It's Asian Pacific Heritage Month!

Playa Vista Elementary's OSPREY NEWS

High Achievement For All Through Stem

Mon, May 15th	**Wed., May 17th**	**Thurs., May 18th**	**Fri., May 19th**	***Upcoming Events***
April Perfect Attendance Assemblies 8:15 in classrooms	Present TK Family Meeting to discuss Transition to Kindergarten 8:30 PVES Library	PVES Annual Talent Show 4:00 & 6:30 MPR	**Pajama Day** Chinese Acrobat Assembly 1-1:30pm Grades K - 2 1:45-2:30pm Grades 3 - 6	*5/23 Volunteer Breakfast* *5/26 ELAC* *5/29 Memorial Day-No School* *6/1 FPVS Annual Meeting*

Dear Playa Vista Family,

Happy Mother's Day! Thank you to every grandmother, aunt, guardian, foster mom, mother, and more for all that you do every day. Thank you for checking to make sure that homework is complete, signing the permission slip for the upcoming field trip and for having one of countless conversations about how to be a learner and productive citizen in the classroom and at school. In short, thank you for supporting your child/children's education and PVES. For those of you able to give of your time on a field trip, special event, or in the classroom, thank you. PVES is the outstanding school that it is because of your involvement from the home to the classroom. Thank you!

The Taste of Playa Vista was fun. It was great to see so many teachers and parents out celebrating together. Thanks to David Brown for being the auctioneer and thanks to Marianna and her crew of helpers for putting together a delightful evening. Well done one and all! Same time next year?

We have four short weeks remaining in the school year and attendance is just as important now as it was at the beginning of the year! This is when teachers are able to enhance the year with experiences that strengthen their class and the school community. Your child/children participate in activities that celebrate their year of learning and builds friendships. Please make every effort to have your child at school each day. Your child thanks you and so do I!

Congratulations to Tim Whiteman, Dan Lim, and Miguel Salcedo on earning their Master's Degree from LMU this school year. Early congratulations to Ms. Horton for earning her Master's Degree from UCLA (go Bruins!) this year as well. We have a highly-qualified staff that continually look for ways to improve in their craft and I'm proud of each and every one of them. Again, congratulations to you all!

TK families that have attended either Loyola Village or Playa del Rey are invited to attend an informational meeting this Wednesday. During the meeting, we'll discuss activities to help your child transition to PVES, kindergarten class placements, and there will be a time for a Q & A.

Enjoy Kelly's Corner!

With warm regards,

Rebecca Johnson
Principal

Monday Morning Assembly Schedule

Monday, May 15th
Perfect Attendance for April in Classrooms

Monday, May 22nd
Student Recognition Assembly in Classrooms

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day
No School

Monday, June 5th
All School Assembly on Basketball Courts

Parents are invited to join their children in their classrooms to participate in the Perfect Attendance or Recognition Assemblies in classrooms

TK to Kindergarten Transition Meeting

May 17, 2017
8:30 A.M.
PVES Library

Be sure to mark your calendars!

This is a special meeting for those families who attended TK on the Loyola Village Campus.

Come and learn about transitions activities, class placements and ask any and all questions you may have.

Hello PVES Families,

And just like that, May is here! It is a busy time of year, with so many things happening before the end of school, but nonetheless, our students have still experienced some great STEM learning activities these past few weeks. Here is a recap of what PVES teachers and their students have been up to.

Kindergarten: Our kindergarteners have been engaging in discussions, reading books about, and talking, talking, talking about plants and animals and their adaptations. Students know so much about animals and they LOVE talking about them! Students spent time discovering what plants and animals need in order to survive and comparing/contrasting the two to see if their needs were similar or different. They took a discovery walk around PVES looking at plants to see if their needs were being met and they explored the animals in the Science Lab to see if their needs were being met. Next up, students will look at the habitats to which plants and animals live and discover how plants and animals can change the environment to meet their needs.

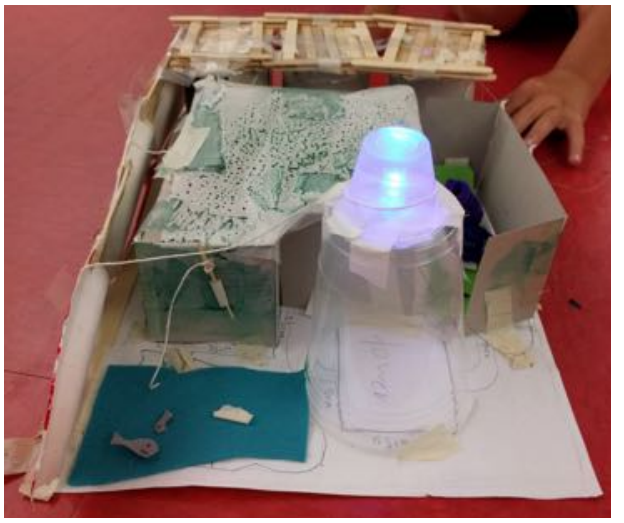
1st Grade: Our first graders have recently started their new unit on the patterns we can observe in the sky, relating specifically to the sun, moon, and stars. They first looked at the sun and how it appears to move across the sky each day, when in actuality, it is the Earth that is rotating! They made discoveries both outside with their own shadows and inside with "gnome" shadows that show how the length of shadows changes throughout the day. If they have not done so already, they will start tracking the phases of the moon and see if they can determine patterns about the shape of the moon throughout the month. Next up, students will observe the sky during the day and night in order to determine at which time they would see the most starts. Look out, we have some budding astronomers emerging from this unit!

