



PRCS Coyote Howl

October 2, 2023



October

- 10/2 Booster Meeting @ 4:00 pm via zoom see p. 14
- 10/2 KDLP E-Choice Early Application Open thru 11/17/23
- 10/4 Dine Out at The Stand 11AM 9PM see p. 16
- 10/12 Coffee with the Principal 8:30 AM in MPR / Zoom
- 10/13 Middle School Only Minimum Day Dismissal 1:25 pm
- 10/18 Elementary: Unity Day wear and share your orange see p. 2 & 3
- 10/19 Middle School: Unity Day wear and share your orange see p. 2 & 3
- 10/19 California Shake Out Drill 9:00 am Office will be closed for the duration
- 10/20 Middle School Spring 22-23 Honor Roll 7th Grade invite only
- 10/23 Make-up Picture Day TK 8th Grade
- 10/25 8th Grade: PSAT 8/9 Testing see p. 8
- 10/31 Elementary Halloween Parade YARD 8:45 am

November

- 11/1 Elementary Minimum Day TK-2nd: Dismissed 1:00 pm; 3rd 5th: Dismissed 1:15 pm
- 11/3 Middle School Spring 22-23 Honor Roll 8th Grade invite only DATE CHANGE
- 11/6 Booster Meeting @ 4:00 via zoom
- 11/7 High School Night for Middle School Parents 5:30-6:30 pm see p. 13
- 11/9 Coffee with the Principal 8:30 AM in MPR / Zoom
- 11/10 In observance of Veterans' Day school will be closed
- 11/15, 16 and 17 Elementary Minimum Day TK-2nd: Dismissed 1:00 pm; 3rd 5th: Dismissed 1:15 pm
- 11/15 PTA Association Meeting 5:00-6:00 pm via zoom
- 11/20 11/24 Thanksgiving Break

<u>Principal Demirjie's Message:</u> Good evening PRCS families. Thank you to our wonderful PTA and volunteers who put on a great movie night!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month to prevent childhood bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Please read the letter from Ms. Mehrabian, Social Emotional Counselor, to learn more about the activities sponsored by PTA that are planned for our students.

KDLP E-Choice Application is now open for early application period thru 11/17/23. For more information on our PRCS KDLP, please visit us at <u>goprcs.org</u>. To apply to E-Choice programs for 2024-2025 school year, please go to <u>echoices.lausd.net</u>

GALA Tickets Are Now Available! - Support our PTA and join us at the annual Halloween GALA! It's going to be a Spooktacular evening filled with dinner, drinks, dancing, and even a casino. This parent event sells out fast, so don't wait too long! Click here to purchase your tickets.

Thank you to all our families who have donated to the **D.R.E.A.M** fund so far...we are getting closer to our goal of what is now \$475,000! Every penny counts. **DONATE TODAY** so we can continue to fund all the programs and resources NOT PAID FOR BY LAUSD, including our:

- 14 classroom/supervision aides that keep our children safe each day!
- Computer program
- Theatre & dance program
- STEM & More program
- YMCA PE Program
- & MORE Thank you for your support and for D.R.E.A.M-ing big for our students!

Prevention Month

powerful change Pledge support together protect kindness help

October is

Please join us on Monday, October 2nd at 4:00 PM for the Booster Meeting. Join us on Zoom: Meeting ID 992 4161 3812. Passcode: 664883. Have a great week everyone!

A message from our Social Emotional Counselor, Mrs. Mehrabian:

Hello PRCS Parents!

My name is Michelle Mehrabian and I am so excited to have returned to your school to serve as a social-emotional counselor for another wonderful school year!

Join me as PRCS promotes a school-wide Anti-Bullying Campaign for the month of October!

Please view the links below and watch these two very short 3- and 2-minute videos that explain the 'Anti-Bullying' Campaign from a student's perspective and also share how YOU and your children can participate.

- 1. https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp#tab-dance (scroll down to click on video)
- 2. Show Your Support National Bullying Prevention Center (pacer.org)

You can also promote anti-bullying on Social Media by using the images at this link: https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/socialmediaassets/social-media-assets.asp

PRC PTA will team up with me to set up a table with different activities available for students and staff to participate in during Recess, Nutrition, and Lunch on Unity Day. PRCS will be promoting this campaign throughout the month of October. ③.

