



## PRCS Coyote Howl

February 12, 2024



#### **February**

2/12 School Experience Survey is now open thru 3/22/24

2/16 Elementary ONLY Minimum Day

2/15 GSC Meeting at 4:00 PM via Zoom – see p. 2

2/16 New Café LA Lunch Item Served! Fish & Shrimp See message from Principal Demirjie on p. 1 & 2

2/19 Presidents' Day – School closed

2/23 Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 AM

in MPR or via Zoom – p. 16

2/23 Poker Night at the Vineyards Comm Room – p. 11

2/26 - 3/1 Scholastic Book Fair

#### March

3/4 Booster Meeting at 4:00 PM via Zoom

3/15 Havana Night Gala at 6:00 PM at PVCC - p. 15

3/20 PTA Association Meeting at 5:00 PM

3/21 Elementary ONLY Minimum Day

3/22 Elementary & Middle School Minimum Day

3/22 Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 AM in MPR

3/25 - 3/31 Spring Break - No School

#### **April**

No School in observance of Cesar E. Chavez Day

#### **REMINDER!**

Elementary ONLY Minimum Day on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>







**Principal's Message**: The earthquake that occurred on last Friday was felt on our campus at 1:50 PM. Given the numerous activities and volunteers present on campus, we prioritized the safety of students, staff, and volunteers. We initiated a building evacuation to ensure everyone's well-being during the incident. I am very pleased to say that everyone on our campus followed our emergency procedures as we have practiced and all students, staff and volunteers were accounted for and found safe. As a crucial reminder, please ensure that all emergency cards are updated with the most current information. If you have any guestions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

The entire school enjoyed a Lunar New Year Celebration during lunch, engaging in activities such as art, calligraphy, and games to welcome the Year of the Dragon! Students received traditional red envelopes symbolizing good luck and prosperity for the new year. Lunar New Year, marking the onset of spring was celebrated with excitement. The day concluded with a captivating traditional lion dance, providing entertainment for all. A special thanks to our PTA and dedicated parent volunteers for offering this wonderful event.

#### Important Safety Updates:

- We would like to inform you that Café L.A. will serve fish and shrimp on Friday, February 16th. If your child is allergic, please notify your child's teacher or Cafeteria Manager, Ms. Christina Solis. There will be other menu choices for those students who do not eat fish or shrimp. If you have any questions, please contact the Cafeteria Manager at 818-709-7100.
- **No Food Sharing Policy:** PRCS maintains a policy against students sharing food to prevent potential life-threatening allergic reactions. This policy is crucial due to the special dietary restrictions, including food allergies, of some students. We must enforce this rule to ensure the safety of all students on our campus. We kindly request parents to discuss with their child(ren) the impact of sharing food, emphasizing the potential harm it can cause to friends and other students. By collectively following these guidelines, we contribute to creating a safe environment for everyone at PRCS.

Save the Date for Kinder Families! The end of the year Kinder Celebration will be on June 7th at 9:00 AM.

Elementary ONLY will have a minimum day on Friday, February 16th. Dismissal times are at 1:00 PM for TK - 2nd grade and 1:15 PM for 3rd - 5th grade. School will be closed in observance of Presidents' Day on Monday, February 19th, and school will resume on Tuesday, February 20th.

#### Principal's Message continued....

School Experience Survey is now accessible for parents to provide feedback on your and your child's experiences at Porter Ranch Community School. We will utilize the results to gain insights to learn about the school climate with your children, teachers, administrators and other parents. See p. 10

- Parents are strongly encouraged to complete the survey online no later than 3/22/2024.
- Limited quantities of paper copies will be available in our Main Office.
- Be sure to take the online survey by March 22, 2024. PRCS is aiming for a 100% parent participation, and we eagerly await input from all our parents.
- Start the Survey at SES website: <a href="https://www.lausd.org/SchoolExperienceSurvey">https://www.lausd.org/SchoolExperienceSurvey</a>
- For any questions, Email: <a href="mailto:SchoolExperienceSurvey@lausd.net">SchoolExperienceSurvey@lausd.net</a> or call (213) 241-5600. Your feedback is valuable to us!
- SCAN QR CODE

A KIND word is never a waste! This week's message from the PRCS Lead Squad centers around KINDNESS! The squad is orchestrating a Kindness Week with a lineup of daily activities for students to engage in. We strongly encourage both students and families to foster kindness, as acts of kindness not only benefit others but also bring a sense of reward and positivity. See p. 4

Seeking student projects for participation in this year's Science Fair! Students in grades 3rd through 8th are invited to sign up, and the deadline for registration is February 23rd. If your child is interested, please join a Zoom information session on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 PM. Scan the QR Code on page 6 for more details. Let's encourage our young scientists to showcase their talents and creativity!

