



October 9, 2015

Dear PVES Families,

Monday's assembly was very special. Thank you to Major Ritch for joining us to launch the "Write a Letter" campaign and thank you to Deklan for bringing this great service project to all of the students at PVES. Here is the email address where your children can send the letters they write to soldiers on active duty: PVESLetters@aol.com and thank you for supporting our troops.



I'm grateful that so many of you were able to attend the parent meetings about the plan to meet the needs of our growing enrollment. There are still some points that have not yet been agreed upon by the working committee that is comprised of all the stakeholder groups: LMU, LAUSD, Parents, and PVES' administration and teachers. Remember that the plan will be presented to Superintendent Ramon Cortines in November and that nothing has been approved at this point in time. The remainder of this week's

newsletter is dedicated to recapping the proposal.

The present campus of PVES will house Kindergarten through 3rd grade students and if space permits, a Transitional Kindergarten (TK). Enrollment priority for the TK will be given to those students who have a sibling already attending PVES. New TK students will enroll at PVES and attend a TK hub located on another elementary school's campus that has yet to be determined by the district.

Our 4th and 5th grade students are to be located on the Wright Steam Magnet campus. An LAUSD school bus will take our students to and from the Wright campus with a staff member ready to greet them upon arrival and to assist them with boarding the bus at the end of the day. When the 4th and 5th grade students return to PVES at the end of the day, they can participate in after school activities such as Beyond the Bell and STAR.

I will continue to be the administrator for PVES TK through 5th grade. To assist me in this new configuration, an assistant principal is to be hired. The LMU partnership we count on continues with Kelly Keeler as our curriculum developer, the student teacher program, the support from the Center for Math and Science teaching, and much more, staying in place.

A neighborhood middle school begins in the 2016-2017 school year. Our present 5th grade students, along with 5th grade students who are residents of Westchester and Playa del Rey who choose to attend, will be the



CALENDAR

**Monday, Oct. 12th -
Wed., Oct. 14th**

Fifth Grade students in
Catalina
Mrs. Johnson Travels
With Them!

Thursday, Oct. 15th
The Great California Shake
Out

10:15 School Drill

Friday, Oct. 16th

Volunteer Training
8:30 PVES Library

Saturday, Oct. 17th

Boo Fest!
11:30 - 3:00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, October 30th

Halloween Parade
8:30 PVES Playground

founding 6th grade class. In 2017-2018 a 7th grade class is to be added with an 8th grade class added the following year. We will have autonomy to hire teachers for the middle school through a selection committee.

My work will include the establishment of the 6th grade class in the first year. What the administration configuration is when the 7th grade comes on line is still being decided. For those of you who attended the meetings, your message that you want to have your own principal that you choose for the middle school, has been shared with LAUSD.

The integrated STEM curriculum continues in middle school. LMU has committed to establishing a curriculum developer position to support our teachers in the new neighborhood middle school as well as the work needed to become a demonstration school. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between LMU and LAUSD will be established, similar to the one in place with PVES. (You gotta love the acronyms!)

Part of the MOU addresses permits. This last school year the district had us go through our permits very carefully. It was determined that revoking permits would not help with creating space for residents as there was not a large enough concentration in any one grade level. What would make an impact is the granting of permits in the coming school years. So, beginning this year, LMU students are the only permits we can welcome into our learning community in the primary grades and these are contingent on space available.

The final subject to discuss is school fundraising. The FPVS 501c3 continues to raise money to support the K-5th grade program. All of the programs that presently exist at PVES will continue for all grade levels. A separate fundraising organization will be created for the middle school and will be separate from the magnet program. This allows us to raise funds specifically for the neighborhood middle school.

I hope you find this summary helpful. As always, if you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday I am in Catalina with our fifth graders. Ms. Sheppard-Price, our new Assistant Principal EIS, will be on campus in my absence. Please feel free to contact her if you have any concerns while I'm away.

With warm regards,

Mrs. Johnson
Principal

PLAYA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



BOO Fest

FOOD GAMES PRIZES
PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST
BAKE SALE CHILI COOK OFF
HAUNTED HOUSE CLASS BOOTHS

OO Saturday, October 17
11am - 3pm on campus

Bring family, friends & neighbors ~ Support PVES!