

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter

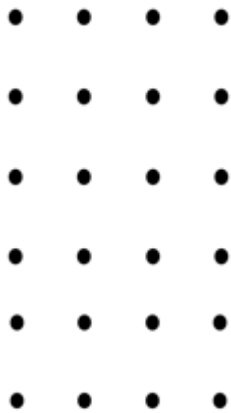


July 2024

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

Eighth Grade Graduation on

June 7, 2024, featured individual speeches by each of our fifteen graduates. They spoke with affection and gratitude for their teachers, the administration, and their friends. The graduates also highlighted their field trips, Outdoor Education experiences, and other unique PHS events.



These students spoke of the impact of PHS's six character qualities on their lives: of *perseverance* and its crucial role especially during the pandemic months of online learning, of *caring* in building strong friendships, of *gratitude* in recognizing the achievements of classmates, of *respect* toward others which is almost always reciprocated, of *self-control* and its importance in the learning environment, and of *attitude* and maintaining a positive outlook even while enduring challenging times.

One graduate spoke about the familiar phrase, "I can't wait," and the small amount of actual

truth lying behind it. She continued, "It's important to remember that we actually *can* wait. This is the only time that you are truly living, so don't waste it by thinking ahead and missing what is right in front of you. Our future will certainly arrive, but this exact moment will never happen again. As we take our last steps at PHS, there is nothing I would give up in this world to be anywhere but here!"



What's Happening Next?

- Through Friday, August 16—PHS Summer Fun N' Games
Day Camp, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM. Registration form at :
<https://www.peninsulaheritage.org/summercamp>
- Wed., July 31—Annual Registration Packets mailed to parents
- Mon., Aug. 12—All Registration Forms due
- Thurs., Aug. 15— Parent Assoc. and other info mailed to parents
- Tues., Sept. 3—School begins; NOON DISMISSAL with Back-to-School Picnic with Families on Main Campus grounds.
- Thurs., Sept. 5—New Family Orientation, School Library, 5:00 PM;
Book Buddies and Back to School Night, 6:00 PM
- Thurs., Sept. 5—Kickoff for 100% Parent Participation in Annual Giving Fund
- Fri., Sept. 20—8:30 AM, All-School Assembly: 7th & 8th Grade,
Character Quality of Gratitude
- Thurs., Oct. 3—NO SCHOOL, Rosh Hashanah
- Sat., Oct. 26—Harvest Fair, 11:00 AM—3:00 PM, Main Campus
- Thurs., Oct. 31—NOON DISMISSAL, All-School Assembly: 6th Grade,
Character Quality of Self-Control; Halloween Parade on Main Campus
- Fri., Nov. 22—Grandparents Day: All-School Assembly, 4th Grade,
Character Quality of Gratitude
- Mon., Nov. 25 through Fri., Nov. 29—NO SCHOOL; Thanksgiving Break!
- Mon., Dec. 2—School Resumes
- Fri., Dec. 20—NOON DISMISSAL
- Mon., Dec. 23 through Mon., Jan. 6—NO SCHOOL; Winter Break
- Tues., Jan. 7—School Resumes



Peninsula Heritage School alumni who graduated from high school and will be off to college this fall, gathered at PHS on May 28th. Wearing their college swag, they were warmly welcomed by PHS teachers and administrators and enjoyed catching up with each other, seeing all the changes to the PHS campus, and even taking a swing on the new (to them!) PHS playground swings! Do keep in touch, alumni!



Our PHS student bus riders each received a sweet treat (created by former PHS teacher Mrs. DeMartí) on the last day of school as a thank you for another great year on the PHS bus!

PHS teachers often utilize our school's numerous outdoor spaces, knowing that learning in a green environment provides a calming, stress-reducing experience.

In early June, Señora Adelina (beige sweater, left) shares the experience of teaching PHS Fourth Graders in the Courtyard, an often-used outdoor learning space at PHS.

"Our Fourth Graders eagerly embrace the opportunity to learn outside and showcase their Spanish skills while soaking up a little sun. Students are encouraged to communicate exclusively in Spanish as we explore real-life scenarios, creating an environment where Spanish feels both natural and appropriate."



Garden Planting Party At PHS!



Peninsula Heritage students, parents, and administrators gathered in one of the school's gardens on the afternoon of June 2nd

to work together and replant the area with native California and drought-tolerant plants.

Initiated by PHS trustee and parent Christie Havey-Smith, and designed as a school community event, this garden planting party drew students, siblings, parents, and grandparents who enthusiastically tackled the tightly compacted Palos Verdes soil to carefully plant several varieties of perennials carefully selected by Ms. Havey-Smith.

"It was wonderful to see our students, often working together, take ownership of the planting," observed Head of School Dr. Chun. "They got their hands dirty and exhibited great determination. With the wonderful support we received from parents and grandparents, we concluded the project even sooner than expected—just in time to enjoy delicious refreshments and marvel at the beauty of our completed work!"





Our 2024 Peninsula Heritage School 8th Grade graduates will begin secondary school this September at the following:
Palos Verdes High School, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School, Chadwick School, Vistamar School,
Rolling Hills Preparatory School, Mira Costa High School, and Harbor Teacher Preparatory Academy.



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