



PRCS Coyote Howl

December 2, 2018

DECEMBER

- 12/3 Booster Meeting at 7:45am in the B33 **Room Change**
- 12/5 PTA Board Meeting at 8:30am in B33
School Experience Survey papers due to main office
- 12/6 School Site Council Meeting at 3:00pm in the Library
Last Homework Club for Middle School
(HW Club will restart January 14, 2019)
- 12/7 Online School Experience Survey due
- 12/13 Elementary Winter Performances in MPR
3 Show times – 8:30am / 10:40am / 1:10pm
- 12/14 ES/ MS Minimum Day
LA Public Library Winter Reading Challenge Begins...
- 12/17 – 1/4/19 Winter Break – No School
- ## **JANUARY**
- 1/7 Second semester begins
Booster Meeting at 7:45am in B33
- 1/9 PTA Board Meeting at 8:30am in B32
- 1/10 School Site Council Meeting at 3:00pm in the Library
- 1/14 Middle School Homework Club begins this week
- 1/18 School Tour for incoming K – 8 students and parents
- 9:00am in MPR
- 1/21 No School – In observance of MLK Jr. Day
- 1/25 Coffee with the Principal at 8:30AM in MPR
- 1/29 Teacher Fun Day Activities for PTA Gala Auction Winners

Minimum Day for ES and MS
December 14, 2018

Dismissal times:

TK/K at 12:49pm

1st thru 5th at 12:34pm

6th thru 8th at 12:27pm



CLASSROOMS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC

DUTY

- Mrs. Woodings 12/3 – 12/7
- Ms. Kim 12/10-12/14
- Mrs. Hansen 1/7 – 1/11
- Mrs. Kalma 1/14 – 1/18

Thank you for volunteering to keep our students safe!!! We couldn't do it without the help of every class participating in the traffic duty.

WINTER BREAK

December 17, 2018 – January 4, 2019

School resumes on January 7, 2019

Message from Ms. Melvin

We are so excited about starting our new middle school program on leadership and team building. Keep an eye out for their colors!

Be sure to join us for the elementary musical winter performance on December 13th. It is a delightful tradition and a culmination of your children's hard work in music class. See School Wide News for details on show times and more information.

Please take the time to complete the School Experience Survey (SES). Paper survey is due December 5 to the main office and on line survey can be done up to December 7. We would like to hear from all of our PRCS Families.

If you have not logged on to the Parent Portal, please be sure to do so before spring. For students in grades 3rd to 8th, this will be the only way parents can receive SBAC Scores. District will no longer be mailing the results home. See Jen Endler if you have questions. To register for the Parent Portal at <http://passport.lausd.net>

Schoolwide News

After School Enrichments: Session 2 and 3 is now open for registration on line. Please see the letter attached for the links to all the enrichment we are offering for the remainder of the year. Spaces are limited.

School Experience Survey (SES) Take this important survey to share what you think about your and your child's experiences at PRCS. We need 100% participation from all PRCS families. SES online for the survey is available thru 12/7 at <http://achieve.lausd.net/SchoolExperienceSurvey> Be sure to submit paper surveys by 12/5 to the main office.

LAUSD Parent Portal for grades TK/Kinder thru 8th Grade – all parents and guardians register!

We are looking for a 100% parent participation of one or more parents per student to sign up for the Parent Portal. New!!! Once you have set up an account on Parent Portal and click on the Grades and Assignments button, you can then download the **Schoology App** in order to see your child's information. After the **Schoology App** is downloaded, sign in with the password that is the same as the one used for the Parent Portal. Do not enter any school name, only the password from the Parent Portal account then it will automatically link you. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Endler at jennifer.endler@lausd.net

Quick links: Register for Parent Portal at <http://passport.lausd.net> Resources <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/10470>

- **PIN Codes** for Parent Portal!!! Updated for added security. PIN code for each child has been sent home in the mail from the district. Parent or guardian will each need a different PIN code that is assigned to each child in order to sign up or stay registered. Please make this your priority. The PIN Codes have been given an extension to be used by end of November.

