

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter

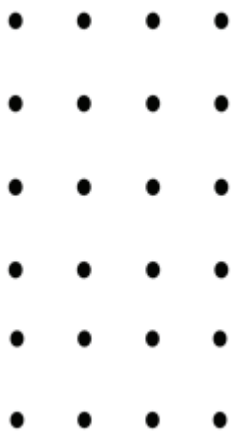


July 2023

Peninsula Heritage School's

CHARACTER QUALITIES:

Caring, Attitude, Respect,
Gratitude, Perseverance, and
Self-Control. Hint: Remember
as CAR, GPS!



Summer at PHS! Our popular “Fun N’ Games” summer day camp is in full swing, with all types of games and activities, Friday water slides, and the highly-anticipated scooter hockey tournament!

With a squishy ball instead of a hockey puck, campers maneuver their scooter boards (see below) and move the ball with their hockey sticks to score in the National Hockey League-sized goals at each end of the Amphitheater’s “rink,” cheered on by their teammates and leaders.



“Fun N’ Games” camp also provides the opportunity for children and teens to enjoy our beautiful campus with its new lawn turf, playground equipment, giant-box castles and strategy activities, and cool indoor arts and games. Under the leadership of Mr. Zack Lorenz, assisted by PHS alumni including Brian Macdonald and Counselors in Training, PHS faculty joining camp this summer include Mr. Cruz, Mr. Valentine, Ms. Lind, Ms. Urevig, and Ms. Pintor. These leaders ensure a positive, enjoyable learning experience for all summer campers who are current PHS students, PHS graduates, and children from surrounding South Bay communities. Camp registration remains open through August 18th.

Meanwhile, our administration and office staff are working on preparing for the upcoming school year: calendaring events; continuing with marketing, development, and financial planning; holding admissions tours, ordering and taking delivery on new classroom furniture and supplies; and designing our Annual Report and written materials—all with the intent of warmly welcoming our PHS families for the new school year! In addition, we introduce our new Director of Operations, Mr. Stephen Edo (see Page 2), and share with you our upcoming calendar highlights (also on Page 2).



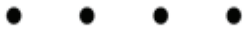


We extend a warm PHS welcome to the newest member of our PHS administrative team, **Stephen Edo**, as he shares with us a little of his background and experience:

“I am very pleased to join the staff at Peninsula Heritage School as the Director of Operations. I have over 30 years of experience working as a teacher and administrator

in elementary and secondary schools. I earned a bachelor’s degree in Child Development and a master’s degree in Educational Administration. My last assignment of 12 years was at Cloverly Elementary School in Temple City, California, where I served as the school’s principal. As an educator, I strive to foster an environment where students, parents, and staff build a strong sense of camaraderie, personal worth, and pride in school.”

“I live in San Gabriel with my wife Rocio and enjoy visits from our children, Alex and Cristina, traveling to visit family in Spain, and relaxing at the beach. In my free time, I enjoy cooking, watching cooking videos on YouTube, and going to Kings hockey games. I love attending concerts and am an 80’s New Wave music fan. I look forward to an exciting, productive, and successful school year for us all.”



New Student Orientation Our teachers and classrooms will be available August 29th and 31st, at the times shown above, right, so that new students have an opportunity to get acquainted before the first day of school rush. This will be an informal time to meet teachers, take a quick peek at classrooms (since teachers might still be setting up) and talk through the first day of school routine. Parents are asked to **RSVP** by sending a quick email to pjimenez@peninsulaheritage.org.



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What’s Happening Next?

- **Tues., Aug. 1**—School Registration Papers mailed to current parents
- **Tues., Aug. 15**—Parent Association information mailed to current parents
- **Tues., Aug. 29 or Thurs., Aug., 31, 9:00—10:00 AM or 2:00—3:00 PM**—Informal New Student Orientation (Please see below, left)

Tues., Sept. 5—First Day of School; Noon Dismissal; Back-to-School Picnic for Parents and Students on the Main School Campus (Please see below)

Thurs., Sept. 7—New Parent Orientation at 5:00 PM, Back-to-School Night for All Parents at 6:00 PM

Mon., Sept. 25—NO SCHOOL, Yom Kippur

Tues., Oct. 3—Picture Day, All School

Sat., Oct. 21—Traditional Harvest Fair/School Carnival, 11:00 AM—3:00 PM, with Alumni Breakfast at 10:30 AM

Tues., Oct. 31—Halloween Parade & Festival

Wed., Nov. 1—Pajama Day, All Grades

Fri., Nov. 17—Grandparents Day (Detailed information will be forthcoming)

Mon., Nov. 20—Fri., Nov. 24—NO SCHOOL; Teacher In-Service/ Thanksgiving Break

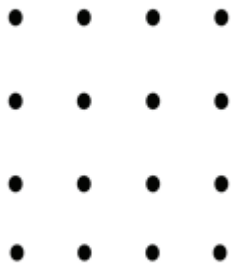
Mon., Dec. 18—Mon., Jan. 2—Winter Break

Back-to-School Picnic Bring lunch and a blanket (or enjoy our school lunch tables) for your picnic on the first day of class, Tuesday, September 5th at 12:00 Noon. Meet your child’s classmates and their families at this PHS traditional event and enjoy a delicious Kona Ice treat! See you there!





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PHS 8th Grade Commencement, Friday, June 9, 2023 Congratulations, Graduates!

With the podium in place, attendees seated beneath the festive white canopy, and music playing, the PHS Class of 2023 entered and took their seats at the front of the assembly. Then one by one, each graduate spoke about the meaning and value of their PHS education, sharing both humorous and heartfelt remembrances, including the following:

Our PHS teachers have taught me everything that I need to know from academic lessons like long division and prepositions to not so academic but equally important lessons like how to calculate tax and tip and why the sky isn't red.

Truly, my experiences at PHS have made me who I am today. Without those experiences, I would have been so extremely different. Deciding to come to PHS has been one of the best decisions of my life, and I hope that I will continue to make good decisions in the future.

Today I'm taking my last steps as a student at PHS, and I have come a long way from that foolish little boy who took his first steps into his second grade PHS classroom and a whole new life [in America]. The lessons I learned about life and learning are immeasurable and will be my GPS for life.

I've had a weird fear—sleeping away from home. But when I came back from [Rawhide Ranch] in Third Grade, I realized I made close friends and had the best time of my life; however... I still cried every night. But I learned how to not be afraid of sleeping away from home, and on our Eighth Grade Washington, D.C. trip, I did not shed one single tear!

The first time I walked onto the upper campus of PHS, I was in awe of the open environment, the wonderful teachers, and the small classes. This school is unique, unlike any other, and will always be in my heart.

My time at PHS wouldn't have ever been the experience that it was without some very special people. Both my teachers and my friends have made an impact on my life, and I'm so grateful for every single one of them.

I am eternally grateful for the amount of love this school community has shown me. I will miss my time here at PHS, but I will use everything I have learned about having strong character, how to be a good friend to others, and learning as much as I can as I move into the next chapter of my life.





The value of our **PHS Performing Arts program** is apparent as students feel comfortable and confident in speaking, singing, and performing in front of a live audience. At this past spring's Annual PHS Talent Show, in which students in all grades are invited to share their talents with the entire PHS community, this Third Grader sang and played a piece of his own composition about his best friend in his grade.

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