



# PRCS Coyote Howl

December 14, 2020

## DECEMBER

~~12/14 – 12/18~~ ~~December Grab n Go – p. 2~~ ~~Cancelled~~  
12/21 – 1/8/21 School Closed – Winter Break

## JANUARY

1/11/21 Beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester  
1/12/21 Booster Club Meeting at 3:00 PM via Zoom  
1/18/21 No school – In observance of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr's Day

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# The Leader in Me™

Spirit Day on Friday, 12/18

Elementary: **UGLY SWEATER DAY!**

Middle School: **UGLY SWEATER or PAJAMA DAY!**



## School Experience Survey (SES) 2020-2021

Be sure to take the online survey  
By January 22, 2021

**Let us know what you think**



SES Available in *English, Spanish and Korean*

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

## Principal Demirjie's Message:

Good Evening PRCS Families. Our annual [School Experience Survey](#) is available online for parents and staff to complete. I want to encourage everyone to participate in this survey and let us know what you think about our school. Please see details for the survey information [here](#) or on p. 2 & 4 on the HOWL.

This Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, our [Governing School Council](#) will hold its meeting at 3pm via Zoom. Pre-registration is required. The information is on p. 2 and the link to pre-register [here](#) or by visiting our website at [goprcs.org](http://goprcs.org).

This Friday's Spirit Day for Elementary is Ugly Sweater Day and for Middle School, Ugly Sweater or Pajama Day. Take pictures and submit them to [prcpspublications@gmail.com](mailto:prcpspublications@gmail.com) or you can visit our website to submit your pictures. Middle school has a special Spirit Day Submission Raffle for details see p.6.

Parents, please don't forget to join and be a member of our [PRC PTA](#). The membership is \$10 and you could easily join [here](#) or by visiting our website at [goprcs.org](http://goprcs.org).

This Friday the 18<sup>th</sup>, our semester will come to an end. Our virtual classes will be in winter recess until January 10<sup>th</sup>. Our classes, whether it'll be virtual or hybrid, will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup>. I want to thank our amazing teachers, our outstanding students and our incredible parents who made this virtual semester a positive experience for our students. We are The Porter Ranch Community School. I am confident, together as a team, we will face and rise to the challenges of the upcoming Spring Semester. I would like to wish all of you a Happy Holidays. Let us all enjoy these festive times with our friends and families by practicing all of the COVID-19 safety guidelines. Please stay safe everyone.

# Happy Holidays



## 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 January 22, 2021**. 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](mailto: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 for All Students** – Testing Appointments are now available at local school sites near Porter Ranch (Frost Middle School or Lawrence Middle School are the nearest Covid-19 testing sites- see p. 5) To schedule an appt: <https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt>

**DECEMBER Grab n Go:** Has been cancelled due to current Stay at Home Orders from LA County.

**Library Book Grab & Go** – Has been cancelled due to current Stay at Home Orders from LA County.

**GSC Meeting** – Thursday, December 17 at 3:00 PM via Zoom. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://lausd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qce6srTqvHdWV9LDVjagkl5jZzULrZ-nV>  
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**PTA** – JOIN THE PTA! Membership is only \$10/person. [Click here to join](#) or see P.8

**Booster Club:** Next Booster Club Meeting will be on January 12 at 3:00PM Zoom TBA

**Yearbook News** – Lovelines see below! Limited availability – Act Now!

**Middle School** - Spirit Day Pictures Submission Raffle see p. 6

**Pre order for 2020-21 on sale for \$35.00 through January 1<sup>st</sup>!** [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://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 student(s) name(s), grade and teacher if in elementary school. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Hayden at [aaron.hayden@lausd.net](mailto:aaron.hayden@lausd.net)



## Yearbook Lovelines



## Limited Availability- Act Now

Want to include a special message to your student or favorite PRCS staff member in the 2020-2021 PRCS yearbook?

Fill out the Google Form in its entirety and submit payment ASAP. Lovelines are due by January 20, however, once capacity is reached, no other Loveline messages will be included.

Fill out the Google Form  
Questions: Contact

<https://forms.gle/gYVvwFgHz2W5divV8>  
Kristi Matassa at [kmatassa@socal.rr.com](mailto:kmatassa@socal.rr.com)

## Elementary News

### Spirit Day on Friday, December 18



**UGLY SWEATER DAY!** Let's see your holiday spirit and wear a sweater! Put it on, take a picture and submit it to [prcspublications@gmail.com](mailto:prcspublications@gmail.com) !

