

PRCS Coyote Howl

April 29, 2024



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8th Grade Grad Nite @ Universal Studios

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5/24 Coffee with the Principal at 8:30 AM

5/27 No School – In observance of Memorial Day

5/28 Booster Meeting via Zoom at 4:00 PM - p. 13

5/31 8th Grade Awards by invitation at 8:30 AM in MPR

June

6/4 8th Grade Formal at Porter Valley Country Club

6/7 Kinder End of the Year Celebration at 8:30 AM

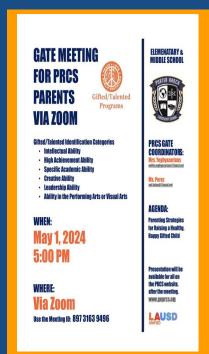
6/7 Elementary & Middle School Minimum Day

6/10 5th Grade Celebration on the FIELD at 9:00 AM

6/10 Elementary & Middle School Minimum Day

6/11 8th Grade Culmination on the FIELD at 9:00 AM

***5th Grade Celebration & 8th Grade Culmination details will be announced later in May. ***





Principal's Message: Good evening! THE RESULTS ARE IN: Thanks to our incredibly supportive community, our RUN TO FUND GENERATED \$100,842.00 IN PROFIT FOR OUR SCHOOL! Thank you to all who participated! We couldn't have done it without you and are ever grateful for you. Teamwork makes the D.R.E.A.M. work!

Thank you for joining us at our Open House Nights! We're so proud of the incredible growth and accomplishments of our students over the past year. A huge shoutout to our devoted teachers and staff for their ongoing dedication. Witnessing our families' delight in their children's accomplishments was heartwarming.

If you missed our last Friday's Coffee with the Principal, please find the Parent Workshop for Digital Citizenship <u>HERE</u> or go to <u>goprcs.org</u> under School News. It's always important to continue conversations about the safety of online behavior. All students need digital citizenship skills to participate fully in their communities and make smart choices online and in life. See p. 7

After-school Intervention classes will be ending this week. Last class will be on Thursday, May 2nd. We extend our gratitude to the dedicated teachers who provided essential support to our students. As we approach the SBA testing in May for 3rd through 8th grade, we're confident that our students are well-prepared to tackle the challenge.

Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Testing for Grades 3 – 8 is in May. SBA Testing Schedule for 3rd – 8th grade is available on p.9 Please make sure not to schedule student's outside appointments during their grade level scheduled SBA Testing week. SBA Testing is aligned to standards, which provides insight into how well a student has mastered the concepts they need to know.

• Middle School ONLY minimum days: May 15th, May 16th & May 17th with dismissal at 1:25 PM.

You're invited to our **Gifted and Talented (GATE) Meeting** happening on Wednesday, May 1st at 5:00 PM via Zoom. Our PRCS GATE Coordinators, Mrs. Yeghyazarians and Ms. Perez, will lead a parent workshop focusing on "Parenting Strategies for Raising a Healthy, Happy Gifted Child." Join us using **Zoom Meeting ID: 897 3163 9496.** Looking forward to seeing you there! See p. 8continues on p. 2

Principal's Message continues...

Let's honor our teachers and staff! Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is the week of May 6th -May 10th! Show your appreciation for your teachers and staff by following along with the calendar PTA has created for the week of May 6th – May 10th. Students and families are encouraged to participate on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. In gratitude, the PTA, on behalf of PRCS Families, has arranged a staff luncheon on Tuesday and a delightful coffee treat on Friday. We're immensely grateful for our school community! See p.10

Yearbooks are on sale for only \$55 and can be purchased online through the website jostensyearbooks.com or by calling the phone number or scanning the QR code on the flier below. If you have any questions, please email our Yearbook Advisor, Mrs. Mahtani at sarina.mahtani@lausd.net. See p. 12

Congratulations to our Coordinator, Mrs. White! The North Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce recognizes and honors individuals like Mrs. White, who play such a crucial role in shaping education and advocating for our students' futures. The Heroes in Education Awards Dinner highlights exceptional educators across a range of categories. Mrs. White, representing Porter Ranch Community School, earned the distinction of winning the Administrative Support category. Her dedication and passion are truly commendable, and we are grateful for her significant contributions to the field of education.

