

Peninsula Heritage Connects

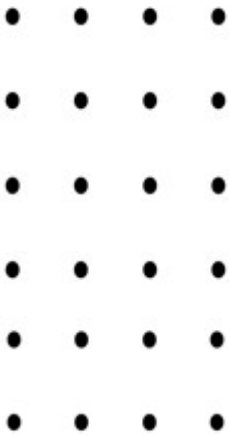
Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



June/July 2026

Peninsula Heritage School's CHARACTER

QUALITIES: Caring, Attitude, Respect, Gratitude, Perseverance, and Self-Control. Hint: Remember as CAR, GPS!



The Third Graders' excitement for the **Caine's Arcade project** often begins before they enter Third Grade in September. Students may have an idea for their arcade game, but Ms. Resendez emphasizes keeping an open mind as they learn about simple machines and the engineering involved in creating an effective arcade game.

The **international Caine's Arcade project began in 2012** with a nine-year old entrepreneur in East Los Angeles. Caine Monroy loved arcade games, and he created his own with cardboard boxes available in his father's auto parts shop. A chance encounter with a filmmaker enabled the story to go viral, and now students in over 80 countries participate in this deeply fulfilling, skill-building project.

PHS students begin working on the project in April with a target date, which teaches elementary time management skills. Each child submits three arcade game prototypes to Ms. Resendez, ranked by preference, in order to avoid duplication of games among class members. Once they agree with Ms. Resendez on their arcade game, the real hands-on learning begins!

Starting with a large cardboard box, the Third Graders build a sturdy game foundation that will withstand numerous uses. Collaborative conversations with classmates and conferences with Ms. Resendez (see photo above) and Ms. Hoover help to solve design and structure challenges. Students learn how to fashion an "L" brace and how to create a cardboard connector. They empathize with the future users of their game (members of the PHS community), knowing that their ages will range from five to adulthood. Patience and perseverance, along with an artistic sensibility for the overall look of the game, are all necessary to complete the project.

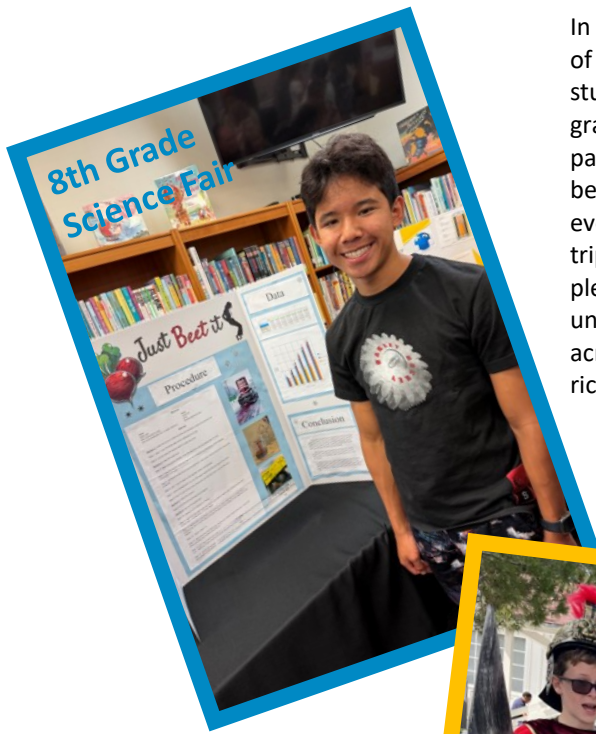
Finally the opening day for visitors of the project arrives and Third Graders switch their roles from creators and builders to vest-wearing instructors in game techniques (see photo at left), and cheerleaders for players.

"Oh, that was so close," "Good try," and "Would you like to play again?" are all heard from these Third Grade entrepreneurs as they gently yet proudly guide the PHS community through the intricacies of their arcade games.

"And don't forget your prizes at the Prize Table!" they happily inform.

Who knows how many younger PHS students are already envisioning their participation in this amazing project once they reach Third Grade?





