

Osprey News



Playa Vista Elementary, 13150 West Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, CA 90094



November 1, 2014

Dear Families of Playa Vista Elementary,

Thank you for an outstanding Halloween Parade! The costumes were cute, clever, creepy, and captivating. It was marvelous to see so many parents take time out from their day to join us. The parade had a true Playa Vista community feel because of your participation. A special thank you to Eli Matthews for serving as the M.C. Thanks, Eli, you made the morning a blast!

Are you asking yourself what to do with all that candy the children collected while out trick-or-treating? Well Operation Gratitude is the answer! You'll find all the information about this wonderful community service project following the newsletter. Please donate your candy to this great cause and remember that Playa Vista Elementary is a candy free school so no candy in the lunch boxes. Thanks!

November brings us special events and holidays: we vote, we celebrate Thanksgiving, and we participate in Parent/Teacher Conferences at school. The official week for conferences is November 17th through November 21st. During that week school will dismiss at 2:00 each day except on Tuesday. We will dismiss at the usual time of 1:36 on Tuesday. Dismissing early allows time for teachers to meet one on one with each of their students' parents. Teachers will be sending home information about how to sign up for a conference time soon.

During your time with the teacher you'll hear about your child's progress this first semester, they'll share success and concerns, and you'll learn about what comes next in the school year. Teachers are busy preparing for this special time with you. Here a few tips about what you might ask at the conference.

- ☪ What are my child's specific strengths and weaknesses?
- ☪ How much time should my child spend on homework?
- ☪ Does my child get along well with others and does he/she seem to have any close friends?
- ☪ What skills and knowledge is my child expected to master this year?
- ☪ How can I help my child do better in school?



I hope you'll find these tips helpful as you prepare for this very important time with your child's teacher.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend and **don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour tonight!**

With kind regards,

Rebecca Johnson
Principal



CALENDAR

November 2nd
Daylight Savings Time
Ends Turn your clocks
back one hour!

November 5th
Friends of Playa Vista
8:30 - 9:30 Library

November 6th
School Site Council
2:45 Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11th
Veteran's Day No School

November 13th
Room Parent Meeting
8:30 Room 22

Parent Conferences Begin
Monday, November 17th

Thanksgiving Week
November 24th - 28th
No School



Operation Gratitude

Our armed forces want your Halloween candy! Playa Vista Elementary is coordinating the collection of excess wrapped Halloween candy to be packaged and shipped to Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages to our troops overseas. The donation will brighten the day of the brave men and women who are serving our country.

Operation Gratitude is a non-profit organization that sends over 100,00 care packages annually filled with snacks, entertainment, personal care items, and letters of appreciation to U.S. Service Members deployed in hostile regions, to their children left behind, and to Veterans, First Responders, and Wounded Warriors. For more information, please visit their website: <http://www.operationgratitude.com/>

On Monday-Wednesday (Nov 3rd-5th) please pre-sort and drop off any Halloween candy that you would like to donate in the parent center. There will be two containers, one for CHOCOLATE CANDY and another for NON-CHOCOLATE CANDY. Please note that Pixie Sticks are not accepted by Operation Gratitude, so please remove those.

Thank you for supporting our armed forces!



The 2014 Party Book is Here!

SIGN UP ONLINE TO JOIN IN THE FUN!

<http://www.playavistaschool.com/support-pves/party-book/>

Party Book Line Up:

October 29, 2014

Paranorman Movie Night. Snacks and drinks will be provided – Hosted by Brenda Alvergue

SOLD OUT - October 31, 2014

Halloween Party ON Halloween – Hosted by The Kataoka/Slezak's

SOLD OUT – November 2, 2014

Minecraft Building Challenge at The Exploratory - Hosted by Aisling Bryne & Winnie Licht

SOLD OUT – November 7, 2014

How to Train Your Dragon 2 Screening – Hosted by Alex & Jennifer Stein

November 7, 2014

Mommy Game Night – Unleash your inner wrong by Cards against Humanity. Drinks and appetizers will be served. – Hosted by Katya Hirose

November 8, 2014

Progressive Party – Four Homes, Interactive Gourmet Menu (Think Asian Noodle Bar, Customized Italian Pastas, Chocolate Fondue Dessert Station and a Special Cocktail Pairing. – Hosted by The Goldbergs, The Kataoka-Slezak's, The Donell's and The Bowen's

November 9, 2014

How to Use Your DSLR Camera – Hosted by the every so famous Alex Stein

November 14, 2014

Mixology Party – Learn the Secret to making a great cocktail with recipe cards to take home – Hosted by Shelby Schulte & Jenn Goldberg

November 16, 2014

A Taste of Dream Dinners – Prepare a 3 serving meal and sample sides. Save time and money with Dream Dinners - Hosted by Circe Mirano

November 21, 2014

TK & K Kids Night Out – Enjoy a movie, pizza and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar – Hosted by Lisa Tsimanis & Beth Serlin

December 3, 2014

Craft-Tails Party – Design 2 Unique Glass Pendants all while enjoying delicious cocktails. – Hosted by Donna Sorensen & Jenn Goldberg

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