- Parents can encourage your students to participate by having them wear ORANGE on UNITY DAY: Elementary wear ORANGE on Wednesday, October 18th and Middle School wear ORANGE on Thursday, October 19th.
 - If they don't have an orange shirt, then you can order a special shirt here there are youth and adult sizes available. Unity Day T-shirts:
 https://www.pacer.org/bullying/shop/unityday-shirt.asp

PRCS will also be having a school-wide assembly by PRISMATIC LASER SHOW sponsored by PRC PTA to remind students that positive character counts and that everyone can do the right thing by promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.

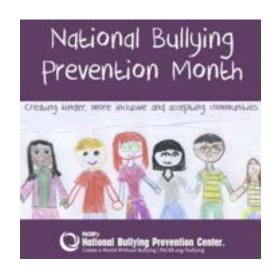
Thank you in advance for your support and participation!!!

Sincerely,

Michelle Mehrabian

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October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center® since 2006

More than 1 out of every 5 students report being bullied.

National Bullying Prevention Month (NBPM) is a campaign founded in 2006 by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center. The campaign is held during the month of October and connects communities around the world to help prevent bullying. This past year, a worldwide pandemic and a growing movement for racial equity and social justice have highlighted the need to unite communities for a better future. It is more important than ever to join together in creating a world that is kinder, more accepting, and more inclusive.

Take action at school, at home, in your neighborhood, at a local business, or in your workplace to show that you care about kids being safe at school, online, and in the community.

Do you want to get involved? Here's how!

- Unite with others and add your name to the online "Together Against Bullying" pledge HERE
- Sign up for the NBPC newsletter to receive updates and information on new resources and initiatives
- Talk with your students about the importance of antibullying
- Participate on social media by changing your profile image and sharing bullying prevention posts
- Wear and share ORANGE on Unity Day, the day everyone can come together—in schools, communities, and online—to send one big, ORANGE message of support, hope, and solidarity



Learn more at PACER.org/Bullying



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PRC PTA PRESENTS

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PRISMATIC LASER SHOW

October 27, 2023

Using rocking music and dancing animations to keep them laser-focused, this show teaches kids about the signs of bullying. Whether encountered online or in person, the show provide strategies to treat this social problem safely and effectively. Their educational performers use humor to reinforce the significance of teamwork and of considering other people's perspectives. Our school assembly reminds students that positive character counts and that everyone can do the right thing by contributing to bullying prevention efforts.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER TO T.H.I.N.K. BEFORE YOU SPEAK!

T - IS IT TRUE?

H- IS IT HELPFUL?

I - IS IT INSPIRING?

N - IS IT NECESSARY?

K - IS IT KIND

For questions please email Adrienne Masi, adrienne masi@gmail.com

P7/4

School Announcements

FALL after school enrichment update:

There will be a special edition after school enrichment HOWL going out on Thursday, October 5th at 5:00 PM via email from the school for Fall After School Enrichments. Space is limited by vendor.

Booster:

Parents, remember to support DREAM and donate today! <u>CLICK HERE TO DONATE TODAY!</u> See you on Monday, Oct 2nd for our next Booster meeting! See p. 4 for Zoom Info.

Coffee with the Principal:

Thank you to all who attended our September Coffee with the Principal. If you missed it, we hope to see you October 12th at our next meeting at 8:30 AM in the MPR or on Zoom.

English Learner Advisery Committe:

If you are interested in joining our ELAC, please email Jennifer White at iko5246@lausd.net

PTA:

Thank you to all who joined us for our first PTA Association meeting! We are looking for volunteers to help with all the wonderful activities we have planned for this year. Please see page 23 and page 24 of the Howl for a way to sign up to help!

Governing School Council:

We have established our GSC for the 23-24 school year! Thank you in advance for your commitment for this school year to work on achieving our vision for PRCS students! Even if you are not a member, you can join our monthly meetings. Future meeting details will be posted here.

STAFF PARKING LOT: As you know, PRCS is growing. We have more students now than ever before! This also means we have more staff members to support and teach our students. Unfortunately, we do not have enough parking spaces in our Staff Parking Lot for all Staff Members. As a reminder, parents are not allowed to park in the Staff Parking Lot. Please park on the street or use the carline. If your vehicle is in the lot without a parking pass displayed on the dash, you may be towed. There are handicap spots along the carline to be used during dismissal. If one is not available when you arrive, please see Mr. Demirjie or Ms. White in the carline so they can assist you. Thank you for your support!

