

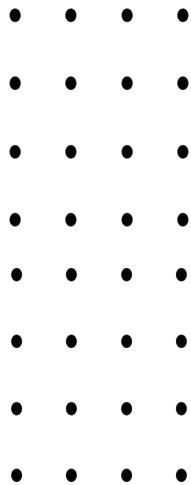
Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



January 2023

As we move into this New Year, *Peninsula Heritage Connects* launches a new format, while keeping the same informative, up-to-date content. Enjoy our New Look for this New Year!



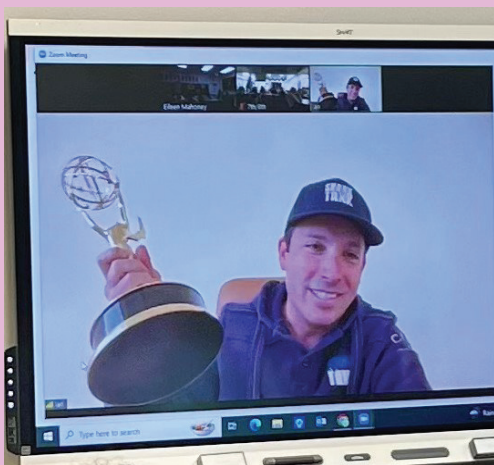
SHARK TANK! It's happening once again in our **Sixth and Seventh Grades** with a fabulous special feature—a Zoom meeting with Emmy-award winning Shark Tank producer, Ian Sambor.

Sixth and Seventh Graders enjoyed an informative session with Mr. Sambor (pictured below), who shared his leadership experiences on this TV reality show where entrepreneurs make presentations to potential investors (sharks). He also gave valuable tips to our Sixth and Seventh Graders for their upcoming Shark Tank presentations at PHS.



Led by Peninsula Heritage School's 6th/7th Grade teacher Mrs. Eileen Mahoney, this experience stems from the Language Arts unit of informational writing and presentation—taken to a new level! Students first engage in planning and identifying a NEED, and then they design a PRODUCT to meet that need. They learn and exercise their entrepreneurial skills in analyzing their manufacturing, marketing, and distribution costs. With this information, the students prepare a persuasive “pitch” to convince the assembled investors (sharks) to allocate funds to launch the students' projects. This year's PHS sharks included Mr. Jimenez, Mrs. Judd, Ms. Pintor, Mr. Zack, and Mrs. Mahoney.

Our 5th Graders also attended the Shark Tank presentations to introduce them to the concept, in which they will participate next year. Sincere thanks are extended to Liam Gill's family for introducing PHS to Mr. Sambor and to Ian Sambor for sharing his considerable expertise with our students!



LONG DIVISION and a Family!

Our PHS **Fourth Graders** are learning the connection between long division and the members of a family! After studying the concepts underlying division, Mrs. Kim introduced the mnemonic device of the family (including the dog!) in the standard algorithm of long division:

- Dad (Divide)
- Mom (Multiply)
- Sister (Subtract)
- Brother (Bring Down)
- Rover (Repeat or Remainder)

While long division is taught in Fourth Grade, it continues to be learned at more complex levels in each following grade. Of course, students have ready access to calculators, but their long division skills are necessary in many standardized tests where calculators are not permitted, including private and parochial school ninth grade entrance exams and on portions of the college entrance tests.

So, we can remember, for a *number* of very good reasons, Dad, Mom, Sister, Brother, Rover!



Pizza, Pizza!

Our **First Graders** show their enthusiasm for their recent Pizza Party Lunch, thanks to their parents' 100% participation in Annual Giving. This unique accomplishment of 100% was celebrated in each grade, Kindergarten through Eighth with delicious "Appetizer-to-Go" pizza.

We extend our sincere appreciation to every PHS family for your loyalty and generosity in participating in Annual Giving. By this means, the school is able to provide the educational enhancements that make the PHS experience so rewarding and fulfilling for each PHS student.

Thank you, parents!

What's Happening Next?

Mon., Feb. 6—Re-enrollment concludes

Wed., Feb. 8—Parent Association Meeting on Zoom, 7:30 PM

Fri., Feb. 17 —NO SCHOOL, In-Service Day

Mon., Feb. 20—NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day

Wed., Feb. 22 —Book Fair, Noon-3:00 PM & 6:00-8:00 PM

Wed., Feb. 22—100th Day of School

Thurs., Feb. 23—Book Fair, Noon-3:00 PM

Sat., Mar. 4—PHS FLINGALA, (Spring Fling + Gala), 6:00 PM, Dinner, Silent & Live Auction, and Fun!

