

# Osprey News

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Through STEM



October 16, 2015

Dear PVES Families,

This has been a week to remember! It started off with a blast with our 5<sup>th</sup> grade **Catalina trip!** The weather was warm, the water perfect, and our students did a great job at all of their labs.

While on the island our fifth graders participated in six different labs that covered sharks to plankton and had the opportunity to snorkel, including a **night snorkel!** They were greeted by a bison in the middle of camp as they disembarked and saw deer walking through the camp at all hours. It was a wonderful experience and one that I hope will become a fifth grade tradition.



A very special thank you to our four **parent chaperones:** Mrs. Brooks, Ms. Baker, Mr. Licht, and Mr.

Huber. They made the trip a great success and their hard work is greatly appreciated by Mr. Whiteman and myself. Thank you!



Next came **The Great Shake Out** and all went smoothly. The purpose of the drill is to help us be better prepared in case of a major earthquake. Last year we found a few glitches that we fixed this year and this year we found a few new ones to tighten up. Thanks to the parents who



came to help us practice the request and reunion gate procedures and to Johnny Hartman, chairperson of the safety committee, for observing the drill and giving feed back. PVES is better prepared thanks to your participation.



The week ended with the ever-popular **Boo Fest**. What a great turn out! It seemed the entire neighborhood came for the fun. All the booths looked great, everyone enjoyed the activities, and once again, the Haunted House was a huge hit.

There are so many people to be thanked for making this event a great success, there is no way to mention them all. Please know that the countless volunteer hours you put into making the Boo Fest possible is very much appreciated by the entire learning community!

This Tuesday there will be another set of **Parent Meetings** about the possibility of a neighborhood middle school. Parents from every grade level are welcome to attend. One meeting is right after drop off at 8:20 and an evening meeting is set for 6:30. I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

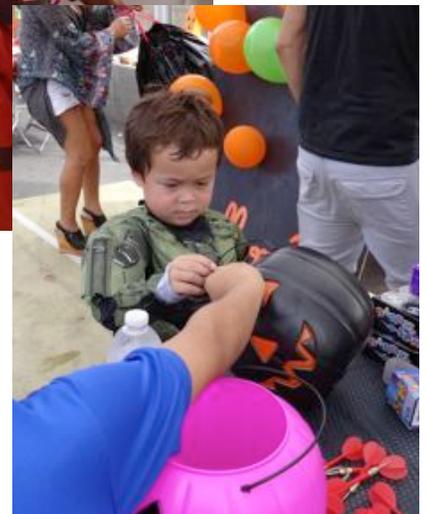
Included in this newsletter is a flyer about a community meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a meeting put together by the **Neighborhood Council** of Westchester, Playa del Rey and Playa Vista and is meant to discuss a wide range of topics.

Our **Halloween Parade** will take place on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. Students should come dressed in their costumes and change into their school clothes after the parade. Costumes worn at school may not have any fake weapons or accessories. Masks may be worn during the parade only. Thanks for following these two simple rules.

Have a great rest of the weekend and I'll see you all on Monday morning!

With warm regards,

Mrs. Johnson  
Principal



## CALENDAR

**Saturday, Oct. 17th**  
**Boo Fest!**  
**11:30 - 3:00**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, October 30th**  
Halloween Parade  
8:30 PVES Playground

**Wednesday, Nov. 4th**  
FPV Meeting 8:30  
PVES Library

Neighborhood Council of Westchester, Playa del Rey, & Playa Vista presents

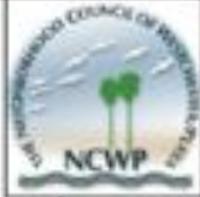
## Westside Public Education Community Meeting

featuring

Elected Officials and Education Representatives

### When?

Monday,  
October  
26, 2015  
6:30-  
8pm



Confirmed:

LAUSD School Board  
President Steven Zimmer



Invited officials (not yet confirmed) include:

- Senator Benjamin Allen – District 26
- City Councilmember Mike Bonin – District 11
- CA Assemblymember Autumn Burke - 62nd District
- Cheryl Hildreth – Instructional Area Superintendent for LAUSD Educational Service Center – West
- LAUSD Chief Deputy Superintendent Michelle King
- Dr. Magaly Lavandez - LMU's Center for Equity for English Learners
- LAUSD School Board Member Dr. George McKenna - District 1
- CA Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell, Chair of the Assembly Education Committee

### Where?

Wright  
Middle  
School  
STEAM  
Magnet  
auditorium  
6550 W.  
80th Street,  
Westchester  
90045

**Purpose:** A free community-wide evening with our governing leaders to speak with us about their plans and vision for strengthening our local publicly-funded schools. This will be a moderated panel with Q&A.

**Who Should Attend?** Parents with and without children in public schools and other concerned stakeholders (residents, realtors, business owners) to rally to assist our elected and governing officials in improving our local publicly-funded schools.

**Communities:** Westchester, Playa del Rey, Playa Vista, Del Rey, Mar Vista, Venice

*Interested in school change? This is the place to start. Bring a friend.*

Email your questions for the panelists to: [WestsidePublicEdOct26@gmail.com](mailto:WestsidePublicEdOct26@gmail.com)

For more information, go to: [www.NCWPdR.org/Education](http://www.NCWPdR.org/Education)