booster Club Meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 2** at 3:00PM via Zoom

PTA - Next PTA Board & Association Meeting is **Wednesday, January 20** at 6:00 PM.

Zoom link: <https://lausd.zoom.us/j/85727839916?pwd=QStyL2VMT0xBZGVsWTB3QkFoN3ZTd09>

Meeting ID: 857 2783 9916 **Passcode:** hello

JOIN THE PTA! Membership is only \$10/person. [Click here to join](#) or see P.7

GSC Meeting – Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 3:00 PM via Zoom

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://lausd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlud-yoqDovGtzRCHUNs9Cy7CUW5T6Eh7hK>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Yearbook News – Pre order for 2020-21 Yearbook Prices: **\$40.00** www.jostensyearbooks.com **Submitting photos** to the yearbook website for parents, staff and students: <https://images.jostens.com/> **Login ID: 415468760** or direct link <https://images.jostens.com/415468760> Please include the following information when submitting photos: student(s) name(s) , grade of the student(s), teacher's name if in elementary school. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hayden at aaron.hayden@lausd.net

Elementary News

Habit 5 - Seek First To Understand,
Then to Be Understood
Listen before you talk.

- I listen to others *without interrupting.*
- I raise my hand when I want to speak and wait patiently to be called on.
- I don't blurt out.
- I try to understand other people's views and feelings, even if they are different from my own.



The
Leader in Me

JANUARY HABIT: Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood.

Tell us how you **Seek First to Understand, Then To Be Understood** in a video and send it to prcspublications@gmail.com to be featured in our Weekly **Leader in Me** Assembly!

Spirit Day for Friday, 1/22 is ***I have a Dream....*** & **Leader in Me** Shirt or Grade Color Day! Take a picture with your ***Dream for Humankind*** in writing while wearing your **Leader in Me** shirt or grade level color. Please submit your pictures to prcspublications@gmail.com to be featured in our Weekly Assembly picture montage.

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Twinkle Time! Grades TK – 2nd are welcome to join LDNW System of Support Staff on Wednesdays 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM for social time through songs and fun activities.

Zoom ID: 897 6804 7212 see flyer p. 15

GATE Gifted/Talented News – UPDATE! Please see <https://www.goprcs.org/gate> for the Guide on **Depth and Complexity**

- Up to date information about HG/Gifted/ OLSAT testing can be found at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16576>

Middle School News

CJSF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION - For 7th and 8th Grade Students

Are you interested in applying for CJSF, the California Junior Scholarship Federation?

This is a statewide organization of over 600 chapters, and it fosters high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship on the part of students of California public, private, and charter middle Schools. **In order to be eligible to apply students must meet requirements – see page 4**

5 Week Progress Report Card - Grading period will close on February 12 and will be available in the Parent Portal to view in **Progress Reports** and will also be mailed from the District.

ZOOM HANG OUT! Virtual club for middle school and high school students from LDNW System of Support. ZOOM HANG OUT meets every Tuesdays and Thursdays - will resume next semester beginning January 12, 2021. Check out the flyer on p. 16

Honor Roll Recognition - To be rescheduled due to Safer at Home Order for LA County. More information will be shared as soon as we have a new date.



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Csf-cjsf.org

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This is a statewide organization of over 600 chapters, and it fosters high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship on the part of students of California public, private, and charter middle schools.

In order to be eligible to apply students must meet the following requirements:

1. All grades earned the previous semester must be equivalent of C or better.
2. The academic points earned must meet the minimum requirements for all academic classes.
3. Students must earn CJSF membership for three semesters, starting in the second semester of 7th grade, and continuing throughout 8th grade. MEANING current 8th grade students will be ALLOWED to qualify for their 7th grade SPRING 2020 this year, as long as they meet the minimum requirements.
4. Students must complete additional community service hours as directed by your advisor.

What are the benefits of CJSF membership?

Students who qualify for 3 or more semesters will promote "With Honors". They will receive a CJSF gold pin, a certificate with a gold seal, and they will be accepted as an Associate Member in CSF (the high school California Scholarship Federation). Membership brings with it the opportunity to participate in activities which benefit the school, the community, and the student.

When do you apply?

The Membership Drive will be from **January 19-29, 2021**. If interested please fill out the CJSF Google Form that can be found at <https://forms.gle/vKtwdujNhGm6YacY7> . The CJSF does NOT permit late applications. **Membership requires a \$5 CASH application fee. Please submit your payment in an envelope marked CJSF with students First and Last name to the MAIN OFFICE** . For any questions, please contact the CJSF Advisor, Mrs. Milliken, at stm0046@lausd.net



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY 2020-21

Let us know what you think



Students



Staff



Parents/Guardians

Take this survey to share what you think about your, and your child's experiences with Porter Ranch Community School. Use the results to learn about your school climate with your children, teachers and administrators and other parents. Available in English, Spanish and Korean.



