

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



May 2024

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

Class field trips offer Peninsula Heritage School students hands-on learning experiences during day trips, where in class learning is reinforced by in person experiences.

Mrs. Mahoney's 6th Grade class recently visited the Hindu mandir located on a 20-acre temple complex in Chino Hills, CA. The mandir's exterior was constructed of pink Indian sandstone, and the interior features Burmese teak wood and Italian Carrara marble. All were meticulously hand-carved in India and shipped to Chino Hills through the Port of Long Beach.



Previously, the 6th Graders studied the ancient civilization of India, along with its two major religions, Hinduism and Buddhism. Mrs. Darshika Patel, mother of PHS student Ajesh Patel, volunteered to share with our PHS students details of Hindu culture and worship, specifically that of BAPS Shri Swaminarayan.

"The most meaningful part of our day at the mandir" relates Mrs. Mahoney, "was our participation in the Arti ceremony: a ritual waving of lighted wicks before the Deities. Our guide also showed us the intricacies of the interior's cut marble. Each carving represents a 'murti,' a sacred image of a Deity or guru."

Students learned details of the mandir's Indian architecture, which differ greatly from their studies of ancient Roman and Greek buildings as well as that of most Western architecture.

These religious and cultural experiences help build understanding among our students of how individuals in other religions gather and worship. They learned of the intense dedication and commitment of Hindus in southern California, who worked diligently to bring about land acquisition, construction by volunteers and professionals, and completion of this mandir in 2012.



What's Happening Next?

- Fri., May 10—8:30 AM, School Assembly featuring Kindergarten and Grade 1; All Parents are Cordially Invited to Attend!
- Fri., May 17—8:20 AM, All School Talent Show
- Mon., May 20 (the week of) - Standardized Testing for Grades 4-8
- Mon., May 20—3:30 PM, High School Senior Alumnus Gathering in PHS Courtyard
- Fri., May 24 through Mon., May 27—NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day Weekend
- Tues., May 28—School Resumes
- Fri., May 31—6:00 PM, OPEN HOUSE, All Grades
- Mon., June 3—Greek Day, 6th Grade
- Wed., June 5—Field Day (on Main Campus)
- Thurs., June 6—NOON DISMISSAL, Last Day of School, Moving Up Day; No Camp
- Fri., June 7—10:30 AM, 8th Grade Graduation in Amphitheater
- Mon., June 17—8:30 AM, Summer Fun 'N' Games Day Camp Begins at PHS. For more information: <https://www.peninsulaheritage.org/community/summercamp>

CALLING ALL ALUMNI who are **current High School Seniors!** Send (jbehrens@peninsulaheritage.org) the names of the colleges and universities to which you were accepted and then gather with your PHS classmates and PHS teachers on **May 20th at 3:30 PM here at PHS.** Wear your college sweatshirt, shirt, or cap for the classic PHS College Bound group photo!



Our **7th Grade Algebra I** students recently traveled to UCLA's **Boelter Hall Room 3420**—the birthplace of the internet! The students learned how the very first internet message was sent from this room's computer to Stanford Research Institute's computer on October 29, 1969, at 10:30 PM.

Mrs. Behrens' Algebra I students prepared for the trip by studying and giving classroom presentations about the work of Professor Leonard Kleinrock, packet switching, binary code, and the history of UCLA.

In addition to Room 3420, now a museum, a UCLA senior engineering student gave the PHS group a VIP tour of the extensive facilities in the engineering buildings. UCLA alum and PHS Assistant Head of School Mr. Jimenez also shared with our students other highlights of the Westwood campus.

This experience helps our students understand why they are studying the intricacies of mathematics, in what way math is used in the real world, and how the campus of a major university in the United States looks and feels.



Another recent PHS field trip featured our **2nd Grader's visit to the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles**, which linked with the students' recent non-fiction writing project.

Focusing on the students' interest in dinosaurs, each child in Mrs. Gonzalez's class chose one species of prehistoric reptile to research. They created an outline and then composed a report with drawings. However, gleaning information from books and videos cannot replace visiting an actual 67-million year old skeleton of a *Triceratops prorsus* locked in combat with a *Tyrannosaurus rex* (see photo, left), or participating in the museum's other experiences.

"Attending the 'Dinosaur Encounter' at the museum," shares Mrs. Gonzalez, "was an immersive experience where students learned about the animals' prehistoric lives. This allowed them to connect their collected research with hands-on experiences and enlarge their understanding of these ancient creatures."

Summer FUN N' GAMES CAMP

at



Peninsula Heritage School

26944 Rolling Hills Road, Rolling Hills Estates

June 17 - August 16, 2024

Mondays - Fridays
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



Join us this summer! Our PHS day camp provides a safe, confidence-building space for children, ages 5 and up, to learn and enhance their teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Children love this camp whose **highlights** include our famous Scooterboard Hockey Tournament, Basketball, Field Hockey, Soccer, Water Slide and Water Games, Gaga Ball, Dodgeball, Capture the Flag, as well as Board Games, Arts and Crafts, Ice Cream Treats, and so much more!

You may register for camp at:



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