In May and June of this year, PHS students in all grades participated in a number of activities, events, and field trips that completed their units of study across the curriculum.

What's Happening Next?

Mon., June 22—Fri., Aug. 14—Summer Day Camp, Open Enrollment

Fri., July 31—School Registration Packet mailed to all PHS parents
Fri., Aug. 14—School Information Packet mailed to all PHS parents

Tues., Sept. 8—First Day of Classes; NOON DISMISSAL, Family Picnic on School Grounds begins at 12:00 Noon. Bring your lunch and a blanket; Hawaiian Shaved Ice provided

Thurs., Sept. 10—Back-to-School Night:
5:00 PM, NEW PARENT ORIENTATION
All Evening, Book Buddies, PHS Library
6:00 PM, Welcome to all PHS Parents in Amphitheater, followed by Welcome in Individual Classrooms. (Adults only, please, for this evening.)

Thurs., Sept. 10—Kick-Off for Donations to 2026 ANNUAL GIVING FUND! Goal is 100% in 100 Days!

Mon., Sept. 21—NO SCHOOL, Yom Kippur

Sat., Oct. 24—HARVEST FAIR, 10:30AM—Alumni Breakfast in Courtyard
11:00 AM—3:00 PM—Harvest Fair on PHS Main Campus

Mon., Nov. 23—Fri., Nov. 27—NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break
Mon., Dec. 21—Mon., Jan. 4—NO SCHOOL, Winter Break



Additional events included the Student Talent Show, The Middle School Dance, the 6th Grade Field Trip to the Getty Villa, and Shark Tank, along with many more!

Congratulations, PHS June Graduates!



Wednesday, June 10, 2026, was a perfect day for the **PHS 8th Grade Graduation**! Graduates, parents, relatives, and the entire PHS faculty and staff gathered on white chairs under the beautiful pavilion constructed in the Amphitheater to enjoy the program, which included individual talks by each of the graduates. Some of the highlights of these talks include the following:

"I've learned that real strength is about how you deal with setbacks, which I now use to my best advantage. Although I am excited for what my future holds, I am sad to leave this community and everything I have experienced here. I am forever grateful to have had Peninsula Heritage to guide me throughout my journey."

Another student stated that "In marking the end of my PHS era, I would like to state that your choices do matter. Though you might not realize it, every choice that you make will always affect you either positively or negatively. I know that the choices

I've made here will serve a greater purpose in the near future."

Another student candidly shared the following: "It was never easy each year to transition up to the next grade, and sometimes it felt like I wasn't ready. However, I kept my mind open and persevered. Through this, I managed to enjoy every single one of my years here as much as I could and make unforgettable memories with my best friends. My future is bright because of my experiences and lessons learned at Peninsula Heritage School."

The graduates expressed their sincere gratitude for their parents and all that they have done for them, for encouraging and caring PHS teachers and administrators who took time to assist them, for the life skills they learned on outdoor education trips, and for kind and inclusive friends with whom they shared their PHS journey.

CONGRATULATIONS, PHS Graduates!

PHS Alumni College Acceptances

Our PHS Alumni, Going to College in September, Were Accepted at the Following This Past Year:

American University of Paris
Bard College
Boston University
Brown University
California Lutheran University
Calif. Polytechnic State Univ., Pomona
Calif. Polytechnic State Univ., San Luis Obispo
California State University, Channel Islands
California State University, Chico State
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Humboldt
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Monterey Bay
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Diego
California State University, San Jose State
California State University, San Marcos
Chapman University
Clark University

College of Charleston
Elon University
Emerson College
High Point University
Loyola Marymount University
New York University
Northeastern University
Oberlin College
Occidental College
Oregon State University
Pitzer College
Purdue University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Saint Mary's College of California
Santa Clara University
Scripps College
Seattle University
Southern Methodist University
University of Arizona

University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Hawaii, Manoa
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina, Charlotte
University of Oregon
University of Pittsburgh
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Utah
Washington State University



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