



PRCS Coyote Howl

December 11, 2023

December

- 12/13 and 12/14 Elementary Winter Shows; 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM – p. 6 & 7
Street Parking will be relaxed for the show times – restrictions apply
- 12/15 Lost & Found – last day to pick up items
- 12/18 – 1/5/24 Winter Break – School Closed

January

- 1/8 First day of second semester begins
- 1/8 Booster Meeting a 4:00 PM via Zoom
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – school closed
- 1/17 PTA Association Meeting at 5:00 PM via Zoom
- 1/19 Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 AM in MPR or via Zoom



Lost & Found Notice!

All items left unclaimed after 12/15/23 will be donated to a local shelter.

Principal Demirjie's Message:

Good evening PRCS families. I hope this message finds you well as we approach the holiday season. We have some important announcements and reminders to share with you.

Perfect Attendance Challenge: Regular attendance is an important part of your child's education. Please be sure to send your child to school every day and on time. Any travel plans should be made for vacation time. For the month of December, we will host a Perfect Attendance Challenge. Each student who is in school for the 15 days of December will be entered into a raffle to win a special prize. Let's celebrate the coming holidays with Perfect Attendance! One more week to go!

Elementary Winter Shows: Join us for our winter show to "Celebrate Love & Joy" this holiday season! Our remaining winter shows are on Wednesday, 12/13 and Thursday, 12/14 at 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM. Please plan to stay for the entire one-hour show to enjoy the hard work of our students, teachers and Ms. Marshall. To accommodate all families, we kindly request that parents attend only one show and limit guests to two per family. Thank you for your understanding.

LAPD Devonshire Pals Toy Drive: In the spirit of the holidays, our Student Lead Squad is hosting the LAPD Devonshire Pals Toy Drive this week. The last day to drop off a toy will be this Wednesday, December 13th. We have 5 large boxes set up at the entrance to the Main Gate to collect toys. Bring new unwrapped toys, books, or board games to donate! Devonshire Pals also provided us with a wish list on the flyer on p. 5 with a QR Code to scan. If you would prefer to send it directly to the LAPD Devonshire Pals location, please use the wish list! The donated gifts will be handed out to kids in our local area in Northridge this weekend.

Lost and Found Notice! Our Lost & Found area is overflowing! There are NUMEROUS sweaters, sweatshirts, water bottles, etc. that have been accumulating. Please remind your children to go through the Lost & Found set up on tables near the by the Main Entrance in search of missing items. Any leftover items will be donated to a local shelter after school on Friday, December 15th. Parents can come to look for items at the Lost and Found area near the Main Gate ONLY AFTER dismissal.

After-school Enrichments: Next session for after-school enrichments for Academic Chess, Culinary Kids Academy, and Professor Egghead will open for registration on Wednesday, December 13th at 5:00 PM. We will be offering Academic Chess and a Ball Skills class for the kinder students. Classes will begin in January. Space is limited. First come, first served. Details will be sent via email with flyers! Check your emails!

Sports Exhibition: To celebrate the hard work of our PRCS Athletes, we will be hosting a Cheer Exhibition on Friday, December 15th in the GYM at 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to come support! Please see the flyer on p. 8 for more details.

Coffee with the Principal Presentation: For those who couldn't join us last week for Coffee with the Principal, you can view the presentation on School Violence Prevention "Every School Safe" [HERE](#). Involvement from our parent community is crucial in creating a safe and supportive school environment.

Parent Workshops with Monthly Topics: Presented by Clinic & Wellness Center, School Mental Health and Student Health & Human Services. Consider how these strategies can be applied in your own family context to support your child's mental health. Remember, the goal of these workshops is to empower parents with knowledge and strategies to support their children's mental health effectively. Your active participation and commitment to applying what you learn can make a significant impact on your child's well-being. Next work shop is December 13th from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM via Zoom. See p.14 for more information and Zoom link.

Thank you to all families who have helped support **D. R. E. A. M** and to all who haven't yet donated but plan to! Deliver Resources & Achieve More without you!

ONLY \$150,000 MORE TO REACH OUR GOAL of being able to pay for all our programs and resources through to the end of **THIS SCHOOL YEAR**.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO QUALIFY FOR DONOR PERKS (coyote plushies, bricks, yearbooks, and front row seating to the KELP Winter Show...and graduation!)

DONATE (OR LEVEL UP!) and submit your donations for corporate matching **BEFORE DECEMBER 31st to qualify...**and win a chance at an iPad!

