



# PRCS Coyote Howl

November 11, 2018

## **NOVEMBER**

- 11/12** No School – In observance of Veteran's Day
- 11/14 – 11/15** Elementary Only Minimum Days for Parent Teacher Conference
- 11/15** Lost and Found – last day to pick up items  
After School Orchestra Class - schedule and room change  
Please see school wide news below
- 11/16** K - 8 minimum day  
Tae Kwon Do and Korean Drum Showcase
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at 8:10am in MPR
- 11/19 – 11/23** Thanksgiving Break – Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/28** PTA Association Meeting at 6:00pm in \*\*Library  
Dine Out – CPK at Northridge Mall
- 11/30** Coffee with the Principal at 8:30am in MPR
- Traffic Safety with Officer Steinberg
- Gala at Porter Valley Country Club at 7:00pm

## **DECEMBER**

- 12/3** Booster Meeting at 7:45am in the \*\*Faculty Lounge
- 12/5** PTA Board Meeting at 8:30am in \*\*B33  
SES paper surveys due to main office
- 12/6** School Site Council Meeting at 3:00pm in the \*Library
- 12/7** Online School Experience Survey due  
Last day for the Thanksgiving Food Drive
- 12/13** Elementary Winter Performances in MPR  
3 Show times – 8:30am / 10:40am / 1:10pm
- 12/14** ES/ MS Minimum Day
- 12/17 – 1/4/19** Winter Break – No School

**Elementary Parent Teacher**

### **Conferences:**

11/13 Early Tuesday

11/14, 11/15, 11/16

Dismissal: TK/K at 12:49pm

1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:34pm

**\*\*11/16 is a K - 8 minimum day\*\***



### **CLASSROOMS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC**

#### **DUTY**

- Mrs. Park 11/13-11/16
- Mrs. Barry 11/26 - 11/30
- Mrs. Woodings 12/3 - 12/7
- Ms. Kim 12/10-12/14

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.

### **Spirit Days for Elementary (ES) and Middle School (MS)**

11/30 Culture Day (ES)

Sports Day (MS)

## **Message from Ms. Melvin**

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.

Parents should sign up for Parent Portal and Schoology this month. Questions about the Parent Portal, PIN Codes, Schoology, Parent Volunteers, and the School Experience Survey? Please stop by and visit Jen Endler, Parent Center Director, to ask any questions during the Parent Teacher Conference Week for elementary. Information table will in the main office. Hours during Parent Teacher Conference Week: 11/13 at 1:30pm – 3:30pm and 11/14, 11/15, 11/16 at 12:30pm – 3:30pm. Or you can email her at [jennifer.endler@lausd.net](mailto:jennifer.endler@lausd.net).

Please follow PRCS on Facebook at PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL on up to date information from our school.

## Schoolwide News

**Lost and Found:** All lost and found items will be donated to a local charity. Please stop by and pick up any items by the end of the day on Thursday, 11/15. The clothing rack and lunch bags are on display near the front of the school.

**After school orchestra schedule for minimum day on Thursday, 11/5.** All after school orchestra classes will begin and end **one hour and 45 minutes earlier than usual** (START TIME FOR CLASSES will be 12:45 PM as opposed to the usual time of 2:30 PM. **Room changes for the day:** Miss Bianca's class - normally in Room 15 - will meet in the **Library**. Miss Desiree's classes - normally in Room 16 - will meet in **Middle School Room 107** located next to the middle school office.

**PRC PTA Gala is now SOLD OUT! Everyone can still participate in the auction bidding** in the mornings before school near the main office. Look for the floral boards! Please take a look at the attachments below for bidding instructions and auction item menu. Auction will end at the Gala on the evening of November 30. Questions? Email [Alice534@hotmail.com](mailto:Alice534@hotmail.com)

**Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive** – PRCS is partnering with YMCA and CCRC Child Care Resource Center for the community food drive. We are asking for your help to provide Thanksgiving canned goods for those families who might otherwise go without. Please help us complete a meal by donating a few canned item goods on the attached flier shopping list. Canned good items can be dropped off in the main office thru December 7. Thank you!!!

### **LAUSD Parent Portal for grades TK/Kinder thru 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## Elementary School

**Parent Teacher Conference Week – 11/13 thru 11/16.** Minimum days 11/14, 11/15 and 11/16 and dismissal at 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade 12:34pm and TK/Kinder at 12:49pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** – Tae Kwon Do and Korean Drums Showcase will be on Friday, 11/16 at 8:10am in the MPR.

**Elementary Winter Performances** will be on Thursday, 12/13. There will be 3 performances: 8:30am/10:40am/1:10pm

## Middle School

**15 week grading period closes on Friday, November 16** – 15 Week Progress Report Cards will be 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. 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.

Students can join a middle school carolers group for the holidays. Students that would like to sing holiday songs at school presentations will have rehearsals at lunch time on Wednesdays and Thursdays in the MPR beginning 11/14. Students that are in the carolers group will miss class on 12/13 and 12/14 during 1<sup>st</sup> period to perform.

**Teen Council** is open to all middle school students to join! Work on planning events for teen nights at the local YMCA and create memories with your friends and other local middle school students. Students will earn community service hours for attending meetings and events. Teen Council meets on Thursdays at lunch in B32. Everyone is welcome! Teen Council is sponsored and supervised by North Valley YMCA Youth Development Director, Jomel Camilleri.

**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

### 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](mailto:Jennifer.endler@lausd.net)

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