



PRCS Coyote Howl

Week of February 11, 2019

FEBRUARY

- 2/11 Father Daughter Dance Committee Mtg 8:30AM in B32
 2/13 STEM Expo Committee Meeting at 6:00PM in B33
 2/14 Lock down Drill at 9:00AM – see letter from Ms. Melvin
 2/15 **Family Night!** STEM Astronomy Night at 6:00PM
 2/18 **No School** – In observance of Presidents' Day
 2/19 – 2/22 **STEM Week**
 2/19 **STEM** Presentations K – 5 at 8:15AM – Parents are invited
 2/20 STEM Lunch Time Activities K – 5 near the lunch area
 2/22 Dine Out at Dr. Hogly Wogly BBQ in Van Nuys
 2/27-3/13 5th Grade PALI CAMP
 2/28 **DATE CHANGE** Spirit Day for ES and MS – 80's Day

MARCH

- 3/1 5th Grade return from PALI Camp
 3/4 Booster Meeting at 7:45AM in Faculty Lounge
 3/6 PTA Board Member Meeting at 8:30AM in B32
 3/7 School Site Council Meeting at 3:00PM in the Library
 3/8 School Tour for incoming students at 9:00AM in MPR
 3/8 **Father Daughter Dance** sponsored by PTA at 6:00PM
 3/15 5th Grade will tour middle school – student event



Elementary school is starting a **Perfect Attendance Challenge** for the month of February. Be sure to be on-time and at school every day to help your class earn the outstanding surprise at the end of the month! Let's see which class has Perfect Attendance!

CLASSROOMS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC DUTY

- Mrs. Harp 2/11 - 2/15
- Mrs. Wagenbach 2/18 - 2/22
- Mrs. Bae 2/25 - 3/1
- Mr. Kim 3/4 - 3/8

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.



During our upcoming STEM Expo, we will be providing the students with hands on STEM activities and experiences during lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 20. Please sign up on Sign Up Genius and join us on the grassy area near the lunch tables.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ABAE2EA7FC1-stem>

Registration is now open!

Saturday, June 1, 2019

<https://www.supportprcs.org/run-to-summer>



Message from Ms. Melvin

We are so excited about our upcoming Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Expo! Remember to join us on Friday, February 15th for Family Night to see the stars in the MPR by Sky Dome and by telescopes on the yard to kick off the STEM Expo Week! Parents are invited to come on Tuesday, February 19th to see your child's STEM project in their classroom! The students will have science or engineering assemblies and events all week! We are still looking for presenters in the STEM fields to present to the classrooms during the Expo week. It can be for your child's class or the grade level if you like! **If you are in a STEM career and would like to talk about it to your child's classmates, please contact your child's teacher.**

School Wide News

NFL SFV Flag Football by Cary Harris former USC/NFL player. Our league provides Co-Ed opportunities for kids ages 5-14 to learn and enjoy one of America's favorite sports. Players will benefit by being physically active through non-contact activity while learning the fundamentals of football, lessons in teamwork, and sportsmanship. For more information, please go to <https://bit.ly/2RL3Wne>

Run to Summer Registration is now open! Show your support for PRCS & your community by walking, jogging or running now to register for our second Run to Summer 5k, Family Run & Community Fair. Please go to <https://www.supportprcs.org/run-to-summer>

Save the Date! Father Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, March 8 at 6:00PM in the MPR.

Elementary School

Valograms will be on sale thru Feb 13 during drop off near the main office. Please see flier attached

STEM Week is coming! February 19 – 22. STEM Expo Committee Mtg on 2/13 at 6:00PM in B33

- Family STEM Astronomy event on **Friday, February 15 at 6:00PM**
- Student presentations K – 5 in the classrooms on Tuesday, February 19 at 8:15AM – 8:45AM
- STEM lunch time activities on Wednesday, 2/20 – if you are able to volunteer please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F49ABAE2EA7FC1-stem>

Middle School

CJSF - California Junior Scholarship Federation applications are due with fee **CASH ONLY**, no later than Friday, February 15 to Mr. Demirjie. Applications are available in the middle school office for 6th thru 8th grade.

- 6th grade thru 1st semester of 7th grade – unofficial acknowledgement from PRCS
 - Fee \$5 – additional fee \$5 t-shirt = total \$10 **CASH ONLY**
- 2nd semester of 7th & both semesters of 8th grade – Official status with CJSF - \$5 application fee each semester
 - Additional: \$5 for t-shirt or \$15 long sleeve hoodie **CASH ONLY**

After school YS is looking for MS girls basketball players to join the team. All are welcome! Please see YS Coach Daniel after school. YS Sports offers community service hours for practices and games. There is also an opportunity to see a professional basketball game at the Staple Center with the team!

All students entering or advancing to the 7th grade will require proof of a **Tdap booster** shot **BEFORE beginning the 2019-2020 school year.** Your 6th grade student will not be allowed to attend school in the upcoming year until we have proof on file. To avoid exclusion, please submit proof of the **Tdap immunization** as soon as possible.

The 5 week report cards will be mailed home the week of February 18th

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.

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

Yearbook 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. 8th grade dedication deadline has been extended! Deadline is now March 2.

- **Love Lines** – Details to follow....

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



LAUSD Parent Portal for grades TK/Kinder thru 8th Grade

Access to attendance, grades and assignments for Schoology, and SBAC scores. Now wi-fi access at schools!

We are looking for a 100% parent participation of one or more parents per student to sign up for the Parent Portal. 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>

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

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!