- Students and staff, take the survey online
- To protect the health and safety of LAUSD families and school staff, the District is strongly encouraging all parents/guardians to take the survey online this Fall
- Some paper copies will be available at each school. Please coordinate with school staff to obtain a copy if needed

We need 100% participation from PRCS Families!

<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

Be sure to take the online survey by **EXTENDED to February 5, 2021**

Contact your school with questions or contact the School Experience Survey team by phone (213) 241-5600 or by email: SchoolExperienceSurvey@lausd.net

School Experience Survey is available in English, Spanish and Korean
<http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey>

Email Jen Endler at jennifer.endler@lausd.net if you need any assistance with the School Experience Survey.



WHO CAN TAKE AN LA UNIFIED COVID-19 TEST?



COVID-19 testing in the Los Angeles Unified School District is now available as we do everything we can to protect the health and safety of all in the school community.

Testing is available to:

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED STUDENTS



HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED EMPLOYEES



CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN LOS ANGELES UNIFIED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS



Schedule your COVID-19 testing appointment:

Go to: dailypass.lausd.net

For assistance:

Call your school

Call the hotline at (213) 443-1300

A New Standard in Public Education



By practicing healthy behaviors and participating in the testing program, together we can reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

★ 2020-2021 ❄️

Yearbook

Yearbook Price: \$40.00

Remember; you can submit photos
through the PRCS website

To purchase:

[https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks
/students-and-parents/about-
yearbooks](https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks)

For more information contact:
aaron.hayden@lausd.net

Winter/Spring 2021 Yearbook Season at PRCs

WE STILL NEED PICTURES FOR THE YEARBOOK!

**PICTURES NEEDED FOR THE YEARBOOK-
PICTURES OF STUDENTS DOING ANY TYPE
OF DISTANCE LEARNING RELATED
ACTIVITIES, PICTURES OF STUDENT'S AND
THEIR STUDY BUDDIES AKA PETS, PICTURES
OF CUSTOM FACE MASKS, PICTURES OF
STUDENT'S LEARNING AREAS**

**STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF CAN UPLOAD
PICTURES USING THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

[HTTPS://IMAGES.JOSTENS.COM/415468760](https://images.jostens.com/415468760)



PTA Meeting

Association & Board Meeting - All are welcome!

Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Meeting ID: **857 2783 9916** Passcode: **hello**



Click here to join

<https://jointotem.com/ca/porter-ranch/porter-ranch-community-pta>

Questions? Email Arezo Abedi, Membership Chair, at

arezo.abedi@gmail.com

Membership is only \$10

Supports the students, the teachers
and the school today!



Donut Forget!



Give back by having donuts at

Earl's Donuts

20429 Devonshire Street
Chatsworth, CA 91311
818.341.2869

Wednesday, January 27th
5:00am - 9:00pm

Bring in this flyer or show it on your
smartphone and Earl's Donuts will
give 20% of all sales back to PICS!



January 2021



Parent Workshops & Informational Meetings

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Parent and Community Services
Local District Northwest

Coffee with the
LDNW Superintendent



Coffee with the Local District Northwest Superintendent is intended to be an opportunity to meet with the LDNW staff to discuss current issues and exchange information. Each meeting will include presentations by PACE, Operations, Instruction, District/LD staff, and Superintendent Joseph Nacorda. Board Member representatives will also provide updates. These meetings will give parents the opportunity to provide input on new and continuing initiatives, and discuss the impact at the local schools.



Dates for 2021

- **Tues., Feb 9, 2021**
- Tues., Mar 9, 2021

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00AM

Registration link to attend
webinar:



[Bit.ly/CoffeeWithTheSup](https://bit.ly/CoffeeWithTheSup)

After registering, you will
receive a confirmation
email about joining the
webinar.

Contact Information:

Local District Northwest PACE
6621 Balboa Boulevard
Van Nuys, CA 91406
818-654-3600



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
**A World of
Learning**



REGISTER FOR SPRING ENRICHMENT

- Available for all LA Unified students, K - 12th Grade
- Fun and exciting virtual enrichment opportunities afterschool and/or Saturdays
- Classes will start the week of February 8th through mid-May

Student registration window: Monday, January 11th - Friday, January 22nd

Registration Link: enrichment.lausd.net



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VISUAL ARTS



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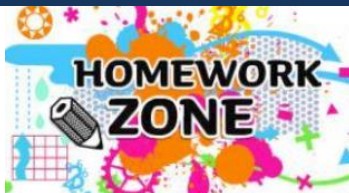
**COMPUTER
SCIENCE**



**MARINE
SCIENCE**

And much, much more!





