

# Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



October 2024

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

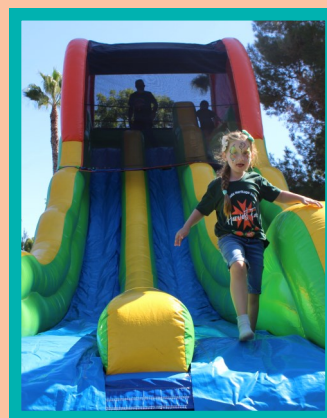
**Harvest Fair** is coming on **Saturday, October 26, 2024**. Festivities will begin with our Alumni Breakfast, 10:30 to 11:00 AM in our Courtyard, and Harvest Fair activities from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.



This long-standing PHS tradition is presented by the Parent Association and PHS with the following great features:

- Alumni Breakfast—10:30 to 11:00 AM in the Courtyard—Gratis for all PHS alumni
- Field Events—Giant Slide, Maze, Obstacle Course, Sack Race, Water Balloon Toss
- “The Habit” Food Truck for Lunches
- Carnival Games with Grade Level Parents
- DJ with Cake Walk
- Face Painting, Photo Booth, Snow Cones, Cotton Candy, Popcorn
- Janice’s Country Kitchen with donated baked goods from our PHS community
- Ramune Beverages donated by the Ishiyama family
- Back by Popular Demand: Teacher Adventures!

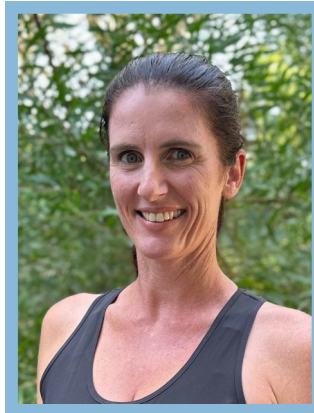
Join us on this fun-packed day here on our Main Campus! Registration forms were sent home with the children and are also available on the PHS website at <https://www.peninsulaheritage.org/community/harvestfair>. See you there!



# What's Happening Next?

- Wed., Oct. 16—Fri., Oct. 18—4th Grade Outdoor Education Trip
- Mon., Oct. 21—Wed., Oct. 23—5th Grade Outdoor Education Trip
- Sat., Oct. 26—Harvest Fair, 11:00 AM—3:00 PM, Main Campus
- Alumni Breakfast, 10:30—11:00 AM in Courtyard; all Events and Lunch are gratis for PHS Alumni!
- Thurs., Oct. 31—NOON DISMISSAL, All-School Assembly: 6th Grade, Character Quality of Self-Control; Halloween Parade on Main Campus; No Daycare/Camp
- Fri., Nov. 1—Pajama Day at PHS
- Wed., Nov. 6—Middle School Preview Night at Middle School Campus for all Parents of 4th & 5th Graders,
- Wed., Nov. 13—Parent Assoc. Meeting, 8:30 AM, School Library
- Fri., Nov. 22—Grandparents/Special Persons 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

Born locally in Torrance, educated in PV, but a true international traveler, our new PHS Fifth Grade Teacher, **Charlotte Oduro**, brings a wealth of experience to her teaching position here at PHS.



Mrs. Oduro holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from UCLA. During high school at Chadwick, she spent a semester in Zermatt, Switzerland, and during college, she studied abroad for a year in Ghana. She has been involved in the public health sector of LAUSD and also taught in a local private school.

"I like to truly know each student, meet them where they are, and work with them to move forward," relates Mrs. Oduro, "I praise them by name and create a space where they can learn. They are curious learners, and remind me to be the same in my own life!"

Mrs. Oduro loves to travel, hike, and camp with her husband and two children. She enjoys painting portraits, and recently creates water color paintings with her daughter.

While not focused on any one sport, Mrs. Oduro defines herself as, "definitely outdoorsy and adventuresome!"