Wed., Mar. 8—Parent Association Meeting, 8:30 AM on Campus

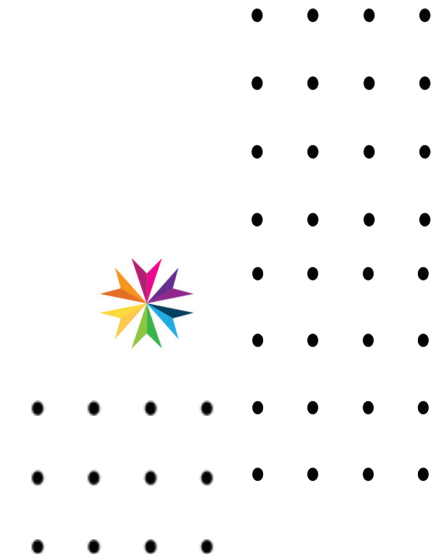
Thurs., Mar. 23—Noon Dismissal, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fri., Mar. 24—NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mon., Mar. 27 through Fri., Apr. 7—Spring Break

Mon., Apr. 10—NO SCHOOL, In-Service Day

Tues., Apr. 11—Classes Resume



Congratulations!

Mrs. Danielle Standart

PHS's 2022-2023

Educator of the Year



This year, Peninsula Heritage School honors **Mrs. Danielle Standart** as Educator of the Year! Coincidentally, the month of February also marks Mrs. Standart's 15th anniversary of her start at PHS - previously as Middle School instructor, art teacher, preschool teacher, and currently as **Kindergarten** teacher. Following her childhood in Tucson, Arizona, Mrs. Standart earned her Bachelor's degree in liberal studies with a concentration in language and literacy at California State University, Long Beach. While there, she also completed her Multiple Subject Teaching Credential and earned membership in the national honor society for teachers, Pi Lambda Theta. Danielle will be featured, along with eight other educators from public and private schools on the Peninsula, at the PVP Rotary Club's annual Educator of the Year dinner and program on the evening of February 9th at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

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"I've always loved being with children," relates Mrs. Standart, "going back to my years babysitting as a teenager. Teaching children is very rewarding, especially when you present a topic and then see a child make the connection and understand the concept. I celebrate these moments with each child—it makes us both happy! I am also impressed at how my students continue to work and strive for mastery; they truly reflect our PHS character quality of perseverance!"

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"Kindergarten is such an important time in a child's life," continues Mrs. Standart. "It sets the tone for a child's educational journey. It is also when children begin to learn to read. This is a crucial step in the development of any individual, and we have the opportunity to be part of building that important foundation."

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"Teaching also involves creativity, as I strive to understand each student's learning style and incorporate the most effective methods for teaching. Regardless of the subject, in Kindergarten we employ manipulatives, play dough, dry-erase boards, initial-sound dominoes, music, and numerous other tools to teach and assist our students in gaining mastery. We also challenge with more advanced work our students who have higher-level reading and math skills."

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"I am so pleased," concludes Danielle, "that my own daughter has the opportunity to attend PHS. She's loves school, is so confident, and truly enjoys being with her classmates!"

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair is coming to our PHS Library on **Wednesday and Thursday, February 22nd and 23rd**, from Noon to 3:00 PM. There will also be special family hours on Wednesday the 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. PHS students will have the opportunity to make purchases when their classes visit this Scholastic Book Fair on one of the above dates. Book Fair will offer a broad variety of titles in various genres at the preschool, elementary, middle school, and adult levels—there will be something for everyone! We all know the value of having interesting books at hand to enhance our children's love of reading. A special thank you is extended to Parent Association Co-Presidents Audra Hoynacki and Jen Gregorio-Clinton for organizing this educational event!



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Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for our PHS "FLINGALA" - Spring Fling + Gala! SATURDAY, MARCH 4th is the date, 6:00 PM is the start time, and the location is.....where?

Check the PHS website each week to learn one more clue to guide you to the "FLINGALA" site nearby.

Get out your flapper beads, your boa wraps, your gangster suits—or wear your favorite party attire! Register NOW at www.peninsulaheritage.org. Don't miss the fun—we'll see you there!



Peninsula Heritage School's Six Character Qualities:
Caring, Attitude, Respect, Gratitude, Perseverance, Self-Control

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