Have a good week everyone.



Jog-a-thon! Thank you for your support!









NAL RESULTS



71%

of all students registered

64%

of all students donated

PROFIT FOR THE SCHOOL

* + \$4,500 in corporate matching submitted and pending processing/collection



Traveling in school neighborhoods can be stressful for everyone.

Please allow time to park and walk or drive thru the carline safely. The safety of our students, families and staff is our priority! Please use the crosswalks and park curbside only.



WHEN WALKING, RIDING OR **ROLLING IN SCHOOL ZONES:**



Always cross in the crosswalk.



When preparing to cross the street, look LEFT, RIGHT, FRONT, and BEHIND.



Before crossing, wait for all traffic to stop, including turning vehicles.

WHEN DRIVING IN SCHOOL ZONES:



🛕 Keep speeds BELOW 25 MPH.



Always stop at stop signs. Do not roll through; it's the law!



Yield to people waiting to cross at marked crosswalks and street corners.







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

APRIL HABIT

"SYNERGIZE" Working Together!

I get along well with other people and work well in groups. I value the strengths of others and allow myself to learn from them. I know that by working together as a team we can get more done and come up with better solutions than we could alone.

Spirit Days! Friday, May 3rd
Friday, May 31st
Friday, June 7th

May the Fourth be with you...Wear your favorite Star Wars gear Disney Day - Wear your favorite Disney gear!

Monochromatic Day - Dress in the same color from head to toe!

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Elementary After School Academic Intervention: Last day is May 2nd.

Grades 1-5: Porter Ranch Community School will be offering an after-school academic/intervention from February 5 through May 2, 2024. Academic Support/Intervention is on a first come, first served basis. Any 1st 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 CLICK HERE

Elementary Minimum Days:

Dismissal UTK – 2nd Grade at 1PM / 3rd – 5th Grade at 1:15 PM

- May 24th
- June 7th
- June 10th



End-of-the-year Kinder and 5th Grade celebration events in June:

- Kinder Celebration will be on Friday, June 7th, 2024 at 9:00 AM
- 5th Grade Celebration will be on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM.
 - o 5th Grade Celebration & 8th Grade Culmination details will be announced later in May.

Middle School News

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UPDATE! 8th **Grade**: 8th Grade: Save the Date! We will be having our 8th grade Award Ceremony on Friday, May 31st in the MPR at 8:40 AM. Gates will open at 8:30am. This is an opportunity to come together to recognize and celebrate their academic achievements in middle school at PRCS. This is an invitation only event. Invitations will be sent home on Friday, May 17th.

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

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 heather.gittins@lausd.net

15 Week Progress Report will be available for viewing on the Parent Portal beginning May 3rd.

Parents/Guardians of 6th grade students:

Important Message from Nurse Press: This is an important message

regarding 7th grade immunization requirements. Students must have a Tdap immunization, as well as the 2nd dose of Varicella on file at school to advance to the 7th grade. If your child has already received these immunizations, please bring in or fax a copy of the vaccine record to the school. If your child has not had either of these immunizations, please schedule an appointment with your medical provider or local pharmacy. Students who do not show proof of these immunizations will not be cleared to enter 7th grade in the fall. Notification letters will be sent home to those students who are missing immunizations prior to the end of this school year. If you have any questions regarding immunization requirements, please visit our school website at goprcs.org, or you can email our school nurse at jennifer.press@lausd.net – see p.16

MS After School Homework Help: Last day for Homework Help is May 2nd!

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 CLICK HERE

Middle School Minimum Days: Dismissal at 1:25 PM

- May 15th, May 16th, May 17th
- June 7th and June 10th



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

o 5th Grade Celebration & 8th Grade Culmination details will be announced later in May.







Scrades K-S Family Tips Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security



When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

Check out these 5 tips 2



Discuss personal vs. private info.

Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).



Use privacy settings.

Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.



Avoid location tracking.

Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.



Power up passwords.

Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.



Skip quizzes.

Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.



We care about everyone's privacy.

CRADES K-5 FAMILY TIPS: PRIVACY & SECURITY



GATE MEETING FOR PRCS PARENTS GIF VIA ZOOM



Gifted/Talented Identification Categories

- Intellectual Ability
- High Achievement Ability
- Specific Academic Ability
- Creative Ability
- Leadership Ability
- Ability in the Performing Arts or Visual Arts

WHEN:

May 1, 2024 5:00 PM

WHERE:

Via Zoom

Use the Meeting ID: 897 3163 9496

ELEMENATARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL



PRCS GATE

Mrs. Yeghyazarians nellie yeghyazarians@lausd.nel

Ms. Perez ani.balanji@lausd.net

AGENDA:

Parenting Strategies for Raising a Healthy, Happy Gifted Child

Presentation will be available for all on the PRCS website, after the meeting. www.goprcs.org



PRCS ES & MS 23-24 SBA Testing Calendar

Week 1 May 6-10	Monday 5/6	Tuesday 5/7	Wednesday 5/8	Thursday 5/9	Friday 5/10
5th Grade	NO Testing	NO Testing	5th Grade CAST	5th Grade Placement Test	5th Grade Make-ups done
8th Grade SCIENCE	MS CAST Per.1,2,5		MS CAST Per. 4		MS CAST MAKEUP
RESOURCE ONLY 5th Grade	5th Grade Resource ONLY ELA CAT	5th Grade Resource ONLY ELA PT	5th Grade Resource ONLY ES CAST	5th Grade Resource ONLY Math CAT	5th Grade Resource ONLY Math PT
RESOURCE ONLY 8th Grade	8th Grade Resource ONLY ELA CAT	8th Grade Resource ONLY ELA PT	8th Grade Resource ONLY MS CAST	8th Grade Resource ONLY Math CAT	8th Grade Resource ONLY Math PT
Week 2 May 13-17	Monday 5/13	Tuesday 5/14	Wednesday 5/15	Thursday 5/16	Friday 5/17
3rd, 4th, 5th Grade + 3rd & 4th Grade Resource	3rd, 4th, 5 th Grade ELA CAT	3rd, 4th, 5 th Grade ELA Performance Task	3rd, 4th, 5 th Grade Math CAT	3rd, 4th, 5 th Grade Math Performance Task	3rd, 4th, 5 th grade Make-ups + 5th grade Resource Math-Placement
MS 6th-8th Grade	MS CAST Makeups	MS 6th-8th Grade ELA CAT	MS 6th-8th Grade ELA PT MS Minimum Day	MS 6th-8th Grade Math CAT MS Minimum Day	MS 6th-8th Grade Math PT MS Minimum Day
RESOURCE ONLY 6th & 7th Grade	NO TESTING	6-7th Grade Resource ONLY ELA CAT	6-7th Grade Resource ONLY ELA PT	6-7th Grade Resource ONLY Math CAT	6-7th Grade Resource ONLY Math PT



Teacher, & Staff Appreciation Week May 6 - 10, 2024

MONDAY

MAY 6

"THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BLOOM"

BRING A FLOWER TO BRIGHTEN YOUR TEACHER'S DAY **TUESDAY**

MAY 7

"TACO TUESDAY"

PTA SPONSORED LUNCHEON FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF WEDNESDAY

MAY 8

"SMART COOKIE"

BRING YOUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE SWEET OR SAVORY TREAT(S)

THURSDAY

MAY 9

"A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"

BRING A CARD OR DRAWING FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF FRIDAY

MAY 10

"THANKS A LATTE"

PTA SPONSORED
COLOMBIAN COFFEE
CART TO END
THEIR WEEK!