The **Leader in Me**

### **DECEMBER HABIT:** THINK WIN WIN

Tell us how you THINK WIN WIN in a video and send it to [prcspublications@gmail.com](mailto:prcspublications@gmail.com) to be featured in our Weekly **Leader in Me** Assembly!

**Twinkle Time!** Grades TK – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. After December 16, will return on January 13. Zoom ID 897 6804 7212 see flyer p. 10

**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>

**Library Book Grab & Go Winter Break Schedule:** Reserve your books by visiting our website. Updated instructions are listed under **STUDENTS** or [click here!](#) Next Library Book Grab n Go will be announced when the District gives an update. December 18 has been cancelled.

## Middle School News



OR



**MS Spirit Day – Ugly Sweater or Pajama Day** on Friday, 12/18/20 – Wear your holiday sweater or whatever you wear to take a rest! (Must be school appropriate). Take a picture and submit it to [prcspublications@gmail.com](mailto:prcspublications@gmail.com) for a video montage to be shared next week. See p.6 for picture submission raffle. Chance to win \$25 gift cards to Amazon or Target!

**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 - this week and will return next semester beginning January 12. Check out the flyer on p. 11

**20 Week Final Grades** for 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be available to view in the Parent Portal on Saturday, December 19.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Update** from Parent Chair, Kristi Matassa on p. 6.



## 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 January 22, 2021**

Contact your school with questions or contact the School Experience Survey team by phone (213) 241-5600 or by email: [SchoolExperienceSurvey@lausd.net](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer.endler@lausd.net) if you need any assistance with the School Experience Survey.



# The Path Back to School

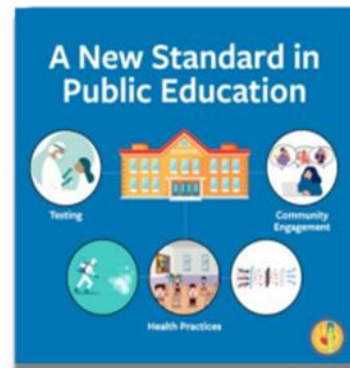
## COVID-19 Testing For All Students



## COVID-19 Testing



- To schedule a test: [achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt](https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt)
- 6 testing locations in Local District Northwest:
  - Frost MS      -Holmes MS      -Lawrence MS
  - Northridge MS      -Reseda HS      -Woodland HS
- Student ID can be obtained through Parent Portal:  
[parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess](https://parentportalapp.lausd.net/parentaccess)
- Parent Hotline 213-443-1300



To make an appointment for Covid Test click on the below:  
<https://achieve.lausd.net/covidtestingappt>

Student ID can also be obtained by calling our main office  
818-709-7100 or by emailing Jen Endler at  
[jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:jennifer.endler@lausd.net)

**Middle School Only!**

## **Holiday Photo Submission Raffle**



**Submit a picture of yourself in Holiday spirit wear for the yearbook and be entered into a raffle to win a \$25 gift card to Amazon or Target! It's that easy! Upload your picture to <https://images.jostens.com/415468760> Be sure to add your name and your grade.**

**All submissions must be done by December 20. Gift cards will be emailed to you.  
4 winners for each grade level!**

**Questions? Email Kristi Matassa at [kmatassa@socal.rr.com](mailto:kmatassa@socal.rr.com) (6 & 8th Grade)  
Alice Lee at [alice534@hotmail.com](mailto:alice534@hotmail.com) (7th grade)**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Updates** – In addition to a portrait/ 8th Grade individual photo and an 8th grade dedication (if you chose to purchase one), the yearbook would like to honor our special 8th grade class (the very first group of students to span Kindergarten- 8th grade) with a "Flashback" page in the yearbook. Please find and share 1-3 photos from the 2012-2013 Kindergarten class (individual or group pics are fine) to this shared Dropbox file. Please make sure to rename the photo with your student's FIRST and LAST NAME. The deadline for Kindergarten pics is December 18 for potential use in the yearbook.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hck0ef2wx3dl1jo/AAAONnF8zsgPoNLbBVytR74wa?dl=0>

In the 8th Grade Dropbox, you will also find folders labeled with each grade level (K-8) and a baby picture folder. Please take the time to add 1-3 photos of your student (group or individual) from each grade level at PRCS to possibly be used in the yearbook and/or end of the year slideshow. Please label each photo with your student's first and last name.