Help us [DREAM BIG TODAY!](#)

As we gear up for our last week of school before winter break, we appreciate your understanding during this busy time of the year to be patient and mindful as we come together to celebrate the accomplishments of our students.

Winter Break: The school will be closed for Winter Break from December 18th through January 5th with classes resuming on Monday, January 8, 2024.

We look forward to welcoming you to the winter show performances and wish you an enjoyable holiday season. Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Have a good week everyone.

School News:

For student absences, please follow the guidelines below:

- Elementary students – please communicate with your child's teacher and you can also let the Main Office know by calling 818-709-7100 or email Ms. Natalie at natalie.bluemke@lausd.net or Ms. Darlene ddm7013@lausd.net
- Middle school students can turn in their absence note when they return to the middle school office or parents can contact Ms. Adriana at 818-709-7126 or email Adriana.fonesca@lausd.net

Elementary Winter Holiday Show: see p. 6 & 7 for map and details.

We are thrilled to share that our Elementary Winter Show, "Celebrate Love & Joy," has kicked off, and our students are spreading cheer through their incredible performances!

Remining showtimes: December 13 & 14 Showtimes: 8:45 AM and 11:00 AM

Entrance/Exit: Please use the Mason Gate to the MPR for entry. Mason Gate opens 15 minutes before each show.

Show Program: All shows feature the same program. Due to limited capacity, we kindly ask parents to attend only one show.

Seating: Entrance/Exit only at the Mason Gate; no entry permitted from the Main Office. Guest line will form on Mason Ave. Seating starts 15 minutes before each show.

Parking: LADOT has relaxed parking restrictions for showtimes. Relaxed parking applies to specific time limit restrictions:

- 15-minute Parking (7am – 9am & 1:30pm – 4pm)
- 2-hour parking (9am – 1:30pm) on school days.
- Note: "No Stopping Anytime" zones or other posted restrictions may still result in citations or further action from parking enforcement.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in making these shows a joyful experience for everyone. Let's celebrate the season together!

Middle School News

8th Grade PSAT 8/9: For students that participated in the PSAT 8/9 Testing, the score report is now available. We have printed out a copy for each student and have been sent home, please check their backpacks. This is a great time to review their strength and opportunities to improve for high school PSAT.

Special 8th grade yearbook dedication deadline is December 15th: Don't wait! Space is limited! p. 13

20 Week Report Card: Fall semester 20-week Final Grades will be available for viewing in the Parent Portal under > Report Card after December 16th.

- **Parent Portal** is an important tool for parents to view to access students' progress, grades, attendance, and important information from the school. Please stop by the main office to receive a parent-specific 4-digit PIN code or email Ms. Safia at safia.daks@lausd.net for a Zoom request to link your child to your account. Must show valid ID to receive PIN codes. CLICK [HERE](#) for more information on the Parent Portal.



Porter Ranch Community School
STUDENT LEAD SQUAD
PRESENTS

Holiday TOY DRIVE

DECEMBER 4TH-13TH

Bring a new unwrapped toy, book, game, or
a board game to donate.

If you would like to ship a gift directly to the LAPD
Devonshire PALS Youth Center, scan the QR code below.

SHIP TO: 8721 Wilbur Ave., Northridge, CA 91324

DONATION BOXES WILL BE PLACED BY THE MAIN GATE.
DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CARLINE



PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

Elementary Winter Show

“Celebrate Love & Joy”

Due to the limited capacity in the MPR, we are offering 6 shows. We ask that parents choose only one show to attend as they are the same program. Only 2 guests per family. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Enjoy the show!

