

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



Jan./Feb. 2024

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

With the start of each new year comes the opportunity to make New Year's resolutions. Our Fourth Grade students, under the direction of Mrs. Jennie Kim, took a creative approach to this tradition and asked the students to personally consider the following question: "What type of person do I want to *become*?"

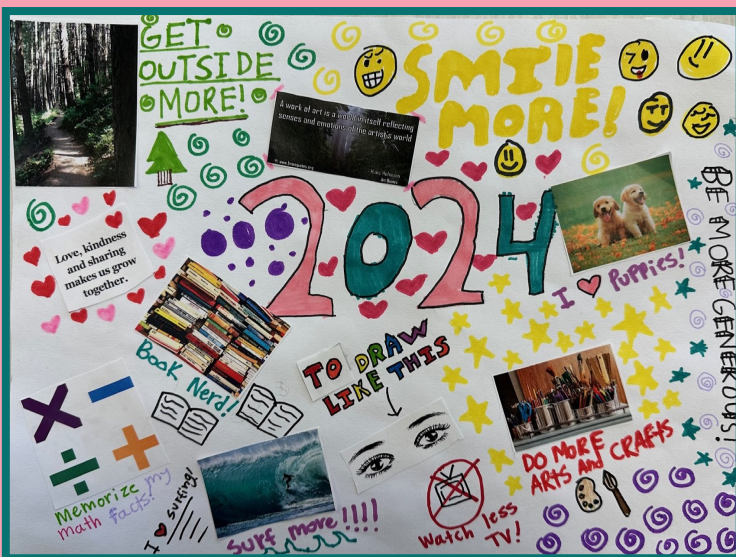
This process began with conversations about self-evaluation and bettering oneself in conjunction with our PHS Character Qualities, and then establishing completely *realistic* goals. Mrs. Kim also stressed the importance of discovering activities or pursuits that can fill one's life with joy! One student soccer player decided to strive and become a *stronger* soccer player. Another child set a goal of simply *smiling* more often, and a third student decided to help at home by walking the dog more often.

The next step was creating a vision board that encapsulates each student's goals. By gathering images and deciding on written phrases, the vision board becomes an inspiration and a motivating factor for the student—in this case, to increase their participation in reaching their stated goals.

This was also the perfect time for a mini-lesson about Google docs. The Fourth Graders learned how to use key words to search and locate images that reflect their goals. After re-sizing, printing, and cutting out their images, the students created the layout of their boards, adding written phrases and drawing additional items. The boards have been displayed in the Fourth Grade classroom windows, and of course, each board includes the year 2024 in large numbers!

Several weeks after the vision boards were created, student feedback illustrates the value of this project as each child strives for personal improvement.

"One of my goals was trying new foods," shared a Fourth Grader, "because this is important as you get older. I told my parents about my goal, and I tried spinach and cauliflower—only cooked spinach and the cauliflower slightly cooked with a little salt. I discovered that I really like both!"





Joining our PHS faculty in September of this academic year, **Ms. Daniella Hoover** is the Associate Teacher in the Third Grade class.

Daniella grew up in Long Beach, graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of California, San Diego.

Among her many academic interests, Daniella pursued a field study in the south Pyrenees Mountains of Spain at the Roca Dels Bous Archaeological Project, which contains one of the last Neanderthal occupations in northeast Iberia, approximately 50,000 years ago.

Following her college graduation, Daniella tutored first and second grade students in Los Angeles County's foster care system. This experience sparked her interest in pursuing a career in teaching.

Outside of work, Daniella delights in taking ceramics classes at Long Beach City College, as well as creating other craft projects. Daniella also bakes cookies—always those that are infused with chocolate!

Daniella enjoys working here at PHS, and especially appreciates the family-centered environment of our school.

What's Happening Next?

- Mon., Feb. 5—PHS Re-enrollment concludes

- Thurs., Feb. 8—Educator of the Year Dinner & Program at PV Golf Club, honoring Ms. Adeline Allen of PHS

- Tues. & Wed., Feb. 13 & 14—Book Fair; Parents are invited on Wed., 12:00 Noon to 12:45 PM

- Thurs., Feb. 15, 8:30 AM—Cyber Education, Parents Invited (4th – 8th Grades); Speaker Lori Goetz, Cyber Education Specialist

- Fri., Feb. 16—Tues., Feb. 20—No School, Teacher In-Service & Presidents' Day

- Wed., Feb. 21—School Resumes

- Thurs., Feb. 22—100th Day of School

- Fri, Feb. 23, 8:30 AM—4th Grade Assembly; All Parents Invited

- Sat., Mar. 2, 6:00 PM., H.T. Grill—"A Night in Napa" Parent GALA!

