

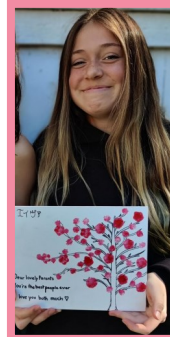
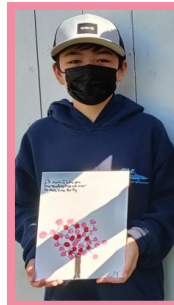
Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



February 2022

Our brief February heatwave reminded us that spring is on the way! **Mr. Ahn's Seventh Grade Social Studies class** combined their study of the history and culture of Japan with spring's cherry blossoms and Japanese haiku poetry to produce these multi-disciplinary creations of art, culture, and poetry.



Cherry blossoms are called sakura in Japan and are symbolic of spring, which is a time for renewal. In addition, they stand for the fleeting nature of life, since the blossoms generally last for only a few weeks and then fall to the ground.

The 7th Graders researched their names in Japanese characters with the assistance of 8th Grader Mai Ishiyama and then signed their creations with their Japanese names.

For their haiku poetry, the students worked within the structure of five syllables for the first and third lines and seven syllables for the second line to create their meaningful work.

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In the decade of 2000, the "Dream for Peninsula Heritage School" was fully realized, and PHS's main campus expanded to its current size.



In addition to a new Amphitheater and reconfigured parking area, students and faculty enjoyed new classrooms, a Science/Art Lab, a Board Room, a new Library, additional bathroom facilities, a Computer Lab, a PE office, and a dedicated Music Room.

In thanking the Board of Trustees for their focused efforts in bringing about the Science Lab, the Fourth Grade wrote on June 8, 2000, "We already loved science, and with our new room, we like it even better! Thank you!"

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"I've always wanted to be a teacher," relates the newest member of our PHS teaching staff, **Mr. Daniel Lucioni**, "from grade school all the way through college."

Daniel is currently a long-term substitute Associate Teacher in the Second Grade classroom here at PHS.

Mr. Lucioni recently graduated from the University of Portland with a degree in education and a Special Education Endorsement.

As is customary in schools of education, Daniel began student teaching his freshman year of college, gaining experience while teaching at eight different schools in the Portland Public Schools system during all four years of college. Daniel also earned a minor in Spanish.

"In addition to teaching," Mr. Lucioni adds, "I love sports and played soccer, baseball, and basketball while growing up on the Peninsula. At Palos Verdes High School I ran cross country under Coach Shapiro. I also continue my volunteer work at Toberman Neighborhood Center in San Pedro, which I have done since high school."

Mr. Lucioni has a family connection to Peninsula Heritage, as his brother Tommy attended PHS from First through Fifth Grades. (Tom Lucioni went on to graduate from Wake Forest School of Medicine and is currently a practicing physician in Greensboro, North Carolina.)

"I love being here at Peninsula Heritage," Mr. Daniel Lucioni concludes. "It's a great, inclusive community, and it's close to home!"



By earning a Selection Index score of 221 or higher on his junior year SAT, and by completing several additional requirements, **PHS Alumni Zak Willoughby** earned the distinction of **National Merit Finalist**.



Zak began his formal education at Peninsula Heritage's then Pre-Kindergarten program and continued at PHS through 8th Grade. He is now completing his senior year at Chadwick School and will soon be making his decision regarding higher education.

In addition to outstanding academics, Zak has distinguished himself in a number of activities including Model United Nations and theater productions. Many PHS parents know him from his enthusiastic affirmation of Peninsula Heritage's Middle School at our PHS Middle School Evenings.

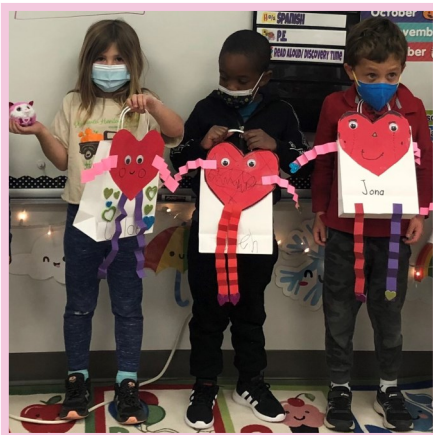
Congratulations, Zak!

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What could be better for **a great week at PHS** than 100th Day, visiting 7th & 8th Graders with Kindergartners and 1st Graders, and Valentines Day!



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PHS's **Performing Arts** program reflects our school's values and Mission Statement in strengthening student's sense of individuality and self-confidence while fostering fellowship and caring.



This month, **Kindergarten** and **First Grade** (shown above and below) present their school-wide Assembly video while **Fifth Grade** (shown at bottom) continues rehearsals for their March 17th "History Comes Alive!" at the Norris Theatre. Tickets available at peninsulaheritage.org/historycomesalive.



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Six Character Qualities:

**CARING, ATTITUDE, RESPECT,
GRATITUDE, PERSEVERANCE, SELF-CONTROL**

SPRING FLING 2022

Saturday March 19, 6–11pm

**6-8pm Silent Auction / Dinner
8pm Live Auction / Seated Dessert**

The Catalina Room

128 S. Catalina Avenue, Redondo Beach, California 90277



PHS Spring Fling "Through the Decades!" Come dressed from your favorite decade!
Cocktail party with Buffet Stations, Open Bar, Live Band, DJ, Photo Booth, and Games
Tickets now available at peninsulaheritage.org/throughthedecades

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