

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



October 2022



The full return of our annual outdoor **Harvest Fair** was a huge success, under the leadership of our Parent Association Co-Presidents Jen Gregorio-Clinton and Audra Hoynacki, pictured above with Head of School Dr. Cindy Chun and Assistant Head of School, Mr. Pedro Jimenez.

Our students, parents, relatives, friends, and PHS alumni enjoyed a great day of games, slides, the ever-popular cake walk, delicious burgers, cotton candy, Teacher Adventures, Grade-level Baskets, and so much more! Special thanks to our energetic parent volunteers, our fabulous Grilling Dads (pictured below), members of our Board of Trustees, and our PHS faculty and staff!



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Mr. Gabe Valentine

joins PHS this year as Associate Teacher in the Middle School. Born and raised in Long Beach, Mr. Valentine enjoyed a unique high school experience at Renaissance High School for the Performing Arts (LB). He went on to study at UC Davis and graduated from Cal. State University Long Beach with a bachelor's degree of liberal studies in education.



As part of his degree requirements, he spent two years working in elementary school classrooms, including teaching 4th Grade for one year in Lakewood.

"PHS is an incredible school," observes Mr. Valentine, "and I am so happy to be part of this team. The relationship, values, and community that the students and faculty share are a huge part of the magic."



In his free time, Mr. Valentine enjoys cooking, drawing, painting, and immersing in as many of the arts as possible, along with riding his Triumph Bonneville motorcycle!

Our Kindergarten Associate Teacher, **Ms. Debbie Rodriguez**, was born in Lima, Peru and came to this country at the age of six months. She grew up in Long Beach, graduated from Lakewood High

School (Long Beach Unified School District) and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cal. State University, Channel Islands in Camarillo. Ms. Rodriguez notes that she loves the close community that is our PHS family.

"Everyone here is so helpful! There are no barriers to asking questions!" This talented young lady loves the outdoors, traveling, and painting scenes in nature!

In upcoming issues of this Newsletter, we will be featuring **Ms. Mariah Tanter**, 4th Grade Associate Teacher, **Mr. Andy Cruz**, 2nd Grade Associate Teacher, and **Ms. Jobelle Caday**, our long-term substitute in 2nd Grade.

We warmly welcome each of these teachers to PHS!

Calendar Events at PHS

include the following for the month of **November**:

- Nov. 1—While our Fifth Graders continue to enjoy their Outdoor Education Trip on Catalina Island, Tuesday will be Pajama Day at PHS.
- Nov. 7-9—Our 7th Grade will be on their Outdoor Ed trip to Wolf Camp.
- Nov. 9 - Parent Assoc. Meeting on Campus, 8:30 AM
- Nov. 9 - Annual Phonathon for Annual Giving
- Nov. 17- We are planning an all-school Thanksgiving Feast Day
- Nov. 18- The 4th Grade will present the Character Quality of Attitude in an all-school Assembly
- Nov. 21-25—Thanksgiving Break

Our full School Calendar is at

www.peninsulaheritage.org>
About> School Calendar.



Sincere **thanks** go to those who have already donated to this year's **Annual Giving Fund!**

During our **Phonathon on Nov. 9**, volunteers will be calling parents who have not yet donated. Help our volunteers make fewer phone calls by donating now!

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Small Classes. Big Education.



Our Kindergarten through Fifth Grade students are enjoying meaningful **Lab Science** experiences under the enthusiastic direction of **Ms. Angela Kozik**. In a recent Unknown Substance Lab, students learned about lab safety, chemistry, and the PHS Character Quality of Self-Control. Given three unknown (to the students) liquids, three powders, and detailed directions, the students were amazed to create gooey, oozing chemical reactions!



Ms. Kozik has long been passionate about exploring science phenomenon and teaching this subject. She grew up in Long Beach, graduating from Milliken High School and Cal. State University, Long Beach, and also studied in its teacher credential program. Ms. Kozik is currently pursuing a master's degree at CSULB. We welcome Ms. Kozik to PHS!

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Our **Sixth Graders** enhanced their leadership skills and independence while bonding as a class on their recent Outdoor Education trip at **Pali Institute**. Located in the San Bernardino Mountains east of Lake Arrowhead, Mrs. Mahoney and the class were



welcomed by Ms. Mandi Thomas, last year's 6th Grade Associate Teacher who served as this year's Pali guide and instructor.

From archery to the ropes course to zip lines, the students' outdoor experiences offered the opportunity to learn new skills and strengthen others. For instance, our Sixth Graders worked in teams to design and

construct a shelter for themselves from available wood and brush materials. The evenings' highlights included a very talented Talent Show, a karaoke session, an exciting night hike, and well-deserved sleep in Pali's newest cabins!

Our **8th Graders**, along with Dr. Chun and Mr. Ahn, traveled to the Moxi Museum in Santa Barbara for the start of their Outdoor Education trip. This unique, contemporary museum of exploration and innovation offered our students interactive exhibits in science, technology, and art.

The following day, the group traveled by ferry boat from Ventura to Scorpion Anchorage on Santa Cruz Island in the Channel Islands chain. Fitted with safety gear and enjoying ideal weather, their kayak guide led the group along the coast of this very rugged island. After a picnic lunch on the island and a return ferry boat trip, the students enjoyed the beach at Venture before returning to PHS the following day!



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Peninsula Heritage School's

Six Character Qualities:

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



With the fall of the year comes **admissions** season! Prospective parents are now touring PHS for next year's enrollment, and applications are due by January 23, 2023.

Share with friends, neighbors, and colleagues all that you love about PHS: Small class sizes, 6:1 student-teacher ratio, specialty classes, character development program, the loving and caring environment, and much, much more!

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