PRCS ATHLETICS EXHIBITION



All Events will start at 4:15PM and conclude by 5PM

DANCE: Tuesday, May 7th - GYM

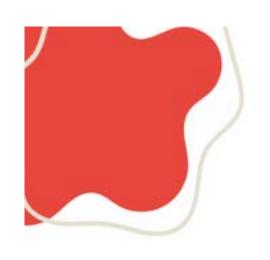
VOLLEYBALL: Wednesday, May 8th - GYM

BASKETBALL: Thursday, May 9th - GYM

SOCCER: Friday, May 10th - Soccer Field

CHEER: Friday, May 10th - GYM







2024 YEARBOOK

ONLY \$55

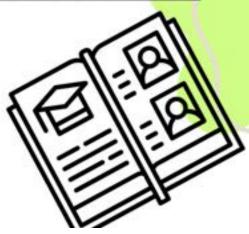
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PRCS BOOSTER CLUB

ANNUAL BUDGET & ELECTION

Meeting

Tuesday, May 28 @ 4 pm | Zoom

Meeting ID: 916 5287 4225 | Passcode: 063884



www.prcsdream.org

D.R.E.A.M

PRCS BOOSTER CLUB



IS LOOKING FOR TEAM MEMBERS

JOIN OUR TEAM!

The PRCS Booster club is looking to expand the D.R.E.A.M team for the 2024-2025 school year.

We are looking for new members to help with:

- Fundraising
- IT/Web design
- · Graphic design
- Marketing

- Program sourcing
- Prize sourcing
- . Events
- . & More!

IF YOU HAVE IDEAS FOR PROGRAMS, RESOURCES, FUNDRAISING EVENTS & MORE, OR ARE INTERESTED IN A BOARD POSITION, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

For more information, contact Shauna Isenberg prcs.booster@gmail.com

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

TIME IS RUNNING OUT! NEED A CHROMEBOOK?

Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program is ending soon.

We highly encourage you take advantage of this great
opportunity!



Benefit

·Home use device

Who Can Apply? All students that are in need of a home use Chromebook

Sign up at <u>device.lausd.net</u>

PORTER RANCH COMMUNITYSCHOOL





Resident 2024 - 2025 Enrollment Information:

- Enrollment packets for the 2024-2025 academic year can be picked up from the Main Office beginning Friday, March 8, 2024.
- Completed enrollment packets will be accepted at the Main Office beginning Monday, March 11, 2024, and time-stamped in the order received.
- TK, K, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th Grade are at Maximum Capacity for 2024-2025. A Maximum Capacity Waitlist is available at www.goprcs.org. The school will contact you if a spot becomes available.
- Make sure to verify you reside within the PRCS boundaries by using the Resident School Finder, accessible at or SCAN QR Code. https://rsi.lausd.net/ResidentSchoolIdentifier/schoolfinder.jsp.





IMPORTANT Enrollment Packet Information:

- Completion of the enrollment packet does NOT guarantee a spot until enrollment is processed and approved.
- · Completed enrollment packets will be time-stamped and processed in the order received.
- Any missing documents are considered an incomplete enrollment packet and will not be processed.
- Required Document information will be included with the enrollment packet.



Current Maximum Capacity Waitlist Grades: TK, K, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th Grade

The Google Form Link to sign up for the waitlist is available at www.goprcs.org





sit Our Website www.goprcs.org

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Ready For 7TH Grade?





Get the whooping cough shot and 2 chickenpox shots if you haven't had them yet!



Ask your doctor for any other recommended vaccines.



The Tdap vaccine and 2 doses of chickenpox vaccine are required for all 7TH graders. Your school will need your vaccine records. Talk with your doctor today.

ShotsForSchool.org



Clinic and Wellness Centers School Mental Health

Student Health & Human Services

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 - Crief and Loss

February 14 - Mental Health Wellness

March 13- Anxiety

April 10 - Crief 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).

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: 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 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

Elementary TK – 5

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LAUSD HOTLINE NUMBERS:

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



Student Health & Human Services HERE



Human Relations, Diversity CLICK HERE

Community of Schools CanogaPark/Chatsworth

(747)-224-4581 Visit website HERE













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