Please don't forget to join us for our GSC Meeting on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM via Zoom. Preregistration is required. Click <u>HERE</u>

Our next social event will be at the Vineyards Community Room for a fun Poker Night! See p. 11 Whether you're a Vegas regular or don't know a straight from a flush, **JOIN US FOR A POKER NIGHT** of holding and folding for a great cause on **Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Vineyards**. SEATS ARE LIMITED. **TICKET SALES END ON FEB.15**. **Tickets available here.** 

GIVEAWAY ALERT: If you have or know a child performing in the JAXX PRODUCTION OF "INTO THE WOODS" this weekend, don't miss out on the chance to WIN 4 FRONT ROW SEATS. DEADLINE to enter is FEB. 11. See flyer on p. 12 for details.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Coffee with the Principal on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 AM. We have scheduled parent workshops that will cover:

- Cybersecurity with Assistant Principal Ms. Kim.
- Social Media for Students by our Social-Emotional Counselor, Ms. Mehrabian, and RJ Coordinator, Mr. Hayden. See. p 16
- Additionally, we are pleased to announce that Ms. Melvin, our COS Director, will be joining our Coffee with the Principal.
- Save the date, and we look forward to your participation!

Have a good week everyone.

#### **Elementary News**

#### 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

#### FEBRUARY HABIT: Think Win Win

**Everyone Can Win!** 

I can problem solve when an issue comes up with another person.

I think about what other people want and not just what I want.

#### Innovation & Technology – Come learn about the future.

PRCS 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to get a head start on experiencing the future in technology through hands-on learning including drones, robotics and Esports. February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Chatsworth Charter High School. Please RSVP using the QR Code See flyer on p. 8

#### Elementary After School Academic/Intervention: Grades 1-5: Porter Ranch

Community School will be offering an after-school academic/intervention from <u>February 5 through May 2, 2024</u>. Academic Support/Intervention is on a first come, first served basis. **Any 1<sup>st</sup> grade students participating** will need to be accompanied by their parent to the designated room and picked up at the end of the class time. Parents that have students that attend the YMCA after school must notify the YMCA that their child will be attending the after-school program and will arrive to the YMCA at a later time. Please see the attached schedule titled "After School Academic/Intervention Class" for more details on days, times and room numbers. Schedule/location on p. 9

#### Elementary Minimum Days: Dismissal UTK – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade at 1PM / 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at 1:15 PM

- February 16<sup>th</sup>
- March 21<sup>st</sup>
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- May 24<sup>th</sup>
- June 7<sup>th</sup>
- June 10<sup>th</sup>



#### End-of-the-year Kinder and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade celebration events in June:

- Kinder Celebration will be on Friday, June 7th, 2024 at 9:00 AM
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration will be on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM.

#### For ES 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 <a href="mailto:natalie.bluemke@lausd.net">natalie.bluemke@lausd.net</a> or Ms. Darlene <a href="mailto:ddm7013@lausd.net">ddm7013@lausd.net</a>



## Kindness Week

Monday, February 12th - Friday, February 16th
Join in on spreading kindness like confetti

around PRCS!

#### Monday 2/12

Write a kind card for PRCS's amazing administrators and/or office staff



#### Tuesday 2/13

Shower teachers with love! Bring a flower for a teacher!

#### Wednesday 2/14

Show your love, wear red or pink! Bring kind cards or notes for your classmates!

#### Thursday 2/15

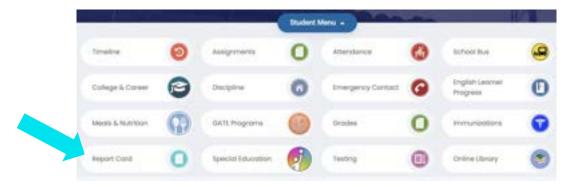
Kindness is contagious! Do something kind today!

#### Friday 2/16

Write a thank you note for the custodian, cafeteria worker, librarian, or teacher aides

#### **Middle School News**

**5-week progress report** will be available via the parent portal on Saturday, February 17. Students must be ON PAR to receive an ON PAR treat on Friday, February 23rd. Progress report will be available for viewing in the **Parent Portal under > Report Card**.



Middle School After School Homework Help: Grades 6-8: Porter Ranch Community School will be offering an after-school Homework Club from February 5 through May 2, 2024. Homework Help is on a first come first serve basis. Please see the attached schedule titled "After School Academic/Intervention Class" for more details on days, times, and room numbers. Target Intervention is only for middle school students that have been invited through invitation only. Schedule/location on p. 9

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents: End of the Year Letter with important dates and events have been sent home with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and also shared by Ms. Gittins with parents via email.

