

# Peninsula Heritage Connects

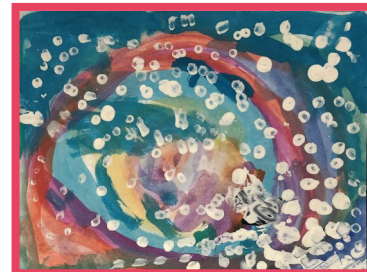
Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



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Educating  
South Bay Students  
Since 1961



Thank you to all PHS students and parents for your generosity in supporting LA County Fire Department's annual **Spark of Love** toy and sports equipment drive for underserved children in southern California.

Our PHS students interacted with Sparky and local firefighters in this annual tradition, learning the values of sharing and donating to a very worthy local cause.

Our PHS **First Graders** usher in the Holiday Season with watercolor, construction paper, and tempera artwork! Drawing inspiration from nature's pine forests, snow flurries, and sunlight, our student artists thoughtfully create a piece of art as they imagine a moment in time. With both classroom and art specialist classes, PHS students enjoy multiple opportunities to create visual art. Thank you, First Graders, and Happy Holidays!

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### Ms. Jobelle Caday

joined our PHS faculty this fall and is now teaching our Second Graders while Mrs. Gonzalez is on maternity leave.

This Long Beach native graduated from Jordan High School (LB) in the International Baccalaureate program and earned her bachelor's degree from Long Beach State University, majoring in English education. She is continuing her own education at the University of

Southern California in an online master's program in education.

Here at PHS, Jobelle appreciates our very welcoming community and the close-knit connections of our faculty, staff, and students. A fun fact about this vivacious teacher: she has a twin sister named Jovan.

"I like to say," reflects Ms. Caday, "that we look for progress, not perfection. Little by little, we can reach our goals."

Working with Ms. Caday and our Second Graders is

**Andy Cruz**, Associate Teacher. Andy graduated from

Harbor Teacher Prep Academy, which is located within Harbor College in Wilmington. He went on to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Cal. State University, Dominguez Hills, and he plans to pursue a teaching credential. Andy relates directly with our Reading Workshop curriculum, as he is an avid reader. He also spends time doing cardio and strength training.



"I love this school," remarks Mr. Cruz. "It feels like a family—a community! Although I've recently started here, it feels as if I've been here all year!"

In other Second Grade news, Mrs. Megan Gonzalez was feted with a baby shower given by our faculty/staff and a beautiful shower presented by the parents of our Second Grade students. On December 3rd, Megan and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Isla! Congratulations!

Joining Mrs. Jennie Kim as Associate Teacher in the Fourth Grade this year is **Mariah Tanter**.

A long-time Angelino, Mariah graduated from Fairfax High School and earned her AA from Cerritos College and her bachelor's degree from Cal. State Univ., Los Angeles. Mariah also holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling in



education from Loyola Marymount University.

Ms. Tanter loves yoga and cooking vegetarian meals.

"It's my language of love," she relates, "as I cook vegetarian for my family and friends."

Mariah truly appreciates the small class sizes here at PHS, as she has previously taught in larger classroom configurations. She also admires our school's values education program, and she candidly declares, "I love Fourth Grade!"

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## Small Classes. Big Education.

**Calendar Dates** at PHS include the following for the months of **December, January, & February:**

Dec. 16—Noon Dismissal and beginning of Winter Break

Dec. 16—Last Day for PHS Annual Giving

Jan. 4—Classes Resume

Jan. 16—No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 23—Re-enrollment Begins

Feb. 6—Re-enrollment Concludes

Feb. 17 & Feb. 20—No School, Presidents Weekend

Access our full School Calendar at [www.peninsulaheritage.org](http://www.peninsulaheritage.org)> About> School Calendar.



Sincere **thanks** go to all those who have already donated to this year's **Annual Giving Fund**, including PHS parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, faculty/staff/administration, trustees, and friends of the school!

We are close to achieving our goal of **100% PHS parent participation**, seeking a fourth year of this outstanding parental support! Donations may be sent to school or made online at <https://www.peninsulaheritage.org/giving>

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Our PHS **Care Families** have enjoyed several meaningful activities this fall. These cross-aged “families,” composed of 12 to 14 students from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, have read together, created a holiday craft together, and recently relished a Thanksgiving Feast together (see photo below). This delicious lunch-time gathering was coordinated by the PHS Parent Association under the leadership of Jen Gregorio-Clinton and Audra Hoynacki.

These Care Families are designed to enhance students’ academic, social, and emotional growth. While “mentoring” younger students, older students build their sense of responsibility, patience, and empathy while also strengthening their leadership abilities.

These experiences also enhance younger students’ language and behavioral skills and build personal confidence—a win-win experience for PHS students of all ages!



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Peninsula Heritage School's

Six Character Qualities:

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



While students in PHS's older grades enjoy sleep-over **Outdoor Education** trips, our younger students learn more about the outdoor world during day trips.

The Kindergarten and First Grade's journey to the 30-acre Tanaka Farms in Irvine offered students the opportunity to experi-



ence a wagon ride, harvest vegetables in the fields, and see and touch barnyard animals ranging from chickens to pigs, goats, and sheep!

Learning first-hand about responsible farming in southern California helps children to further understand and appreciate their food sources.

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