2nd Grade: Our second graders have been learning about the needs of plants. They even spent time learning about specific types of plants and their specific needs. Then, they planted these plants in the garden at PVES so they can care for them properly. They have started to discuss pollination and seed dispersal. They have been learning about the many ways that plants can get their seeds transported

from one place to another. It help understand this better, they took a field trip to the Natural History Museum, where they toured the butterfly pavilion, to see a very helpful pollinator.

3rd Grade: Our third graders have been continuing their exploration of weather. After tracking weather data from around the US for a few weeks, students were able to claim which type of weather a city could be categorized with. Now, they are learning about very long term weather patterns that constitute the climate of an area. From here, they will start to look at the types of weather-related disasters that occur and why some occur in certain climate zones, but not others. They also went on a field trip to the West Basin Municipal Water District for an educational tour on water, specifically to learn about our water drinking supply, the efforts being made to desalinate ocean water, and to check out the SEA Lab, which is a community aquarium. This information will be helpful as they learn more about drought and how we can prevent its effects.

4th Grade: Our fourth graders have been working hard on applying what they have learned about the external/internal structures that plants and animals have that help them survive, in addition to biomimicry, to an engineering design project. Their task: Design a zombie shelter that is well camouflaged, is built to withstand rain and wind, thus well-protected, and contains an aspect of bio-luminescence, meaning there is a tower with a LED that can be switched on and off if necessary. Students will also briefly explore how our senses send signals to our brains, which allows us to act with a reaction time test activity before they move on to learning about energy in the final weeks of school.



5th Grade: Our fifth graders have been learning all about chemistry in their final unit of the school year. They began with an exploration of matter and what matter is made up of. Then, they explored with the various states of matter and how matter can change from one state to another. Recently, they used digital scales to measure and graph the quantities of matter before and after either changing the state of matter or mixing matter in order to determine if matter is lost when it goes through a change. Next up, they will explore the many properties of matter and how its properties can determine how matter behaves.

6th Grade: Our sixth graders have been learning about weather. They started with the water cycle and have now started to explore more with the key parameters that cause weather to occur: wind, precipitation, temperature, humidity, and pressure. They spent a week exploring different stations that included a video, video worksheets, a hands-on activity to explore the concept more, and some discussion questions. Afterwards, they will determine which of these parameters are present in various types of weather.

Hopefully you have enjoyed reading this Kelly's Corner as much as I have enjoyed writing it. It has been a great pleasure watching the students engage and explore through the STEM lens. Our teachers and students here at PVES do such amazing work!

If you have any questions or need to reach me, please email me at kelly.keeler@lmu.edu. And to all the mothers out there, have an enjoyable Mother's Day Weekend!

Warmly,

Kelly Keeler

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Local District West

Parents of current 5th, 6th, and 8th grade students,

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ENROLLING YOUR CHILD IN

AP MATH CLASSES IN HIGH SCHOOL

please attend any of the informational sessions below to find out about the multiple math pathways to reach your goal.

Date	Time	School	Address
April 25, 2017	8:15 – 9:15 a.m.	Revere Charter MS (310) 917-4800	1450 Allenford Ave. LA CA 90049
May 2, 2017	8:30 -9 30 a.m.	Twain MS (310) 305-3100	2224 Walgrove Ave. LA CA 90066
May 2, 2017	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Emerson Community Charter MS (310) 234-3100	1650 Selby Ave. LA CA 90024
May 5, 2017	3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Audubon MS (323) 290-6300	4120 11th Ave. LA CA 90008
May 8, 2017	9:00 – 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Bancroft MS (323) 993-3400	929 N. Las Palmas Ave. LA CA 90038
May 10, 2017	8:15 – 9:15 a.m.	3rd Street Elementary (323) 939-8337	201 S. June St. LA CA 90004
May 10, 2017	4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Burroughs MS (323) 549-5000	600 S. McCadden Place, LA CA 90005
May 15, 2017	8:30 – 9:30 a.m..	Revere Charter MS (310) 917-4800	1450 Allenford Ave. LA CA 90049.
May 17, 2017	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Palms MS (310) 253-7600	10860 Woodbine St. LA CA 90034
May 19, 2017	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Harte Prep MS (323) 242-5400	9301 S. Hoover St. LA CA 90044
May 20, 2017	10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Audubon MS (323) 290-6300	4120 11th Ave. LA CA 90008