For your child to qualify for **Grad Night 2024** students must meet culmination requirements by the Spring 10-week report card.

On Par Requirements/Culmination Requirements Reminders for Middle School

- No Fails
- Students may not earn more than 2 "U's" in Work Habits
- Students may not earn more than 2 "U's" in Cooperation
- Students must demonstrate satisfactory school citizenship

As always if you have any questions, please email Ms. Gittins <a href="mailto:heather.gittins@lausd.net">heather.gittins@lausd.net</a>

8th Grade Culmination will be on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 9:00 AM

#### Middle School Minimum Days: Dismissal at 1:25 PM

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- April 26<sup>th</sup>
- May 15th, May 16th, May 17th
- June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 10th



#### For MS student absences, please follow the guidelines below:

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 <a href="mailto:Adriana.fonesca@lausd.net">Adriana.fonesca@lausd.net</a>





2024



## STEM EXPO: SCIENCE FAIR SIGN UP

Sign up deadline is Feb 23rd

LOOKING FOR STUDENT PROJECTS TO COMPETE IN THIS YEAR'S SCIENCE FAIR!

3RD-8TH GRADE STUDENTS **GREAT PRIZES | AWARDS CEREMONY | LOTS OF FUN!** 

INTERESTED?

WED, FEBRUARY 21 AT 6:30PM







# + Porter Ranch Community School STEM FAIR



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Let's continue to inspire future generations to pursue science and build a bright future. Signup using the QR below to participate in an information session planned for the end of January to learn more.









Question may be directed to asadhu@gmail.com





# NNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY

LET'S LEARN ABOUT

5TH GRADERS ARE INVITED TO GET A HEAD START ON EXPERIENCING THE FUTURE IN TECHNOLOGY THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING INCLUDING DRONES, ROBOTICS & ESPORTS.



(fig. Chatsworth HS 10027 Lurline Ave Chatsworth, CA 91311

For information contact: Kimberly Wright, BSAP Coordinator at kmw0987@lausd.net

Register now through this QR CODE



Register Now

#### After School Academic/ Intervention Class

ES February 5- May 2, 2024

1st through 5th Grade

Open for all students in designated grade. First come, first served.

Cap is 20 students per class

Grade	Teacher	Room	Content	Days	Times
1st	Yang	7	ELA	Mondays, Thursdays	2:45-3:30 PM
1st	Park	8	Math	Wednesdays, Fridays	2:45-3:30 PM
2nd	Woodings (2/5-3/16)/ R.Berenson (3/18-5/2)	16/ 17	ELA (2/5 -3/16) Math (3/18-5/2)	Mondays, Thursdays	2:45-3:15 PM
2nd	Maxfield	31	ELA/Math	Thursdays	2:35-3:35 PM
3rd	Berenson, M	26	ELA	Mondays, Wednesdays	2:55-3:55 PM
3rd	Yeghyazarians	23	Math	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	2:55-3:40 PM
4th	Khan	111	ELA/Math	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	2:55-3:40 PM
4th	Min	208	ELA	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	2:55-3:35 PM
5th	Gaudet	212	Math	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays	2:55-3:35 PM
5th	Cullen	206	ELA/Math	Mondays, Wednesdays,	2:55-3:35 PM

#### **KDLP Language Development**

Thursdays

Open for all KDLP in designated grade. First come, first served.

#### Cap is 20 students per class

Grade	Teacher	Room	Content	Days	Times
K-2	Bae	13	KDLP	Mondays, Thursdays	2:45-3:15

#### MS February 5- May 2, 2024

Middle School Homework Club

#### Open for ALL Middle School students. First come, first served.

#### Cap is 35 students per class

Grade	Teacher	Room	Content	Days	Time
6-8	Zakeri	230	Math/Science	Mondays, Thursdays	3:30-4:30 PM
6-8	Kita	222	ELA/History	Mondays, Thursdays	3:30-4:30 PM

#### MS February 5- May 2, 2024

#### Middle School Target Intervention \*\*BY INVITATION ONLY\*\*

Grade	Teacher	Room	Content	Days	Times
6-8	Westerhout	121	Math	Mondays and Wednesdays	3:30-4:30 PM



#### 2023-2024 **SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY**

Your voice matters. Let us know what you think!



Take this survey to share what you think about your, and your child's experiences with his or her school. Use the results to learn about the school climate with your children, teachers, administrators and other parents.

