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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!

Class field trips offer Penin-

sula 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 mandirlocated on a 20-acre temple complex

in Chino Hills, CA. The mandir's exterior was constructed of pink Indian sand-

stone, 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.



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.



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What's Happening Next?

Fri., May 10—8:30 AM, School Assembly featuring Kindergarten and Grade I; 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 Alumns 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!

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."

Thank You to "A Night in Napa" Parent Volunteers!

Sincere thanks go to "A Night in Napa" Co-Chairs Anna Perry and Devon Hennessey Smith (pictured at left with Ashley Carlin and Paul Hennessey.)

For this year's PHS Gala fundraiser, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, and friends of PHS gathered at Hennessey's H.T. Grill in Redondo Beach. Live music and wine tasting preceded

the live action in the "wine cellar." Led by auctioneer extraordinaire, Suzanne Krainock, attendees bid and laughed over Ms. Krainock's hilarious stories and jokes.

A superb three-course meal garnered rave reviews, followed by dancing, chatting, and even more laughter as attendees rated this Gala as one of the very best! The generosity of all donors also

• enabled this event to be financially beneficial for PHS. Thank you to all volunteers and participants!

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The fabulous Fifth
Grade Play, "History Comes
Alive!" once again wowed the
audience at the Norris Theatre,
Rolling Hills Estates.

This play/musical depicts the Revolutionary War period of American history, and provides our 5th Graders the opportunity to learn and creatively express the well-known historical figures in America's past.

Fifth Grade teacher and play director Mrs. Kimarie Lynn shares the many learning and growth experiences students gain while rehearsing and performing the dialogue and the 14 singing and dancing numbers in "History Comes Alive!"

"The play teaches this period of American history," states Mrs. Lynn, "and as we know, the songs that tell the story stay with the students for years to come. Our girls also learned the art of singing in harmony. It's wonderful to see how the students actually embrace and become the historical figures they portray in the play. During the weeks of rehearsal, the children learn the life skills of working as a team and putting into practice our Character Qualities of Perseverance, Self-Control, and Attitude. In addition, the play is a significant boost to their self-confidence, as they master the art of comfortably speaking and performing in front of others. Our students truly enjoy the entire play experience and the multiple learning opportunities it provides!"



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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