Household Income Form/Meal Application: Every parent must complete a

Household Income Form/Meal Application for LAUSD. Once you have filled out the application and receive your confirmation number, please email the confirmation number to Darlene Meyer ddm7013@lausd.net and/or Natalie Bluemke natalie.bluemke@lausd.net

CLICK HERE: Meal Application

Café App

link to the app <u>HERE</u> - shows you the daily, weekly and monthly menu for breakfast, lunch and supper

Elementary News

Elementary STUDENTS! Wear your Leader in Me colors

every Monday!

TK - Sapphire Blue Kinder - Royal Blue 1st grade - Green 2nd grade - Purple 3rd grade - Orange 4th grade - Red 5th grade - Yellow ** Your ordered Leader-in-Me t-shirts will be arriving

OCTOBER HABIT: Be Proactive!

You are in charge of yourself.

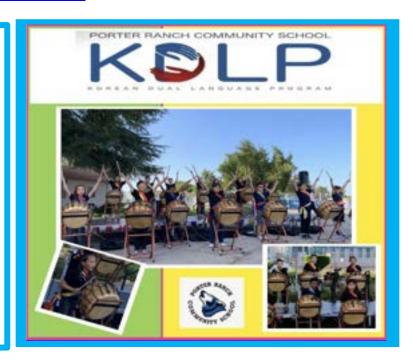
I have a "can do" attitude and always try my best at everything I do. I follow directions and do the right things without being asked even when nobody is looking. I choose my actions, attitudes and moods and don't blame others for my wrongdoing.

PTA Reflections Art Contest - This year's theme is "I am Hopeful Because..." and all students are invited to participate! Whether it's dance, literature, photography, film production, music composition, or visual arts, there's a category for everyone. Check out the flyer in HOWL for more details p.17

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PRCS KDLP students were invited to perform at the Multicultural Fest for BD3 sponsored by Board Member Scott Schmerelson on September 28th. Our KDLP Teacher, Ms. Cho, and our students had a wonderful time performing and experiencing the multicultural open house event!



Health Office: Thank you for all the clothing donations thus far! We are no longer in need of girls' clothing; however, we do still need boys' pants/shorts 4T or bigger and packages of new socks and underwear. Thank you for your help and support!

Middle School News

PSAT 8/9 for all 8th Grade Students: PSAT 8/9 will be administered on Wednesday, October 25th for all 8th grade students. This fall, PSAT 8/9 will be administered in a new digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. If you choose to not have your child participate in the PSAT 8/9, we will need a signed waiver from the parent/legal guardian by October 13th. Please turn in the forms to the Main Office to PSAT Test Coordinator, Ms. Milliken. PDF Waiver Form HERE

8th GRADE FAMILIES: IMPORTANT! Please fill out your contact information so you can stay informed about all the important 8th grade events this year. Thank you! Click link: 8th Grade Contact Information

Youth Council Leaders Club:



Please join the Youth Council Leaders Club! Middle school students will meet once a week after school on Thursdays in Rm 121 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. This program is FREEE & OPEN to all MS students! (Space is limited) - See p. 11

The Youth Council Leaders Club is a great program for students who are interested in joining the Model United Nations (MUN) program in January. The YMCA will start registration for the Model United Nations (MUN) program in December and the program will start in January at PRCS. We will have the flyer and registration forms available in the Middle School Office in December.

Middle School House Event

A Middle School House Event sponsored by PTA was on Friday. House Events are fun activities meant to build peer relationships and a sense of school community. Next HOUSE Event will be on November 17th. Please note, this is an on-par event, meaning students should have no more than two U's in work habits, no more than two U's in cooperation and earning a D or better for each course.





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October 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As part of our college and career readiness efforts at Porter Ranch Community School, we strive to set all students up for success. That's why we're offering the PSAT 8/9, the first test in the SAT Suite of Assessments, to our 8th grade students. Results from this assessment help us establish a baseline for each student as they start their high school journey. The results help us focus classroom instruction and support your child's growth.

Taking the PSAT 8/9 can also help your child to:

- Know where they are and where they want to go in their academics.
- Find out what AP courses they're ready to take.
- Explore college and career options.

This fall, the PSAT 8/9 will be administered in a new digital format that will provide an overall easier testing experience for students. Your child will take the PSAT 8/9 using their own school-issued Chromebook device and scores will be released in mid-November.

Porter Ranch Community School's PSAT 8/9 School Day administration, which is at no cost to students in the Class of 2028 and 2027, is scheduled on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 8:40AM during Periods 1-4. Students must arrive on time. Late students will not be accepted into the testing room.

