

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



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South Bay Students
Since 1961**



Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates!

The PHS commencement ceremony in the Amphitheater on June 10th was highlighted by the graduates' individual talks. The overriding theme of their speeches was gratitude—gratitude for their PHS experience, for their teachers, administrators, and staff, for their friends, and for their parents and families.

One graduate reflected, "Throughout my nine years at this school, no matter what the obstacle I have faced, the PHS faculty and staff have been there supporting me in any way they could."

Other students spoke of class projects, field trips, outdoor education experiences, and lasting friendships. They also focused on how the PHS Character Qualities have enabled them to develop into the young people that they have become.

Students who attended PHS since Kindergarten were recognized: Aaron C., Jasper H., Mai I., Poppy P., Ace T., and Sofia W.

These graduates are now PHS alumni, and we look forward to hearing all that they will be accomplishing in the future!

Our PHS in-person **Open House** on June 3rd was a marvelous occasion to welcome back to campus for the first time in several years our PHS parents and extended families! PHS Middle Schoolers wowed the audience with Greek gods and goddesses presentations, a family-friendly Family Feud program, and an amazing choreo-



graphed song and dance production (shown above)!

Families then visited their children's classrooms, enjoying the culminating projects at each level and also stopping by their child's next grade to meet the teacher and visit the room.

Thanks to all those who made this such a special event!

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Working with her fellow PHS students, one member of this year's outstanding PHS Eighth Grade graduating class recently organized a **book drive** to help fill the library and classrooms of

the **107th Street School in Los Angeles**. In conjunction with Access Books, Isla set a goal of collecting 1,000 books here at Peninsula Heritage. That mark was reached and surpassed, as PHS families generously donated gorgeous, high-interest children's books in a variety of genres.

Isla and her fellow service members also designed and painted the library walls of the 107th Street School, organized all the books, and created an inviting and safe space for students to enjoy reading on campus.

Principal Aleta Williams expressed her sincere gratitude for the efforts of all those involved.

Isla also expressed her appreciation to our PHS family while reflecting on the total experience: "Thanks to all who donated used books to the Access Book Drive! I had such warm and happy feelings thinking of elementary children enjoying these books and taking away important themes and lessons. [As the donated books arrived] I recognized some books that had made an impact on me as a child. This made me all the more aware and appreciative of those who donated, and the importance of the work I was doing. Looking back, the experience gave me such feelings of fulfillment and gratitude."

Thank you, Isla, for your involvement in hands-on community service, and thanks to all of our PHS families for your thoughtfulness and generosity!



Our annual **College Bound** gathering on May 13th welcomed back to campus our PHS alumni who are graduating from high school and heading to college or university this fall.

Coming back to campus is always a treat for these cohort groups. This year's alumni enjoyed catching up with each other and talking to former teachers, administrators, and staff.

They also requested a full campus tour, visiting classrooms, and recalling specific projects and events that they shared. As the afternoon concluded, they were seen laughing and chatting on the lower level playground equipment!

For a list of the very impressive **colleges and universities to which they were accepted** this year, please access www.peninsulaheritag.org> Admissions>Life After PHS.

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Small Classes. Big Education.



This year's Teacher, Administrator, and Staff **Appreciation Luncheon** was a pure delight for all those honored! How wonderful to once again gather in-person around the Courtyard and enjoy the marvelous ambiance and delectable food, beverages, and deserts provided by our amazing PHS parents (shown below)!



Thanks also go to our outgoing **Parent Association** President, Emily Gutierrez, her board, the special event Chairs, and this year's Room Parents for their significant accomplishments.

Looking ahead, we welcome the incoming Parent Association Co-Presidents Jen Gregorio-Clinton and Audra Hoynacki and look forward to all that they have in store for the coming academic year!

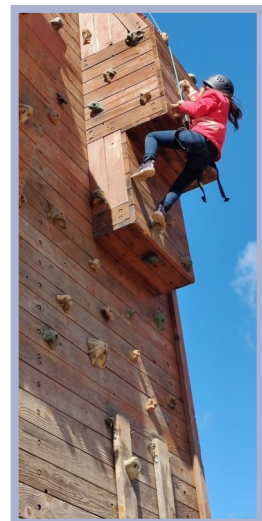
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This year's **Third Grade** class was delighted to once again enjoy in person the **Rawhide Ranch** experience in our school's Outdoor Education program!

Students began their riding lessons at the Ranch by learning the safety steps and procedures for handling and walking their horses. By practicing mounting and dismounting on a wooden barrel, and receiving instruction on verbal and non-verbal methods of communication with their mounts, the children were then fitted with a helmet and began riding. These young ranchers also fed, watered, and nurtured goats and other ranch animals. Additional learning activities included archery, wall climbing, and animal science classes.

Congratulations, Third Grade Ranchers on all that you learned at Rawhide Ranch!



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Peninsula Heritage School's
Six Character Qualities:
**CARING, ATTITUDE, RESPECT,
GRATITUDE, PERSEVERANCE, SELF-CONTROL**



Graduating 8th Grader Rowena recently earned the **Grand Prize** for Middle School entries in the **“Water is Life”** student art contest sponsored by the West Basin Metropolitan Water District.

In this work, Rowena skillfully and creatively portrays how water is essential to all living organisms with painted streams threading through the painting.

Congratulations, Rowena, for sharing your considerable artistic talents with our PHS and South Bay communities!

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