- · Students will receive an email with a unique survey link
- Staff will take the survey online via our website
- Parents are strongly encouraged to take the survey online via our website
  - o Paper copies will be available at each school in limited quantities
  - o Please coordinate with school staff to obtain a paper copy if needed

#### Be sure to take the online survey by March 22, 2024

Contact your school with questions or contact the School Experience Survey team

SES website: https://www.lausd.org/SchoolExperienceSurvey





## POKER NIGHT



FEBRUARY 23, 2024

| THE VINEYARDS COMMUNITY ROOM |

TIME: 6:00 to 10:00 pm | TICKETS: \$200 | Includes: Tournament, Dinner & Beverages





Scan to learn more & Purchase Tickets



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ront row seats\*



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Scan the QR below to let us know you would like to be entered into the draw.



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## NOT A DREAMER?

Top off your existing donation by scanning the QR code below and be eneterd automatically



DEADLINE TO ENTER: SUNDAY, FEB. 11 @ midnight

\*Choice of Friday (02/16) or Saturday (02/17) show will be awarded in priority of names drawn

#### **PRC PTA FEB NEWSLETTER**



## HAVANA NIGHTS

PORTER VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB PARENT NIGHT OUT! 6-11PM

EARLY BIRD \$95 TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

\*\*SEE ADDITIONAL FLYER
TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!

3 Course Dinner



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March

Music & Dancing

We hope everyone had a great time at Sweetheart Dance!







SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR
2/26 - 3/1
SEE ADDITIONAL FLYER













**#ScholasticBookFairs** 

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!**







Set up an eWallet by Friday, Mar 1 so your child can shop the Fair without cash

FEB 26- MAR 1, 2024 AT PORTER RANCH
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

If you wish to volunteer, reach out to Betty Chen at bandj620@gmail.com
or Linh Nguyen at linh.nguyen.0@gmail.com

## You're Invited



# PRC PTA GALA MARCH 15

6-11PM

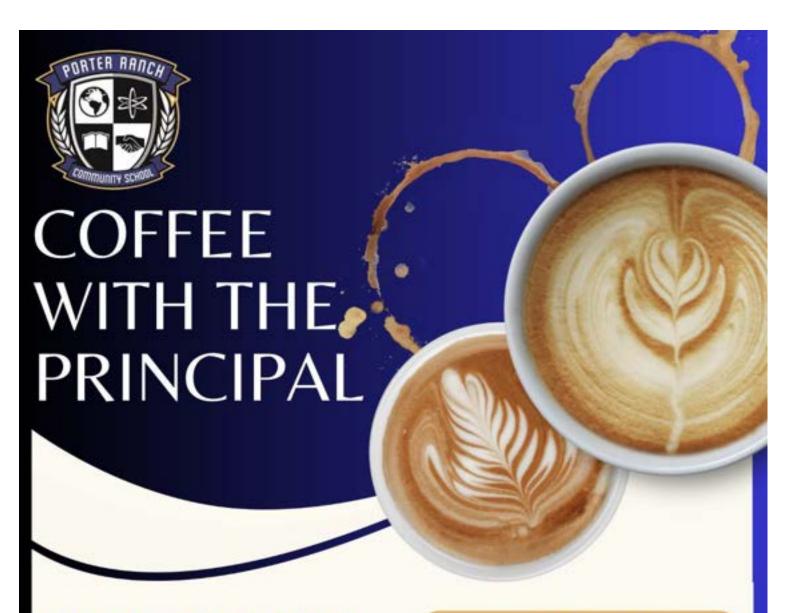
Porter Valley County Club



Early Bird Special \$95/Ticket until 2/16. Purchase your tickets NOW!

3 Course Dinner, Drinks, Dancing, and more!

Parent Night Out - Let's come together and celebrate our school community!



#### PARENT WORKSHOPS:

- CYBERSECURITY
  - PRESENTED BY AP, MS. KIM
- SOCIAL MEDIA & STUDENTS
  - PRESENTED BY SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL COUNSELOR, MS. MEHRABIAN AND RJ COORDINATOR, MR. HAYDEN

FRIDAY, 2/23 AT 8:30 AM

IN PERSON IN MPR OR VIA ZOOM

Meeting ID: 835 0647 7272

IN ADDITION, COS DIRECTOR, MS. MELVIN WILL BE JOINING COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR PARTICIPATION!



Porter Ranch Community School

## Parent Workshop: Social Media and Students



Friday, February 23rd, 2024 right after Coffee with the Principal which begins at 8:30am

Learn about the risks and benefits of students using social media, how to set limits and boundaries, and how to build connection with your student around this important issue.



Michelle Mehrabian, LCSW, PSW and Aaron Hayden, M.A. Ed., RJC

## Clinic and Wellness Centers School Mental Health



#### **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=R082anhTVVFNMVV0cVRGT3ZHY VA10T09

Meeting ID: 847 8870 8406

Password: workshop



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



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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: IT HelpDesk / Chat Live 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 <a href="www.goprcs.org">www.goprcs.org</a> 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:**

General: 213-443-1300 Mental Health: 213-241-3840



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