Sincerely, Avak Demirjie

However, you as a parent have the right to request that your teen not participate in this test administration by completing the waiver form below and submitting it to the Main Office ATTN: PSAT 8/9 School Day Coordinator, Shireen Milliken by Friday, October 13, 2023.

PSAT 8/9 School Day Parental Exception Waiver First MI. Date of Birth [00/00/0000] Last Student Name (print) PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL 2023-24 School School Year I am the parent/legal guardian of the student identified above and I request that my child not participate in the PSAT 8/9 administration. MI Phone Number Last First Parent/Guardian Name (print) Parent/Guardian Signature Date

PRCS HOUSE OF EVENTS 23-24

SEP 29

HOUSE SOCIAL

AN AFTERNOON OF FUN TO MEET YOUR FELLOW HOUSE MEMBERS!

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FALL FUN

READY FOR SOME GOOD COMPETITION - GAME ON

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COME AND RELAX AND LISTEN TO FUN MUSIC AND ENJOY THE CRAFTS!

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COME TRY YOUR LUCK- COLLECT YOUR TICKETS TO EARN PRIZES!



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WHAT HOUSE ARE YOUN?



PHOENIX

PHOENIX HOUSE REPRESENTS THE IDEAL OF EVERLASTING: YOUR HOUSE COLORS ARE RED & YELLOW.



CENTAUR

CENTAUR HOUSE REPRESENTS THE IDEAL OF "WISDOM."
YOUR HOUSE COLORS ARE GRAY & BURNT ORANGE.



PEGASUS

PEGASUS HOUSE REPRESENTS THE IDEAL OF "DETERMINATION."
YOUR HOUSE COLORS ARE BLUE & SILVER.



GRIFFIN

GRIFFIN HOUSE REPRESENTS THE IDEAL OF "COURAGE."
YOUR HOUSE COLORS ARE GREEN & GOLD.

The mission of the PRCS middle school house system is to create a middle school community where students work together to support each other as they grow academically throughout the middle school years. The purpose of each house is to provide guidance and support for academic, social, and personal development during each student's time at PRCS.

Each house is comprised of a variety of students from 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The mixed level houses provide the opportunity for the students in the different grade levels to create new friendships, experience leadership opportunities, gain intrinsic motivation through perseverance, and how to work as a team. The house system instills teamwork, friendship, cooperation and leadership. Once students have been assigned to a house they will remain there until the end of their middle school experience at PRCS. Houses cannot be changed. New students will be sorted upon their arrival to PRCS. In order to participate in House Events, students must be on PAR. Students may not have any Fails, no more than 2 U's in work habits, no more than 2 U's in cooperation and demonstrate satisfactory school citizenship.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ms. Gittins or Ms. Diaz (818) 709-7100.



PORTER RANCH COMMUNITY SCHOOL YOUTH COUNCIL LEADERS CLUB



Engage in service projects for your school & community!

Y 1011





Improve your leadership skills by helping to create & plan innovative



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FREE Monthly Teen Night at the Y For High School & Middle School Students



Give back to your community

Weekly Meetings

Thursdays @ 3:30-4:30 Room 121



Make friends with other peers!

Opportunities to Volunteer Yearly Community Events: School Events

- First Fridays (Monthly Teen Nights at the Y)
 National Clean-Up Day (September)
- Harvest Festival (October)
- Thanksgiving Baskets (November) Earth Day Community Clean-Up (April)
- Healthy Kids Day (April) And more!

For more information, please contact Kayla Cabrera Teen Program Director

NORTH VALLEY FAMILY YMCA AT PORTER RANCH 11336 Corbin Avenue, Porter Ranch, CA 91326 818 368 3231 x2393 | www.yncaLA.org/nv KaylaCabrera@ymcalA.org



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When you volunteer at the warehouse, you might build Food Paks, scoop beans, bag pasta, wrap toys, or package a variety of other gifts to help children and families around the world.

EARN 2 HOURS PER DAY - SPACE IS LIMITED!

PRCS Group Dates:

9/30/2023 - 9:00am-11:00am - 50 spots available

10/14/2023 - 9:00am-11:00am - 50 spots avaiable

10/21/2023 - 9:00am-11:00am - 90 spots available

12/2/2023 - 9:00am-11:00am - 90 spots available





www.childrenshungerfund.com

CJSF students need 8 hours of off campus service house for the Fall semester.