Student Zones: Homework Help

Trained LA-Based Homework Helpers will assist K-12 students with school assignments and help navigate the library's online student resources.

Monday - Thursday: 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday - Sunday: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Schedule a free 25-minute appointment: <https://lapl.org/student-zone>

For more information, please contact teensservices@lapl.org



Library Resources

1. Looking for a great place where teens who have questions about their own health and wellness can get answers to personal questions without asking someone? LAPL offers an online resource filled with reliable information that they can access with complete privacy.

<https://lapl.org/teen-health>

2. Coding 4 Change challenge. Participate... and you could win prizes! For those who want to add something to their list of awards won to their college applications, this is a fabulous opportunity.

<https://lapl.org/steam/neisci/coding-challenge>

3. Do you have questions about IEPs (Individualized Educational Plan) within LAUSD? Does your student qualify? How do you apply? What is the process? What are the advantages of IEPs? Join us Tuesday, December 15 @ 5:00pm to learn more!!

<https://lapl.zoom.us/j/86392607567?pwd=SHZ2Vy9CdTVoV0EyMGpJeml0aHIDUT09>

4. The beginning of the book awards season. Here are the finalists for the Morris awards. <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/morris-award>

Questions re Library Resources: Contact Marcia Melkonian, Young Adult Librarian III, at mmelkonian@lapl.org

North Los Angeles Regional Center

Questions re system for children with developmental disabilities and current support in the home, contact Monica Munguia, M.A. - Educational Advocate, at mmunguia@nlarc.org or 818-534-5558



MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity)

Hope & Care Program - Community Ambassadors educate community on how to properly wear masks, wash their hands and minimize the risks of contracting the virus. Hope & Care Kits are distributed. They consist of face masks, hand sanitizers and information on COVID-19, Mental Health and local testing sites.

Community Ambassadors will also be delivering essentials to families who are in quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19 or who have been exposed to a positive case.

For more information, contact Maria Jimenez, Senior Manager of Performance Excellence, at maria@mendpoverty.org or Victoria Ahuactizi, Community Ambassador Lead, at victoria@mendpoverty.org

MEND - MEET Each Need with Dignity

Main: 818.896.0246

10641 N. San Fernando Rd, Pacoima, CA 91331

mendpoverty.org

Call Center Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Children's Health Access & Medi-Cal Program

CHAMP

Does your family need help getting free/low cost health insurance?

Contact us at (213) 241-3840 option 1 or email: champ@lausd.net

CHAMP provides:

- Pre-screening for Health Insurance Program Eligibility
- Medi-Cal | Medi-Cal Expansion | Covered CA | Kaiser Permanente Child Health Program
- Health Insurance Application Assistance and Enrollment
- Outreach and Education on the Affordable Care Act
- Information About Utilizing and Maintaining Health Insurance Benefits
- Health Care Referrals to School-Based Health/Wellness Centers and Community Clinics

All Youth Healthy and Achieving

<http://achieve.lausd.net/CHAMP>

CHAMP is a department within the Los Angeles Unified School District and is part of the Student Health & Human Services Division. Partial funding for CHAMP is provided by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services. www.cms.gov

JOIN US!

All TK thru 2nd Grade Students are WELCOME!



Northwest Stars Twinkle Time



Come join us as we socialize-virtually. We have created a space where children TK-2nd grade can come interact through song, dance, making snacks, and most of all use our imaginations.



We meet Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 p.m.



Meeting ID: 897 6804 7212



ZOOM HANG OUT! 6TH – 12TH GRADE

Middle School and High School Students are welcome! Come hang out virtually with students from local middle schools and high schools. Our Advisors from LAUSD's Systems of Support will be available to talk about life, what everyone has been up to and what advice you may have for others while we are off campus. This is a hang out where you can talk about what's on your mind. Get support with the challenges you have and offer support to others. Know you are not alone in how you are feeling.



Join Us Every

Tuesday

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Mtg: 935-9066-4090

PW: 503754

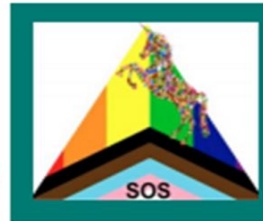
Thursday

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Mtg: 973-7162-4221

PW: 071917

All 6th – 12th
graders are
welcome!



Students, Parents, Teachers and Administrators

Creating a Positive Culture CLUB

We are here to support YOU!

(Students, Parents, Teachers, and Administrators)



We provide a safe place for all stakeholders to
discover resources to manage social-emotional
skills in a virtual setting.

