

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



Feb./Mar. 2024

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-Canton and Audra Hoynacki, who planned and staffed this year's Book Fair for students, teachers, and parents.

"This is another option," shares Audra, "to instill in children a love of reading. This bright, colorful Book Fair with all new books is an exciting space for our students, and it encourages them to pursue their interests through reading."

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 Amphitheater 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!





What's Happening Next?

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!”

- **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>**

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA ROTARY EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



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!

Celebrating Lunar New Year At PHS!



Our PHS students and parents recently shared meaningful cultural traditions with classmates and teachers in connection with this year's Lunar New Year on February 10th.

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 Chinese 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!



HISTORY COMES ALIVE!

Class of 2024



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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