- Wed., Mar. 6—All School Photo Shoot; no logos on clothing except PHS logos

- Fri., Mar. 8, 8:30 AM—5th Grade Assembly; All Parents Invited

- Thurs., Mar. 14, 6:30 PM—Fifth Grade Play, "History Comes Alive!" at the Norris Theatre, Rolling Hills Estates

- Thurs., Mar. 21—Noon Dismissal—Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Fri., Mar. 22—No Classes—Parent/Teacher Conferences

- Mon., Mar. 25—Mon., Apr., 8—Spring Break

- Tues., Apr. 9—School Resumes

Congratulations, 100%-ers!

CONGRATULATIONS to our parents, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees for **100% participation in this year's Annual Giving Fund!**

This amazing achievement marks the **FIFTH consecutive year** that our PHS constituency groups have reached our goal of 100% participation during the 100 days from September 7 through December 15, 2023!

As many know, the funds raised in Annual Giving help provide our students with outstanding specialty teachers, the latest learning materials in all subjects, and professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.

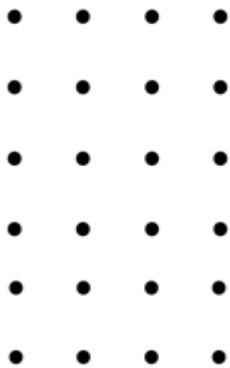
In recognition of this 100% feat, the Development Office is treating the PHS students in each classroom to an Ice Cream Sundae Party following lunch. Students choose their flavors of ice cream, along with various toppings, and, if they wish, whipped cream with a cherry on top—a fitting conclusion to an outstanding accomplishment!





PHS Student Leadership Thanks Sheriff's Deputies!

Aware of the many challenges facing our law enforcement officers, PHS student volunteers in "Leadership" wrote and decorated holiday thank you notes (above photo) in December for the deputies at the nearby Lomita Station of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. These notes, along with a sweet treat, were delivered to the deputies by our PHS Leadership advisor, Mrs. Angela Kozik.



The deputies expressed their appreciation and arranged with Mrs. Kozik to have one of their community outreach personnel, Deputy Derek Clotworthy, visit the Leadership students at PHS.

These Leadership volunteers regularly meet twice each month at noon lunch in the School Library. There are no elections for Leadership; students in Grades Four through Eight may volunteer to join this group. After discussing possible projects, this year's Leadership students have chosen to focus their efforts on the following three areas: community, environment, and animals.

Deputy Clotworthy recently joined an enthusiastic group of Leadership students in the School Library and was impressed with the number of excellent questions asked by our PHS students.

The Deputy emphasized that law enforcement officers work to make our communities safe for all of us, including his family with two young children. He likened traffic officers to a father, saying, "We have to remind drivers to stay within the speed limit and obey the traffic rules, so that we can all be safe. We often go to areas where residents have complained about speeding, and we issue tickets to help violators remember the rules. Also, there is no such thing as ticket quotas for deputies to meet!"

At the conclusion of his presentation, Deputy Clotworthy asked, "Would you like to see my patrol car?" Students eagerly walked out to our parking area to hear the Deputy explain the inner workings of his vehicle as well as all the gear and supplies inside. With genuine expressions of "Thank you!" our PHS students returned to class, more fully aware of the ongoing work of our community helpers in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.



Save the Date!



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A Night in Napa

Our Spring Gala at H.T. Grill

Saturday, March 2, 2024

H.T. Grill

1701 S. Catalina Ave, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

Save the date and plan to attend Peninsula Heritage School's **Spring Gala, "A Night in Napa,"** on Saturday, March 2, 2024, 6:00 to 10:00 PM at H.T. Grill in Redondo Beach!

Co-Chairs Devon Smith and Anna Perry and their committee are planning an unforgettable evening:

- Sip & savor exquisite wines
- Indulge in a delectable dinner
- Place your bids at the live auction

Printed invitations will soon be in the mail! **Register online**, and we look forward to seeing you there!



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