Join us Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings



Tuesdays 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Zoom Code: 935 9066 4090

Thursdays 7:45am – 8:45am

Zoom Code: 973 7162 4221

PRCS after school VIRTUAL music classes
begin the week of January 25th
with INCREDIBLE TEACHERS and
open to all students in Grades K - 8



Register now online at
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- Dozens of classes offered throughout the week
- All levels from beginners to advanced students
- Caring, experienced and supportive teachers
- Zoom office hours with 24 hour email support
- Nationally recognized music curriculum
- 24/7 access to library of instructional videos
- Classes begin the week of January 25, 2021



- More flexibility in class times with more classes per week
- Shy students feel more at ease in performing online
- Fewer classroom distractions
- Parents can be more involved in the lessons
- Students can enjoy a more comfortable and familiar learning environment
- More personalized attention with student uploads & individual office hours

Instruction is provided
 by top Los Angeles
 professional studio &
 orchestral players and
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 & free **INSTRUMENT** rentals
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jointheorchestra.com

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If you are interested in joining the virtual music class lessons,
 please visit jointheorchestra.com or visit schoolmusic@mac.com

CULINARY KIDS ACADEMY

WINTER ENRICHMENT CLASS

WHAT?

Culinary Kids Academy combines hands-on cooking and academic learning in engaging workshops. After teaching 150,000+ students in the classroom, we've shifted to a highly successful Zoom program, tested Spring, Summer, & Fall 2020.

Expect:

- Yummy, kid-approved recipes
- Experiential cooking instruction
- Engaging learning & storytelling

All in the comfort of your own home!



WHEN?

Our Winter 10-Week Session starts Tuesday 1/12/20 and runs through Tuesday 3/16/20, from 4:00-5:00 pm PST.



WANT MORE INFO? Email us:

info@culinarykidsacademy.com

TO REGISTER: Click [HERE](#)



CULINARYKIDSACADEMY.COM

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Distance Learning Resources

IT Helpdesk is available at 213-443-1300 or 213-241-3840

- Parents, students, employees - devices or hot spots tech support
- Hours for IT Helpdesk, Fieldtech - 7:30AM – 4:30PM
- Password/reset issues for Student Mymail - Please contact your teacher

Tech - Trouble Shooting Tips: Mymail, Schoology and Parent Resources! LAUSD Schoology resources for students, parents, and teachers can be found on our website at www.goprcs.org along with other how to tutorials and instructions for different platforms. Click on **STUDENTS** or **PARENTS**

Device or Hotspot Request go to: Parent Portal to request or to our website at www.goprcs.org click on Computer Device & Hotspot Internet Request. Enter Access code: **Lausd2020** and only choose:

PORTER RANCH SCHOOL (1230301)

Once registered, please wait for the school to contact you – Device Distribution date will be sent by the email on the request. This is only for new requests.

Absence Notes while Distance Learning

- **Elementary** – **Parents** can send an email to their child's teacher,
- **Middle School** - **Parents** can send an email to Ms. Laura at laura.castillo@lausd.net

Parent Portal Pin Code – Parents have 2 ways to obtain the Parent Portal Pin Code: Zoom is required to verify ID

1. Jen Endler – Parent Community Rep – by Office Zoom Appointments. Please Email for an appointment. Jennifer.endler@lausd.net
2. Call the LAUSD Hotline 6:00AM – 6:00PM Monday thru Saturday. Call 213-443-1300
Special Winter Break Hours below.

While our office is working remotely, please email us and we will be able to assist you.

Elementary K – 5

Lisa Adams email: lisa.adams@lausd.net

Safia Daks email: safia.daks@lausd.net

Middle School 6 - 8

Laura Castillo email: laura.castillo@lausd.net

General Questions

Donna Patterson email: dpatte1@lausd.net

Parent Information or the Parent Portal

Jennifer Endler email: jennifer.endler@lausd.net

LAUSD HOTLINE NUMBERS:

General: 213-443-1300

Mental Health: 213-241-3840

Visit: <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16559#spn-content>

Hours Monday thru Friday
6:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Special Education: 213-241-6701

Or visit achieve.lausd.net/sped

Grab n Go Meals – visit for locations and hours:
<https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16904>



PRCS
Booster Club

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[Join the PTA Today!](#)



**[Governing School
Council \(GSC\)](#)**



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PRCS Website

www.goprcs.org



FOR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
OR A QUOTE – PLEASE CALL
TODAY!

818-736-9393



PREMIER SPONSOR

2020-2021



**Porter Ranch Community School would like to thank
Toll Brothers along with our Councilmember, John Lee,
for their continued support and commitment to PRCS.**