~~DECEMBER 7~~

DECEMBER 13

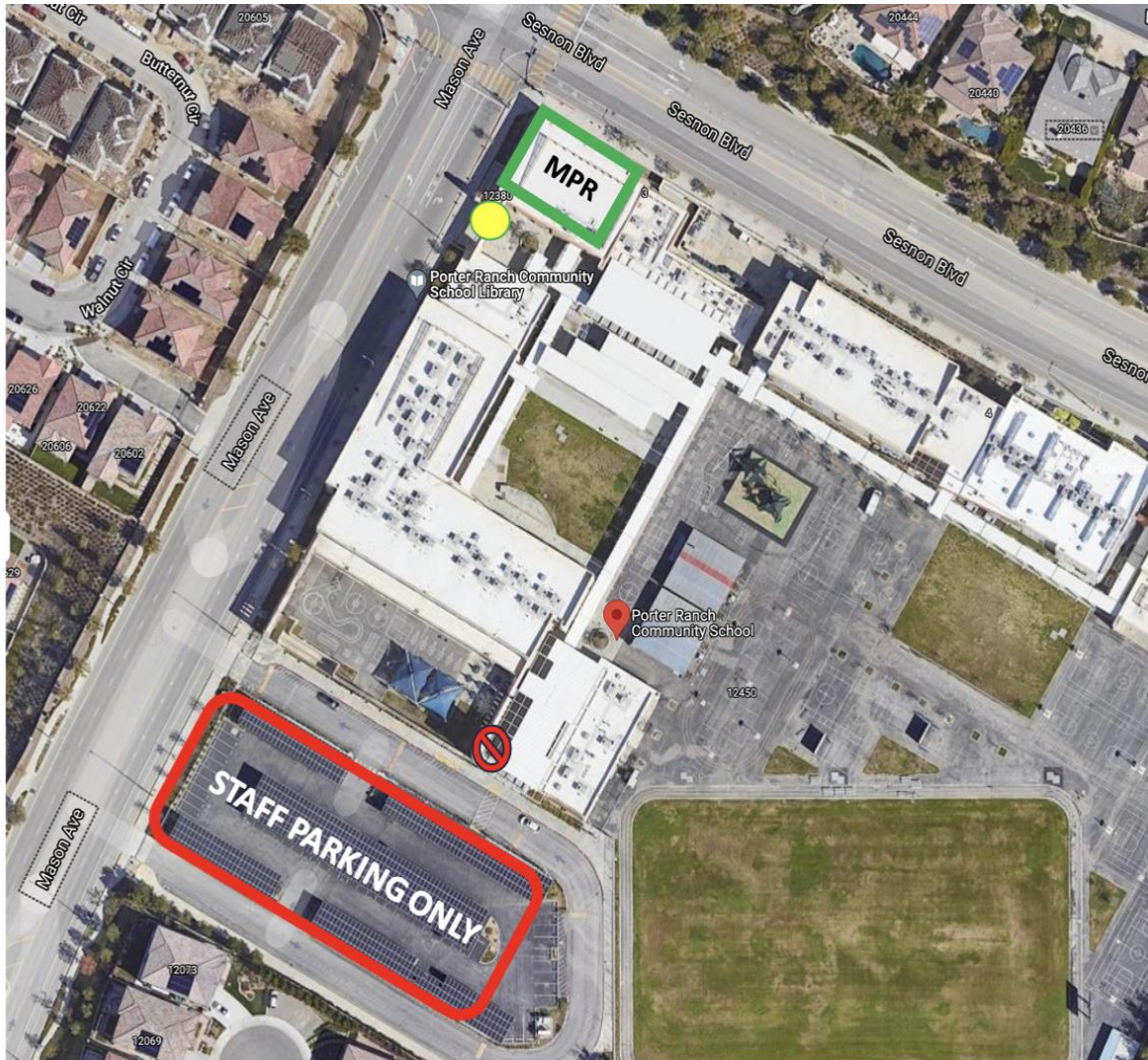
DECEMBER 14

8:45 AM & 11:00 AM

MPR

LINE WILL BEGIN AT THE MASON
GATE. SEATING WILL BEGIN 10
MINUTES PRIOR TO EACH SHOW





- ONLY Entrance to the MPR for the Holiday Shows. Line will begin on Mason Ave. We will open for seating 10 minutes prior to each show.
- ⊘ NO Entrance will be allowed through the Main Office.

Audience Expectations: Please be mindful that we are expecting a full house for all shows. We have 6 shows over 3 days to accommodate our growing school. Line up for seating will be on Mason Ave near the Mason Gate. Seating will be first in, first seated. During the performance, please remain in your seats and not block others' views. No tripods or No strollers in the MPR. We will have designated parking for strollers near the MPR Entrance. For safety, please keep all aisles clear. If a show is at capacity, please wait until space becomes available or choose a different show time. Thank you in advance for your understanding. |

Parking: LADOT has relaxed parking for the show hours. Please allow time to park and walk safely. NO PARKING IN THE STAFF PARKING LOT. We have staff and coaches that need to park throughout the school day and after school. Please be mindful.

