

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



Feb./Mar. 2023

Peninsula Heritage School's
CHARACTER QUALITIES:
Caring, Attitude, Respect,
Gratitude, Perseverance, and
Self-Control. Hint: Remember
as CAR, GPS!



Peninsula Heritage School students cheered and clapped as Head of School Dr. Cindy P. Chun (center, in photo) recently wielded a giant scissors to ceremoniously cut the ribbon at the grand opening of our **newly installed playground structures**.

"I love the big slide!" exclaimed one Third Grader, as her friend noted, "It's colorful, it has American Sign Language from A to Z, and it has a rock wall!" A First Grader added, "I like it because it has monkey bars, and the swings on the other playground are so fun!"



The two play structure sites, with swings, tetherball, and overhead sun protectors, were months in the planning and construction. The Live Auction and Paddle Call at last year's "Spring Fling 2022" launched the fundraising, and our Annual Giving Fund provided the balance of the monies. However, supply chain issues delayed the start of construction until this past fall, and our rainy weather added further challenges.

This new playground equipment now provides an additional component to PHS students' education. Research shows the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional benefits of outdoor play for children of all ages. For instance, swinging teaches how to balance the body, climbing teaches hand-eye coordination, and hanging from monkey bars strengthens arms, hands, and fingers. Tackling a new piece of playground equipment can increase a child's self-confidence and build experience for undertaking new challenges.

Sincere thanks are extended to our parents, grandparents, trustees, parents of alumni, faculty and staff, and friends of the school for their donations to this major campus enhancement that benefits every PHS student each school day!



Our PHS Fourth Graders are experiencing **California history** with multiple hands-on experiences!

Studying the state's "mission period" was enhanced with a visit to one of California's 21 missions: beautiful Mission San Juan Capistrano. The students learned about the work and life of the soldiers, Spanish padres, and Acjachemen Native Americans that functioned as a self-sufficient community.



The "rancho period" was brought to life for these Fourth Graders on their visit to Dominguez Rancho Adobe Museum in Compton, CA. The beautiful adobe home, now a museum, sits on the first land grant by the King of Spain to Juan Jose Dominguez in 1784, which included 75,000 acres. Touring the home of the land owners and the gorgeous grounds was highlighted by students panning for gold and making adobe bricks. By mixing straw with mud and packing the mixture into wooden forms, the students learned the laborious process of making bricks for both rancho and mission buildings.

"Students love these memorable experiences!" relates their teacher, Mrs. Kim. "Working and getting dirty may have been the best part!"



What's Happening Next?

Fri., Mar. 10—5th Gr. Character Qualities Assembly, 9:30 AM; All parents welcomed!

Tues., Mar. 14—Pi/Pie Day, 3.14

Wed., Mar. 15—All-School Photo Shoot: Students, look your best, and please, no logo clothing except PHS logo!

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

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

Fri., Mar. 24—5th Grade Play at Norris Theatre, 6:30 PM. To Purchase Tickets—See Page 4 for Details!

Mon., Mar. 27 through Fri., Apr. 7—Spring Break
Mon., Apr. 10—NO SCHOOL, Teacher In-Service Day
Tues., Apr. 11—Classes Resume



Sonia Mockett, (right in photo) alumni parent, former Trustee, and past Capital Campaign Director for the 1990 building of PHS's science lab and library wings, recently visited campus with Trustee Emeritus Peggy Bartlett (shown at left). How wonderful to welcome back the leader and donor whose name is above our sign, "Heritage Children's Center"!



Mary Golda Ross
(1908—2008)

PHS Third Graders Link Science, Social Studies, “Her Story,” with Native American Culture and More!

Our PHS Third Graders are engaged in a holistic study that integrates the Native American experience with language arts and STEAM principles. Their teacher, Ms. Denise Resendez, has created lessons that combine art, culture, science, language arts, and social studies with a special emphasis on the contributions of Mary Golda Ross—the first known Native American female engineer and also the very first female engineer at Lockheed Aircraft Company.

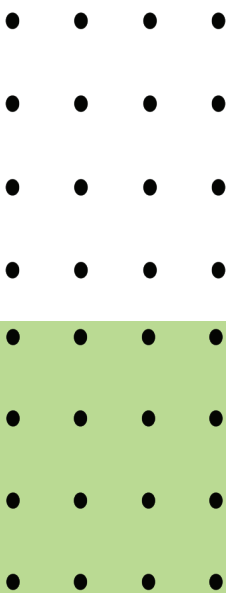
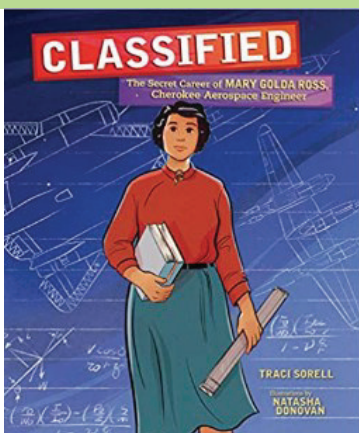
Ms. Ross, a math-loving Cherokee from northeastern Oklahoma, pursued a path for herself and other women engineers, from her work on the P-38 Lightning fighter plane during World War II through her engineering accomplishments on classified projects that included inter-planetary space travel.

Ms. Resendez is using Ms. Ross’s story with science lessons both in the class and with Ms. Kozik in the Science Lab, exploring and experimenting with Newton’s Third Law of Motion and the four forces of flight: lift, gravity, thrust, and drag.

Since the month of March is designated as Women’s History Month, Ms. Resendez read aloud (see photo) *Classified, The Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer*. Our Third Graders will also be reading non-fiction, launched with a “book tasting” of biographies and histories, particularly those featuring women. The students will then create their own digital work of non-fiction.

In their Native Americans social studies unit, Third Graders will draw upon Ms. Ross’s traditional Cherokee values that she held throughout her career, comparing them with PHS’s six Character Qualities. “Do the best you can,” stated Ms. Ross, “and search out available knowledge and build on it. I started with a firm foundation in mathematics and qualities that came down to me from my Indian heritage.”

Mrs. Resendez designed this unique curriculum module and was awarded a grant from the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), partnering with The Boeing Company, to support the next generation’s success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Congratulations, Ms. Resendez and our Third Graders, for your outstanding work!





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Peninsula Heritage School alumni, families, and friends are cordially invited to attend the annual 5th Grade play!

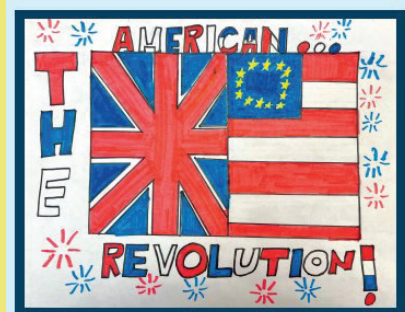
"History Comes Alive!"

March 24 2023 | Friday 6:30PM

Norris Theatre

27570 Norris Center Drive
Rolling Hills Estates

Tickets may be purchased after March 1st at
The Norris Theatre Box Office or online at:
www.peninsulaheritage.org/historycomesalive



Artwork by PHS 5th graders Eli and Landon Wilridge

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