Any questions please contact: Adrienne Masi, adrienne.masi@gmail.com









PRCS BOOSTER CLUB

Meeting

Monday, Oct. 2 @ 4 pm | Zoom

Meeting ID: 992 4161 3812 | Passcode: 664883



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Minimum Donation Needed

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- 4 Front Row Tickets Graduations
- 4 Front Row Tickets Winter Show
- 4 Front Row Tickets KDLP

\$35,000+

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WHAT PROS NEEDS FROM PARENTS PER STUDENT THIS SCHOOL YEAR

COYOTE FAMILY - \$2,500+

Pack Member Perks Yearbook Copy Special Event

PACK MEMBER - \$1,500+

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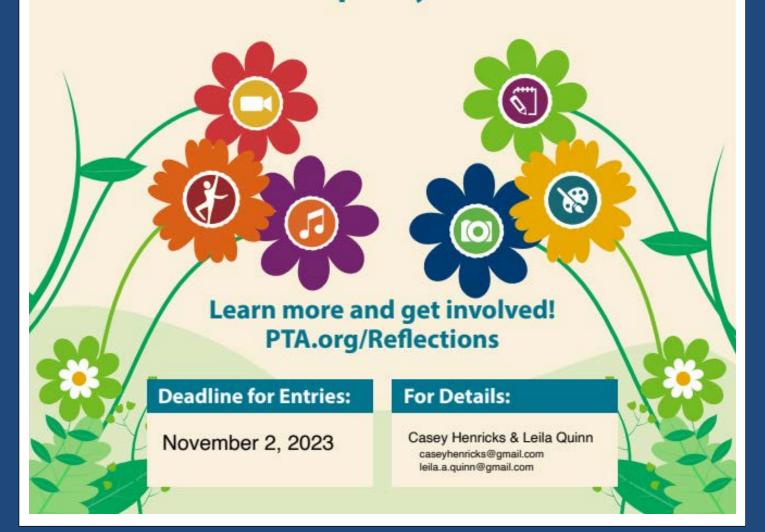


2023-2024

CALL FOR ENTRIES!

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Explore the arts and express yourself!





10.27.23 | 6PM | ADULTS ONLY

PORTER VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB DINNER, DRINKS, DANCING, CASINO





After school

KONA ICE TUESDAYS!

On Mason









PIZZA FUNDRAISER

TO BENEFIT PRC PTA and the 5th and 8th GRADES

EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL

Starting 9/15 (weather permitting)

Amechi's Cheese or Pepperoni \$3 slice \$25 whole pizza Two Convenient Locations:

- 1. Mason Ave.
- 2. Sesnon Ave.

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PTA IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS



SCAN QR CODE

PRCS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR 2023-2024!

PTA

SUPPORTED BY PTA

PTA is looking to bring exciting new clubs to our PRCS students for ALL grades....and we need YOUR HELP! Please scan QR code if interested!

Requirements:

- Approved LAUSD volunteer
- Available 1X week for 1 hour after school
- You choose your club curriculum
- Club Fee's provided by PTA

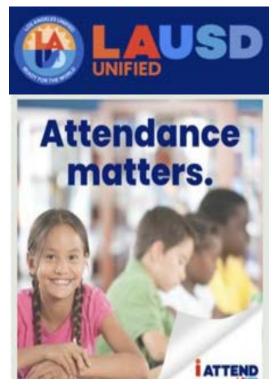
Club Ideas but open to any suggestions:

- Speech & Debate
- · Creative Writing
- Art
- Film Making
- Cultural/Language
- Marketing

ions:

QUESTIONS? ANJILI.AGARWAL@GMAIL.COM







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PRCS & LAUSD Resources

IT Helpdesk is available at 213-443-1300

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: <u>IT HelpDesk / Chat Live</u> Will need LAUSD Student ID #
- · 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 along with other how to tutorials and instructions for different platforms. Under STUDENTS > TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

PRCS (818)709-7100



PRCS updates at goprcs.org

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LAUSD HOTLINE NUMBERS:

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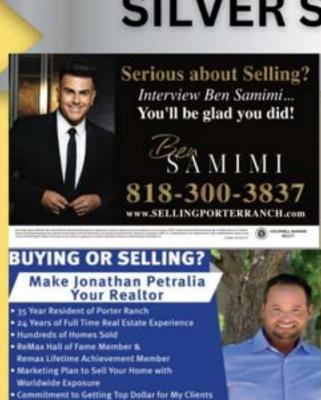
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