- Reminder that the LADOT has relaxed parking for the following posted signage:
 - Time Limit Restrictions: 15 min Parking (7am - 9am & 1:30pm - 4pm) and 2-hour parking (9am - 1:30pm) School Days
 - All vehicles parked in "No Stopping Anytime" or any other posted restrictions, may still be subject to a citation or further action from parking enforcement.

We always appreciate our parent volunteers, but due to events on campus, PRCS is not able to have parent volunteers on campus during the Holiday Show Days: December 7th, 13th, 14th.



PRCS ATHLETICS
PRESENTS...

SPORTS EXHIBITION

VOLLEYBALL GAMES

~~WEDNESDAY DEC 6 @ 4PM IN MS GYM~~

SOCCER GAMES

~~FRIDAY DEC 8 @ 4PM ON FIELD~~
(BRING YOUR CHAIR)

CHEER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY DEC 15 @ 4PM IN MS GYM

ALL PRCS FAMILIES ARE WELCOME UNTIL THE GYM HAS REACHED CAPACITY
NO FOOD OR DRINKS IN THE GYM, ONLY WATER
FOOD TRUCKS - BRING CASH

SPRING SEASON SIGN UPS COMING SOON



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PRC PTA DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

BASKET BAZAAR MADE OVER \$24,000!
THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED!

POSTPONED GALA RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15 2024. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



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DONATE SNACKS TO STAFF MEETINGS



A few to look forward to!

- Bingo Night January TBD
- Sweetheart Dance 2/2/24
- Lunar New Year 2/9/24
- Book Fair 2/26/24 - 3/1/24
- March GALA 3/15/24
- Holi 4/5/24 6-9pm

UPCOMING EVENTS

Contact Anjili Agarwal with questions Anjili.agarwal@gmail.com

**LAST!
CHANCE!**

Holiday huMOR&



LAST CALL FOR PERKS...AND A TAX RECEIPT!

DONATE/SUBMIT YOUR CORPORATE MATCH BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST TO
BE ELIGIBLE FOR PERKS ...and win a chance at an iPad!

\$650-

I know how important this money is for our kids this year, but I didn't realize we really need \$650 per student. Here is the full ask amount...



★ PERKS: Coyote plush

\$1500-

I want to be a part of the Coyote Family! (Ok, I really want a brick so my family legacy can live on a PRCS....AND my kids really want a Coyote :)



★ PERKS: Coyote Plush, Brick, Howl/YBK recognition

\$2500-

We want to lead the pack when it comes to supporting our school!

We know this year has the largest Booster club budget in history and we want to help ensure we maintain all our programs through to the end of this year....and about that Coyote—we NEEDED one!



★ PERKS: Coyote Plush, Yearbook, Brick, Howl/Ybk recognition

\$5,000

I didn't know being a Top Dog had so many perks! (not to mention how helpful my donation will be for the school)...count me in! Oh, and did I mention my kids REALLY want a Coyote?!



★ PERKS: Coyote plush, Premium seating at Graduation/KDLP showcase, Brick, Yearbook, Howl/YBK recognition

\$_____

I see we haven't reached our goal yet. Here is a little something/the amount needed to "top off" my donation and take me to the next perk level....



...so I at least get a Coyote if I'm a DREAMER, right?



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PLACE

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PARENT WORKSHOPS

Topic changes each month:

- **Anxiety:** Parents will learn about anxiety and strategies to support their child.
- **Grief and Loss:** Parents will learn how to support their child who has experienced a loss.
- **Mental Health Wellness:** Parents will learn how to support their child with strategies for good mental health basics, identifying stressors and talking about feelings.

Parent Workshops 2nd Wednesday of the month

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dates:

November 8 - Mental Health Wellness

December 13- Anxiety

January 10 - Grief and Loss

February 14 - Mental Health Wellness

March 13- Anxiety

April 10 - Grief and Loss

May 8 - Mental Health Wellness

Via Zoom

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/84788708406?pwd=R082anhTVVFNMVV0cVRGT3ZHYVA1QT09>

Meeting ID: 847 8870 8406

Password: workshop



****For further information, please contact Cecilia Elias at (323) 290-7737 (Option 3).**

PRCS & LAUSD Resources

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Parents, students, employees - devices or hot spots tech support

- Hours for IT Helpdesk, Fieldtech - 7:30AM – 4:30PM
- To chat with IT Help Desk, Click On: [IT HelpDesk / Chat Live](#) Will need LAUSD Student ID #
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