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Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



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Peninsula Heritage School's

CHARACTER QUALITIES:

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

Back by popular demand, the

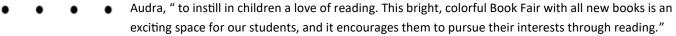
Book Fair filled our School Library during

mid-February. Thanks go to our Parent
 Association Co-Presidents, Jen Gregorio-

 Clinton and Audra Hoynacki, who planned and staffed this year's Book Fair for stu-

dents, teachers, and parents.

"This is another option," shares



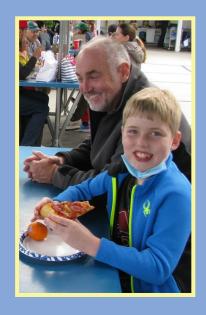
A special feature of this year's event was an invitation to parents to come for lunch, followed by shopping with their child for books. Many parents joined their children for picnicking around the Amphi-

theater and in the Courtyard, bolstering a strong sense of community on our campus.

Thank you, parents, for your participation in this very meaningful and enjoyable event!











Our **6th Grade students** recently traveled to the **Getty Villa** in Pacific Palisades, CA, to view the "Book of the Dead" exhibit, in conjunction with their social studies about ancient Egypt. Sixth Grade teacher Mrs. Mahoney reports, "The class truly appreciated the beauty of the museum, and their mature behavior impressed the Getty's docents. "

"The Book of the Dead exhibit was astounding!" Mrs. Mahoney continued. "Ancient Egyptians wrote a series of spells and maps on papyrus and linen mummy wrappings to help guide a dead person on a perilous journey to the next world. We witnessed the Books of the Dead of seven different ancient Egyptians, and it was also our good fortune to tour Egyptian artifact rooms displaying canopic jars, a sarcophagus, and a mummy. Since the students recreated these same items in class, it was astonishing to see authentic ones in real life!"

What's Happening Next?

Fri., Mar. 8—5th Grade Assembly, 8:30 AM, all parents invited!

Tues., Mar. 12—Professional Photographer on campus all day (weather permitting). Students, no logo clothing except PHS logos.

Thurs., Mar. 14—5th Grade Play at Norris Theatre, 6:30 PM. (See back of this Newsletter for ticket information.)

Thurs., Mar. 21—NOON DISMISSAL, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fri., Mar. 22—NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mon., Mar. 25 through Mon. Apr. 8—NO SCHOOL, Spring Break Tues., Apr. 9—School Resumes

Wed., April 17 through Fri., Apr. 19—3rd Grade Outdoor Education, Rawhide Ranch

Fri., Apr. 26, 7th/8th Grade Assembly, 8:30 AM, all parents invited!

Mon., Apr. 29 through Fri., May 3—8th Grade Washington, DC trip

Fri., May 24 through Mon., May 27—NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day Weekend

Tues., May 28-School Resumes

Thurs., June 6-NOON DISMISSAL, Last Day of School

Fri., June 7-8th Grade Graduation in Amphitheater

Mon., June 17—Summer Fun 'N' Games Day Camp Begins at PHS. For more information: https://www.peninsulaheritage.org/community/summercamp



PHS's Spanish teacher,

Señora Adeline Allen was recently

honored at the Peninsula-wide

Educator of the Year dinner and program sponsored by the PVP Rotary Club and held at the Palos Verdes Golf Club.

"Señora Adelina" (as she is known by her students) is shown (front row, far right) with the eight other 2024 honored educators from local public and private schools. As part of the program, Señora spoke of her journey to become a teacher, her design of the Spanish program at PHS, and the rewards of teaching students in all grades at PHS, Kindergarten through 8th.

Congratulations to you, Señora, on this very significant honor!

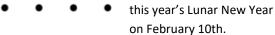


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Celebrating Lunar New Year At PHS!

Our PHS students and parents recently shared meaningful cultural traditions with classmates and

teachers in connection with



PHS Seventh Grader Leo L. (above, left) playing the Chinese gourd flute, joined with his mother Wulontuoya playing the Chinese dulcimer, and friend Aurora, playing the Chinese flute, to present to a beautiful sampling of Chinese music for our PHS students assembled in the Amphitheater.

During the question and answer period following the presentation, Leo responded to a query about practicing his instrument. "I have to practice every day," he replied, revealing that mastering Chi-

nese instruments is much the same as learning a Western musical instrument.

In the Third Grade, Skylar asked his mother, Gina (shown below with Skylar), if she would come to class and read *Tomorrow is New Year's Day* by Aram Kim. Skylar supported the reading by sharing personal examples and family experiences. He also fielded questions and regaled his peers with

his rich cultural insights. Skylar's mother brought the traditional Korean boy's clothes (see below, displayed by Ms. Resendez) worn for Skylar's first Lunar New Year, and she shared that Skylar's father had also worn the exact same clothes for his first Lunar New Year some years ago.

As a special treat from Skylar's mother, each Third Grader received a little bag of Korean New Year's activities and treats, including a type of hacky-sack game (shown in action below, right).

Thank you, students and parents, for enlightening us with these wonderful Lunar New Year's traditions!











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Join us on Thursday, March 14, 2024, 6:30 PM at the Norris Theatre, Rolling Hills Estates for the fabulous Fifth Grade Play, "History Comes Alive!"

Our Fifth Graders will wow you with this musical presentation of the events in our nation's Revolutionary War period.

Use this QR code to purchase your tickets online beginning March 4, 2024:



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