If you are not able to use the Dropbox, please email them to me directly ([kmatassa@socal.rr.com](mailto:kmatassa@socal.rr.com) ). Just make sure to label them with your student's FIRST and LAST NAME and GRADE LEVEL.

Thanks in advance for your help. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Chair, Kristi Matassa** Email: [kmatassa@socal.rr.com](mailto:kmatassa@socal.rr.com)

**Site Name:** PRCS8thGrade2020-21

**SiteURL:** <https://prcs6thgrade201819.shutterfly.com/>

PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL



2020-2021



# Yearbook



ONLY \$35 UNTIL JANUARY



Remember; you can submit photos  
through the PRCS website

**Preorder today! The yearbook price  
goes up on January 1st 2021!**



To purchase, visit:

<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>



For more information contact:  
[aaron.hayden@lausd.net](mailto:aaron.hayden@lausd.net)







**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](mailto:arezo.abedi@gmail.com)

**Membership is only \$10**

Supports the students, the teachers  
and the school today!



DECEMBER

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## Parent Workshops & Informational Meetings



### Introducing Discovery Education for Los Angeles Schools

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We're excited to announce a new district-wide partnership with Discovery Education to provide 24/7 access to the tools and resources students need to stay connected to learning in and out of the classroom this school year.

Discovery Education *Experience* is a one-stop shop in which families can discover dynamic educational content to engage and support their children. From themed "grab-and-go" daily activities to captivating Virtual Field Trips and immersive student challenges, *Experience* offers families secure, reliable resources to help students continue learning outside of the traditional school day.

To log in to your Discovery Education account, please visit

[LAUSD.DiscoveryEducation.com](https://LAUSD.DiscoveryEducation.com)

To view the Discovery Education flyer [click here](#)



JOIN US!

All TK thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Students are WELCOME!



## Northwest Stars Twinkle Time

Come join us as we socialize-virtually. We have created a space where children TK-2<sup>nd</sup> 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! 6<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> 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

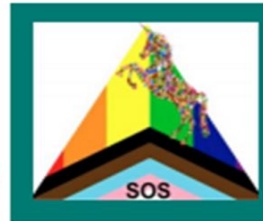
**Thursday**

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Mtg: 973-7162-4221

PW: 071917

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
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





Porter Ranch CS is invited to **JOIN US** for  
**VIRTUAL MUSIC class lessons**  
 with **INCREDIBLE TEACHERS** and  
 open to **STUDENTS** in **Grades K - 8**



**January Classes Now Being Formed!**  
[www.jointheorchestra.com](http://www.jointheorchestra.com)



- 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
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- Leaders in music education since 1989



- More flexibility in class times with more classes per week
- Shy students feel more at ease in performing online
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If you are interested in joining the virtual music class lessons,  
 please visit [jointheorchestra.com](http://jointheorchestra.com) or visit [schoolmusic@mac.com](mailto:schoolmusic@mac.com)

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:laura.castillo@lausd.net)

**Parent Portal Pin Code** – Parents have 2 ways to obtain the Parent Portal Pin Code:

1. Jen Endler – Parent Community Rep – by Office Zoom Appointments. Please Email for an appointment. [Jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:Jennifer.endler@lausd.net)
2. Call the LAUSD Hotline 6:00AM – 6:00PM Monday thru Saturday. Call 213-443-1300  
**OPTION 2 & 3 will require to zoom to verify ID on camera.**

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](mailto:lisa.adams@lausd.net)

Safia Daks email: [safia.daks@lausd.net](mailto:safia.daks@lausd.net)

### Middle School 6 - 8

Laura Castillo email: [laura.castillo@lausd.net](mailto:laura.castillo@lausd.net)

### General Questions

Donna Patterson email: [dpatte1@lausd.net](mailto:dpatte1@lausd.net)

### Parent Information or the Parent Portal

Jennifer Endler email: [jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto: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

Winter Break Hours:

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> to Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 8am to 5pm

January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup> 8am to 5pm

**Special Education:** 213-241-6701

Or visit [achieve.lausd.net/sped](https://achieve.lausd.net/sped)

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



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Booster Club

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**PRCS Website**

[www.goprcs.org](http://www.goprcs.org)



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**Porter Ranch Community School would like to thank  
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for their continued support and commitment to PRCS.**