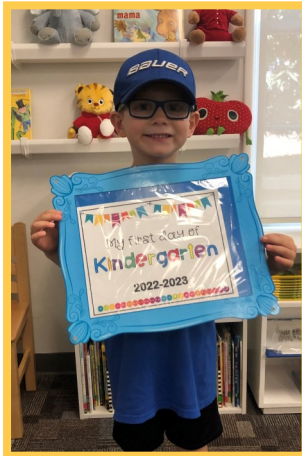


Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



September 2022



This September launched a new school year with **firsts** in so many areas of the PHS experience!

The **first day of school** for all of our students, and especially our new Kindergarten students, was followed by our Family Picnic. Our PHS families who were the **first** to picnic on our new lawn turf, enjoying each others' company and chatting with school friends.

Our Parent Association Co-Presidents, Jen Gregorio-Clinton and Audra Hoynacki, held our **first** outdoor PA meeting of this school

year, with many PHS parents in attendance and planning our **first** full Harvest Fair since the pre-pandemic years.

Meanwhile our Third Graders, their teachers, Mr. Miller, and Ms. Deb Wilcox of our Performing Arts department presented a fabulous **first** Assembly of the school year focused on our Character Quality of Respect! Congratulations, Third Grade!



Peninsula Heritage School
www.peninsulaheritage.org
Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, 310-541-4795

Educating
South Bay Students
Since 1961

Circle the date and time on your calendar: **Saturday, October 22, 2022, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.**

Our main PHS campus will be transformed by the Parent Association into to a wonderland of fun for all!



Parents are encouraged to purchase tickets for their family to enjoy all that Harvest Fair has to offer—fantastic games, activities, Teacher Adventure raffle, BBQ lunch, and SO much more! For tickets, access <https://www.betterunite.com/PeninsulaHeritageSchool-harvestfair2022>

We also invite all PHS alumni to our **Alumni Breakfast at Harvest Fair, starting at 10:30 AM!** See you there!



With the start of this academic year, we welcome our new staff to PHS! Our talented, long-time Business Manager, Elaine Covarrubias, is moving on to other endeavors, but she remains with us for a few more weeks as she works with our new Business Manager, **Mrs. Kayla Fall.**

Kayla is a South Bay native and a graduate of South High in Torrance (Go Spartans!) She earned her undergraduate and MBA degrees at Marymount California University and has worked previously in both the business and the educational fields, including at Marymount and at Pediatric Therapy Network.

Growing up, Mrs. Fall was very involved with competitive dancing in a variety of styles and has performed at Staples Center, the Disneyland Parade, and other venues. She loves being in the outdoors, exercising, and hiking, and is very excited to be here at PHS!

Our new Sixth Grade Associate Teacher, **Ms. Cindy Pintor,** is also a graduate of Torrance's South High School! She earned a B.A in Sociology at California State University, Dominguez Hills, which was preceded by her studies at El Camino College. While there, she discovered her passion for learning and working with children.

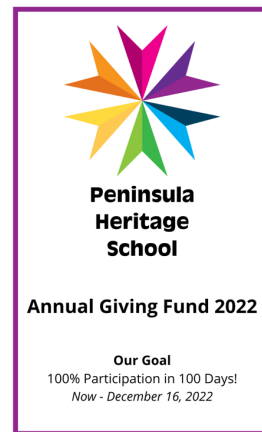


"My goal is to pursue a master's degree in education. I believe that working here at PHS will assist me in determining my degree's focus in order to make a significant impact on the lives of young people. Outside of school, I enjoy spending quality time with family and tasting new cuisines!"

We extend a warm PHS welcome to Mrs. Fall and Ms. Pintor, as well as to our **other new PHS teachers** who will **soon be featured** in upcoming issues of this Newsletter!

Our Annual Giving Fund

kicked off on Thursday, September 8th, as we strive to match our last three years of reaching **100% parent participation in 100 days.** Our completion date is Friday, December 16th, the final day of school prior to Winter Break.



Thanks go to our **Class Giving Chairs** who are contacting parents in each grade regarding Annual Giving and our 100% in 100 days goal: **Shana Pacheco** (Kindergarten), **Jodi Lopez** (1st Gr.), **Alaina Gjertsen** (2nd Gr.), **Roni Glassman** (3rd Gr.), **Yang Zhang** (4th Gr.), **Michelle Cobb** (5th Gr.), **Christie Havey Smith** (6th Gr.), **Vivian Lum** (7th Gr.), and **Emily Caldwell** (8th Gr.)

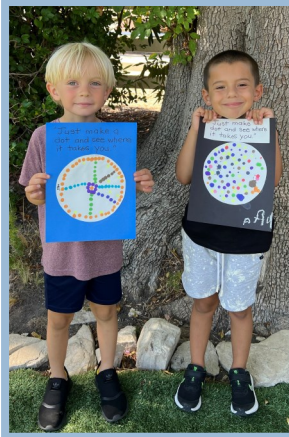
Look for their emails and updates for all things Annual Giving!

"Peninsula Heritage Connects"

Designer/Writer: Joan E. Behrens

Small Classes. Big Education.

The children's classic book, *The Dot* by author Peter H. Reynolds, was the inspiration for one of the first Kindergarten projects in Ms.



Christine Urevig's art class. This heart-warming story provides inspiration for even the most tentative artist (or individual

with any endeavor) and is celebrated world-wide on International Dot Day, September 15th. Our Kindergarteners, along with students in other classes, enjoyed following the admonition, "Just make a dot and see where it takes you!"

Ms.

Urevig is a graduate of South High in Torrance and Cal. State Univ. Long Beach with a degree in illustration and a teaching credential. She also studied applied behavior analysis. Christine assists Mr. Zack on campus and also offers Creative Lab after school. This talented teacher enjoys drawing the natural world of animals and insects while traveling, camping, and writing/illustrating her books!



Follow Peninsula Heritage School on social media:



Our annual September **Book Tastings** were once again a delicious experiences for PHS students, as each grade relished a themed introduction to all types of literary genres.

From **Kindergarten's** "Let's Taco 'Bout Books" to the **Middle School's** "Book Buffet," our students selected and took time to read and "taste" books from fantasy to poetry to mystery.

Ms. Resendez's **Third Graders** were treated to literary fine dining in their classroom restaurant with tablecloths, floral centerpieces, placemats, stemware, utensils, and a printed menu filled with books on a special theme: ART! Additional volumes of art classics and newly published works were also featured on the class's "dessert cart"!



Thanks are extended to our highly creative PHS teachers and to our fabulous **Room Parents** who assisted in so many ways with this all-school event.



Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter September 2022



Peninsula Heritage School's

Six Character Qualities:

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



We invite all PHS alumni to our traditional **Alumni Breakfast** at Harvest Fair!

Reconnect with fellow alums and teachers, and enjoy all Harvest Fair activities, including the BBQ lunch!

This entire event is **gratis** for all PHS alumni, but we'll need to know you're coming! **RSVP at either 310-541-4795 or jbrehrens@peninsulaheritage.org**.

Please spread the word, and we'll see you there!

"Peninsula Heritage Connects"

Peninsula Heritage School
Kindergarten—Eighth Grade
Phone 310-541-4795
26944 Rolling Hills Road
Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