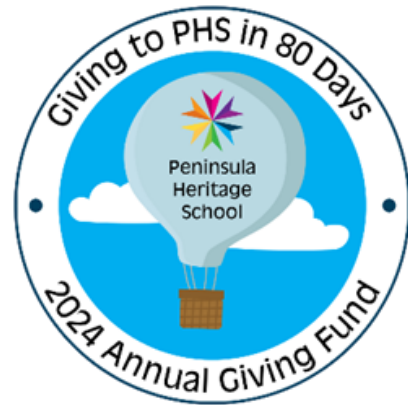


Mr. **Nicholas Allen**, our new Second Grade teacher, was born and grew up in Connecticut. He graduated from Greenwich Country Day School where his mother was a faculty member, attended high school at Suffield Academy, and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Fordham University in NYC. Throughout his high school and college years, Mr. Allen was an avid water polo player, who became familiar with southern California during summers here playing water polo!

Nicholas comes to PHS after teaching second grade for seven years at a private school in LA's west side. Recently married, Mr. Allen, his wife, and dog enjoy hiking together. Nick also likes to play basketball and recently has taken up golf.

"In our class here at PHS," shares Mr. Allen, "we recognize and appreciate our similarities and differences. We know that true learning includes intellectual growth as well as social and emotional maturing. I want my students to feel safe and confident in taking risks, as that leads to discovery and further knowledge acquisition!"

"I've been warmly welcomed here at PHS," continues Mr. Allen, "and enjoy being among the good people of this school!"



Thanks to our generous donors, this year's Peninsula Heritage School **Annual Giving Fund** is well underway! As shown by the logo (above), we are traveling around the world, concluding our voyage and fund-raising efforts on Fri., **November 22, 2024**. Once again, our goal is 100% parent participation in this year's Annual Giving. With your help, we can do this!

# Meet Michelle!

## Our PHS Parent Association President



"I love PHS and its amazing faculty," exclaims **Michelle Cobb**, this year's PHS Parent Association President. "We are so fortunate to have our youngest son, Chase, at PHS. As president of the Parent Association this year, our goals are to support the school, come together as a school family, and enjoy the fellowship of each other through shared activities, including the upcoming Harvest Fair."

A life-long equestrian, Michelle laughs when recalling her arrival as a freshman at Cal. Poly University, San Luis Obispo with a station wagon pulling her horse trailer. While earning her undergraduate degree, she kept her horse on campus and competed on the university's horse show team. Moving on to USC, Michelle completed a master of science in dental hygiene. While at USC, she met her husband, Jason Cobb, and the couple are parents of two college-aged boys, a high schooler daughter who is also an avid equestrian, and PHS Seventh Grader, Chase.



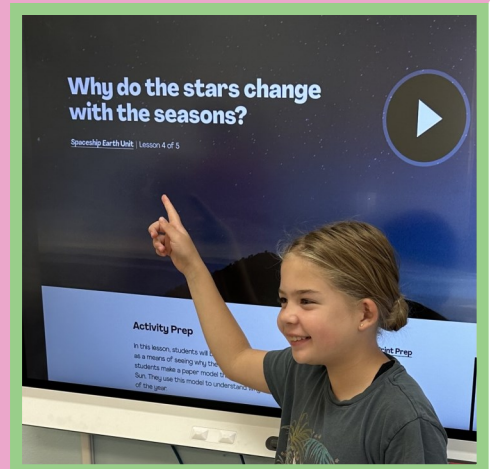
The family is looking forward to living closer to PHS as they complete their new home off Palos Verdes Drive North. Already residing on the property are two horses, Michelle's daughter's pony, and two miniature horses already stabled in the property's newly completed horse barn.

"I would like to thank all the PHS Room Parents for their work in planning volunteers for the Harvest Fair. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, October 26th!"



In preparation for their Outdoor Education trip where they will be studying celestial bodies, the Fifth Graders in Mrs. Kozik's **lab science class** explored the phases of the moon and the location of the stars and constellations throughout the year.

Building a constellation box enabled them to view which stellar configurations were available for viewing in North America during which seasons of the year. Students learned that these changes in the night sky were due to the orbiting of the Earth around the Sun and the different view of the sky available for observation!



Our Kindergarten and First Graders recently journeyed to **Tanaka Farms** in Irvine, where they walked through the fields of growing vegetables and picked a few of their own. After their science lab study of the different parts of plants, it was exciting to be at Tanaka Farms and experience field after field of food growing in the soil. The students also enjoyed the pumpkin patch and a tractor-pulled wagon ride through this thirty-acre farm. Students brought home their hand-harvested carrots, turnips, and other tasty vegetables to share with their families!



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