PRCS Coyote Howl

Week of October 22, 2018

OCTOBER

10/22 – 10/26	Boo Grams on sale – see flier
10/24	Dine Out at Islands in Porter Ranch – see flier
10/26	Coffee with the Principal at 8:30am in MPR
	Spirit Day – Pajama Day for Elementary only
10/30	Boo Gram delivered to classes
10/31	Elementary Halloween Costume Parade at 8:30am on YARD
	Middle School Minimum Day only dismissal at 12:27pm
	Middle School Halloween Dance at 1:00pm – 3:00pm

NOVEMBER

11/1	PALI Camp Info Night for 5th Grade Parents at 6:30pm in MPR
11/3	School Beautification Day – Special project by Eagle Scouts
	K-Kids, Builder's Club, Student Council and ASB
11/5	Booster Meeting at 7:45am in B33
11/6	Election Day – PRCS Library is a Polling Place
11/7	PTA Board Meeting at 8:30am in B33
11/8	School Site Council Meeting in B33
11/9	Effective Parent Teacher Conference Workshop w/ Mrs. White • 8:30am in MPR – All parents are welcome!
11/12	No School – In observance of Veteran's Day
11/14 – 11/16	Elementary only Minimum Days for Parent Teacher Conf.
11/16	Last day to RSVP for Gala
11/19 – 11/23	Thanksgiving Break
11/28	PTA Association Meeting at 8:30am in B33
11/30	Coffee with the Principal at 8:30am in MPR
	Gala at Porter Valley Country Club at 7:00pm

Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences:

11/13 Early Tuesday

11/14, 11/15, 11/16

Dismissal: TK/K at 12:49pm

1st – 5th at 12:34pm

CLASSROOMS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC DUTY

- Mrs. Guerra 10/22 – 10/26
- Mrs. Yeghyazarians 10/29 – 11/2
- Mrs. Berenson 11/5 – 11/9
- Mrs. Park 11/13-11/16

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.

Message from Ms. Melvin

Please join us for Coffee with the Principal at 8:30am on Friday, October 26th. We are going to discuss Parent Portal and the new PIN for parent information. We will also announce the names of our Outstanding Coyote Student Helpers at Coffee with the Principal.

Friday, October, 26th is our first spirit day for elementary students. All elementary students are invited to wear their pajamas to school!

Congratulations to our middle school students that participated in the 5K at UCLA for Students Run LA! PRCS had over 40 students run in the race! Way to go!

Safety Reminder: Please arrive to school early to park and walk safely and use the crosswalk. Coyote Valet Service for drop off begins at 7:50am for 1st grade thru 5th grade. Remember Kinder can now use the Coyote Valet Service beginning at 8:00am and we have Kinder Walkers available to walk them to the kinder yard. Safety is our first priority!!

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Schoolwide News

Workshops for parents - Focus on Your Parenting – A series of seven parenting classes provided by UCLA Health for parents of children 5-17 years old. The group meets on Wednesdays at 8:30am to 10:00am at the Valley Clinic in Van Nuys. Please note the classes meet at 6651 Balboa Blvd. Van Nuys 91406.
Contact info: Phone 818-758-2300 See flier attached.

Yearbook is now on sale! Only $25.00 for a limited time! Please go to www.yblive.net – see flier attached

- Click on
- Shop Online
- Enter CA, Porter Ranch, PRCS
- All Yearbooks will be shipped and distributed from PRCS.

YS after school sports news! - Our elementary flag football team has made it to the Regional Finals! Congratulations! Please see Coach Daniel if you would like to participate in the current sports in session.

- 2nd thru 5th Grade - Basketball
- Middle School – Softball and Soccer

LAUSD Parent Portal for grades TK/Kinder thru 8th Grade – all parents and guardians register!
Parent Portal - Once you are set up for Parent Portal, parents can monitor grades and assignments that links to Schoology, monitor student's attendance, and have access to SBAC testing scores and more….. Get started! http://passport.lausd.net. NEW!!! Updated for added security. PIN code for each child has been sent home in the mail from the district. Parent or guardian will each need a different PIN code that is assigned to each child in order to sign up or stay registered. The new PIN codes must be used by the end of October before they are deactivated. Please make this your priority! Please contact Jen Endler at jennifer.endler@lausd.net if you have any questions.

GET POPPIN' WITH THE PRC PTA! There is only **ONE WEEK left** in our membership drive to receive participation credit for your child's classroom! Turn in your envelopes to your teacher or the office, or you can conveniently join online at jointotem.com/ca/porter-ranch/porter-ranch-community-pta/join. Don't forget to put your child's name in the NOTE section so their class receives credit! Classes with 100% participation by 10/20 will get a popcorn party! The class with the most overall memberships will receive a Kona Ice party! School wide we are only at 50% participation! Show your school spirit and join the PTA today!!

PRC PTA cordially invites you to the 5th annual GALA "A Night in the Garden" Friday, November 30 at 7:00PM. Invitations went home with students, please send in your RSVP with payment to the Gala Box in the Main Office. RSVP by November 16. Questions? Email Alice534@hotmail.com

Elementary School

Effective Parent Teacher Conference Workshop – Save the Date! Parent Workshop will be on Friday, November 9 at 8:30am in the MPR with Mrs. White.

Spirit Day Elementary Only – Friday, October 26 is Pajama Day!

Save the Date! Elementary Winter Performances will be on Thursday, 12/13. Times for shows – TBA

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Middle School

10 Week Progress Report Cards have been mailed home. Please note that the letter "M" means standards are being met and the grade is a "C" or higher, if not they will receive an appropriate letter grade. This is a great opportunity to discuss with your child about their progress and use the information from grades and assignments using the Parent Portal to see details of their assignments and test scores. If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher by email. In order to meet with your child's teacher, make sure you make an appointment. Teachers are busy teaching in their classrooms.

Halloween Dance – Wednesday, October 31 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm in MPR. Tickets will go on sale beginning October 22. Tickets are $5.00 (cash only) and include DJ for the dance, admission, slice of pizza, snack and a water bottle. Purchase tickets from Mr. Demirjie.

Homework Club is now Ms. Lavin for English and Ms. Amighi for math. Space is limited, first come first served. Homework Club is held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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

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**

AMAZON SHOPPING REWARDS PROGRAM - Remember to click on the Amazon banner on the PRCS home page to enter Amzaon.com to ensure a percentage of your Amazon purchases are credited to PRCS.

Attention PRCS Volunteers:

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!