



PRCS Coyote Howl

Week of January 7, 2019

JANUARY

- 1/7 Second semester begins
Booster Meeting at 7:45am in B33
- 1/9 PTA Board Meeting at 8:30am in B33
- 1/10 School Site Council Meeting at 3:00pm in the Library
STEM Expo Planning Mtg for K – 5 at 6:00PM 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
- 1/23 Dine Out – Chick-fil-A 4pm to 9pm
- 1/25 Middle School Informational Meeting for Model UN
 - Parent Meeting at 8:00AM in MPR
 - Coffee with the Principal at 8:30AM in MPR
- 1/25 Movie Night hosted by PTA – Doors open at 5:30pm
- 1/29 Teacher Fun Day Activities for PTA Gala Auction Winners

Looking ahead...

STEM Week – February 11 - 15

- STEM Expo Planning Session – January 10 at 6:00PM

Literacy Week – March 18 - 22

After School Enrichments: January - March

Session 2 is now open for registration on line.

Please see the letter attached for the links to register.

Space is limited!

*Academic Chess * TGA Tennis* Mad Science*

Lego Engineering Speech & Debate*

Message from Ms. Melvin

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We are excited to start the second semester and get back to work! This semester we are looking forward to a Stem Expo in February and a literacy fair in March and of course Open House in April and all to get ready for our spring testing in grades 3rd to 8th. So get lots of sleep and get to school on time because we are also starting a new attendance initiative!

Please join us! STEM Expo Planning Session: Come help us plan the K-5, week-long event for PRCS! Thursday, January 10th, 6:00 pm, in the Library



Attendance Matters! We will begin a new attendance program, rewarding the classes that have perfect attendance!

School resumes on January 7, 2019

CLASSROOMS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC

DUTY

- Mrs. Hansen 1/7 - 1/11
- Mrs. Kalma 1/14 - 1/18
- Mrs. Chu 1/21 - 1/25
- Ms. Varko 1/28 - 2/1

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.



Parent Portal now gives

Wi-Fi Access at Schools: Parents can now access the LAUSD network at school sites using their Parent Portal username and password. Please see instructions under the School Wide News to register.

School Wide News

LAUSD Parent Portal for grades TK/Kinder thru 8th Grade – all parents and guardians register! Access to attendance, grades and assignments for Schoology, and SBAC scores. Now wi-fi access!

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 or need a PIN Code, 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>

New User Experience for Schoology, December 15, 2018. Schoology will be introducing a new "User Experience" that includes a new site design and navigation on December 15, 2018. Learn more about the changes at <http://achieve.lausd.net/lmsupdates> or from Schoology at <http://bit.ly/LMSUserExperience>.

Yearbook News for 8th Grade Parents! This year with Yearbook Live, the 8th grade recognition ads will be ordered on line only. Click on **Yearbook Ads** and create and order custom 8th grade recognition ads for your child in the yearbook. All 8th grade recognition ads are due by Monday, March 4.

- **Love Lines** – order forms will be going home in January. Details to follow....
- Current price to order a yearbook is only \$25.00! Price will increase to \$35.00 after December 14, 2018.
- To purchase, go to: <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

Please check out the after school enrichments and sign up for January – March session! Links are on the After School Enrichment letter attached. Some classes may be full and have a wait list.

Middle School

Model United Nation – The California Youth and Government Model UN is a simulation of the "real life" United Nations. If you would like to know more about the Model UN, please come to a parent meeting for middle school on Friday, January 25 at 8:00AM in the MPR. If you have any questions, please email Jomel, Representative from the YMCA at jomelcamilleri@ymcaLA.org Brochure from the YMCA attached

New semester begins! Please make sure to have an account on the LAUSD PARENT PORTAL in order to view your child's progress through Schoology. Make an account today!

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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

Grade Level Shutterfly sites for important news and events:

6th Grade: <https://prcs6thgrade201819.shutterfly.com/>

7th Grade: <https://prcs7thgrade20182019.shutterfly.com/>

8th Grade: <https://prcsclassof2019.shutterfly.com/>

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!