Yearbook is now on sale: <http://yblive.net/PorterRanchCommunitySchool/home3/Bookstore.jsp>

- Click on Shop Online
- Enter CA, Porter Ranch, PRCS
- All Yearbooks will be shipped and distributed from PRCS
- If you have any questions with your purchase – email Mr. Hayden at aaron.hayden@lausd.net or email help@yearbooklife.com

Elementary School

Elementary Winter Performances will be on Thursday, 12/13. There will be 3 performances: 8:30am/10:40am/1:10pm Parking will be relaxed by the City of LA. Please remember to allow time to park and walk safely. For campus safety, the audience line will form outside the Mason Gate and the gate will open 10 minutes prior to each show time. Line will only be accessible from Mason Ave. Please do not come through the campus side.

Library News - All library books will be returned during the student's class library time the week of December 10th through the 14th. Please remember to have your child bring their books to return.

Los Angeles Public Library will have a Winter Reading Challenge for all students! Go to <https://www.lapl.org/winter> There will be more information to come.....Reading challenge start December 14 thru January 14.

Middle School

15 Week Progress Report Cards have been mailed home the week of the 26th. This is a great opportunity to discuss with your child about their progress as we head into the final reporting period of the semester in 2 weeks. Use the information from grades and assignments in the Parent Portal to see details of their assignments and test scores. If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher by email. In order to meet with your child's teacher, make sure you make an appointment. Teachers are busy teaching in their classrooms.

YS After School Sports- Basketball Season! Please join the PRCS Basketball Team for boys and girls teams. All middle school students are welcome to join. See Coach Daniel after school on the basketball courts.

Last homework club for this semester will be on Thursday, December 6. Ms. Lavin for English and Ms. Amighi for math. Homework Club is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 3:00pm – 4:00pm

March Madness – Eligible 8th students will be playing a basketball game during 5th & 6th period in March. In order to be eligible to play on the team, a student must not have any U's in work habits or cooperation and or D's or Fails at any time before the game day. Students have been notified during their PE class. All students will be able to participate as spectators and cheer on their fellow classmates.

Mrs. Almany's Hours: Mondays 8:00am – 1:00pm. Tuesdays 8:00am – 1:30pm, Thursdays 8:00am – 12:30pm

TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDERS:

- Parking lot speed limit is 8 mph
- No pick up or drop offs in the staff parking lot
- No double parking to drop off or pick up
- Double parking blocks visibility for other children and vehicles
- Students must be picked up curb side
- No Jay Walking
- Please carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school

ON CAMPUS FOR VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:

Must sign in at the main office and have a visitor sticker or volunteer badge on at all times while on campus for safety. Parents or guardians may come on campus when the bell rings and the gates open for pick up.

- Main Gate opens at 2:19pm and 1:19pm on Tuesdays
- Sesnon Gate opens at 2:50pm and 1:29pm on Tuesdays
- ES minimum days - Main Gate only at dismissal
- MS minimum days - Sesnon Gate and students can walk through the main office
- STAFF parking is reserved for staff from 7:00am to 2:45pm

AMAZON SHOPPING REWARDS PROGRAM - Remember to click on the Amazon banner on the PRCS home page to enter Amazon.com to ensure a percentage of your Amazon purchases are credited to PRCS.

Attention PRCS Volunteers:

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS MUST FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. For returning volunteers, please check information on the volunteer application on line and print out, sign and turn into the main office. TB results are good for 4 years, so if we have one for you on record from the previous year, we will be able to look up that information.

NEW VOLUNTEERS – If you are interested in volunteering at our school, you must first be approved by the Volunteer Management System. A prospective volunteer must access the online registration process and submit the application at <https://volunteerapp.lausd.net> then turn in all paperwork to the main office.

- Submission of online application, printed and signed
- Volunteer Commitment Form, signed and dated
- Tuberculosis test clearance signed by a doctor – if you are a returning volunteer, TB test will be on file. TB tests are valid for 4 years from the test date.

Only when you have been approved, you will receive a volunteer badge which you will be required to wear in clear view when you are volunteering at our school. Always make sure to sign in and out at the Main Office. Thank you in advance for your dedication to our school! If you have any questions, please email Jen Endler in our Parent Center. Jennifer.endler@lausd.net

Thank you all for your support at Porter Ranch Community School!