



January 23, 2016



Dear PVES Family,

I've been thinking a lot lately about the difference between a hero and a role model. Heroes are people who are admired or idealized for courage and/or outstanding achievements. Because they are people, however, they often disappoint and leave us to work things out on our own.

A role model, on the other hand, is a person looked to by others as an example to be imitated. They teach us how to deal with disappointments, challenges, and accomplishments. It is vital that our children have positive role models as they grow up. We are all role models to the students of PVES. Our conversations, interactions, and friendships with other adults model for them how to behave with one another.

The **PVES Diversity Council** has created a mission statement that reads as follows. *The Diversity council is intended to be a pathway for inclusion for all our students at Playa Vista Elementary School. The goal of the Diversity Council is to ensure that every child who steps inside the gates of PVES feels safe, accepted, and respected, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, gender, ability, or experiences. This is an environment where all parents can respectfully share their opinions and experiences in order to work together for the benefit of our children.* In the coming months the Diversity Council will hold meetings open to everyone.

This past Friday was the **National Day of Service** and we had seven teachers from Educators4Excellence volunteer on our campus! They spent their morning doing a lesson on weather in TK, a



Second Step lesson in third grade, and supporting several teachers with small group instruction. After lunch they worked in our science lab and did upgrades on the chicken coop. We are very grateful to Kara and her colleagues for their support and hope that they will visit us again soon!



On Monday there is a meeting of the **Collaborative Work Group at Wright Steam Magnet**. While we have parents who are official members of this committee, all are welcome to come and listen to the conversation. The agenda consists of a presentation from LMU and a discussion of next steps. We begin at 5:30 in Wright's library.

Our fourth grade students leave this coming Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, for **Point Fermin** in San Pedro. We leave promptly at 4:30 so please plan on arriving by 4:00. This is a great trip where our students engage in science activities around the health of our ocean, visit Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, and take a trip on Tall Ships. Mr. Weisbart and I are looking forward to accompanying the students and watching hands on learning in action.

The **Race For Success** is an annual 5k/1k at LMU. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a fun family event that is also an important fundraiser for our school. You will find information in your child's homework folder about how to sign up. There are the 5k, 1k for kids 8 and under or you can be a virtual runner that requires no running. We are asking each family to sign up at least 10 registrants and have at least one person sign up for the

5k or 1k. Ask your family, friends, and neighbors to join in the fun! Registration fees come directly back to our school. Sign up by Thursday, Feb 18th. For more information go to [www.RaceForSuccess5k.org](http://www.RaceForSuccess5k.org). Contact Yupa at [yupa@yupa.me](mailto:yupa@yupa.me) or 310-717-2872 if you have any questions.

If you have a student presently attending PVES and have an incoming **Transitional Kindergarten student in the 2016-2017** school year, please stop by the office beginning to pick up an enrollment packet. It is our goal to have all TK siblings enrolled by the end of January. Here are some important enrollment dates:

Siblings of present students:

January 19<sup>th</sup> – enrollment begins for sibling TK students

January 25<sup>th</sup> – enrollment begins for sibling K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

New student enrollment dates:

February 16<sup>th</sup> – enrollment begins for new TK & Kindergarten students

February 22<sup>nd</sup> – enrollment begins for new 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students

We will **award certificates** to our 4th and 5th grade students for safety at our Monday Assembly. Remember that the three over arching rules at PVES are: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible. Our **Monday Morning Meeting** is back and immediately follows the assembly.

The winter series of **Chats With the Principal** is off to a great start. This round of Chats will begin with a discussion about our social/emotional program, playground supervision, and our discipline policy. The remainder of the Chat will be an open conversation. This week it's the first grade chat on Wednesday and the second grade chat on Thursday. The Chats begin at 8:20 and are in the PVES library.

One last piece of information. This Wednesday there is a film company using our library. Our instruction is not effected but there will be equipment along the front of the school and trailers parked down the street as they are using the Sports Park in the morning as well. Don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Enjoy the rest of your weekend.

With the warmest of regards,

Mrs. Johnson



## CALENDAR

### **Monday, Jan. 25th**

Collaborative Work  
Group Meeting  
Wright Steam Magnet  
5:30p.m. Library

### **Tuesday, Jan. 26th**

Art in Action  
Volunteer Meeting  
8:20a.m. and repeated at  
6:00p.m.  
PVES Library

### **Wednesday, Jan.**

**27th** 2nd Grade  
Chat With the Principal  
8:20 PVES Library

### **Thursday, Jan. 28th**

1st Grade  
Chat With the Principal  
8:20 PVES Library

### **Friday, Jan. 29th**

4th grade students leave  
for Point Fermin  
4:00p.m.

### **Sunday, Jan. 31st**

4th grade students return  
from Point Fermin  
Approx. 1:00p.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Monday, Feb. 1st**

Monday Morning Meeting  
8:25 PVES Library

### **Wednesday, Feb. 3rd**

FPVS Meeting  
8:30 PVES Library

### **Thursday, Feb. 4th**

TK & Kindergarten  
Chat With the Principal  
8:20 PVES Library



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