



Playa Vista Elementary's OSPREY NEWS



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Monday August 21st Book Fair Opens	Tuesday, August 22nd Book Fair Back to School for Kindergarten - 2nd Grade - Here's the schedule: 5:30 - 6:00 Vendors 6:00 - 6:30 General Parent Meeting 6:30 - 7:15 Meeting in Classroom	Wednesday, August 23rd Book Fair	Thursday, August 24th Book Fair Volunteer Training 8:20 MPR	Friday, August 25th Book Fair	Upcoming Events * Back to School Picnic 8/27 * Back to School 8/29 for 3rd - 5th 5:30 - 7:17 * No School Friday 9/1
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Dear Playa Vista Family,

I love the first day of school with all its excitement! Children and parents are eager to get the school year underway and teachers are anticipating another year full of learning, fun, and celebration. Our first day met all these expectations and more! It was great to see all of you and hear some of your summer adventures. Welcoming our new families was delightful.

Thank you to our new Friends of Playa Vista leadership, Trish and Marianna, for organizing the Welcome Back Breakfast and to Shelby and Marie for a great first room parent meeting. Welcome back to school everyone and here's to another wonderful year!

Monday is eclipse day! We have plans for every student to view the eclipse under the supervision of their teacher. I've included the letter and permission slip that was sent home and emailed to you all on Friday. A letter from Superintendent King is also included in this newsletter.

On Monday students are to be inside between 9:00 and 12:00. They will have recess in their classrooms and Kindergarten and first grade students will have lunch in the MPR. These are precautions to keep every student safe. Here's a link to a website that will have live feed of the event on Monday.

<https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/08/14/smarter-living/solar-eclipse-watch-time-location.html>

One of the most important events of the school year is coming, **Back to School Night**. The meeting on this Tuesday is for parents of Kindergarten through second grade students. Beginning at 5:30 you'll be able to visit booths from vendors that provide afterschool activities for our students. Then at 6:00 the parents' general meeting begins. You'll hear about a new playground program, Playworks, our safety goals for the year, and more.

After the general meeting, you'll go to your child's classroom. **This is the most important part of the evening.** You'll learn about the teacher's expectations for the year, how they manage homework, class assignments, communication with you, parent conferences, and so on. This is your opportunity to be informed and prepared to support your child throughout the school year. Please make every effort to attend.

STAR is providing day care during both Back to School nights. The cost is \$7 per child and is payable by CASH ONLY upon drop-off. Childcare includes a pizza dinner. Here are the links for you to sign up:

August 22nd (grades K-2): <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a4ad2da31-20171>

August 29th (grades 3-5): <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444a4ad2da31-20172>

Monday Morning Assembly Schedule

**Assemblies will
begin next week!**



At the end of last school year, I sent out a **Reading Log** to everyone asking that students read daily. Part of the program was for students to turn in the log at the beginning of the school year and a drawing would be held for gift certificates to Barnes and Noble. The drawing will take place on Monday, August 28th. Be sure to have your child(ren) turn in their logs by this Friday, thanks!

Spirit Day is coming! This Friday, and every 3rd Friday of the month thereafter, will be Spirit Day. I'm asking everyone to wear their school t-shirt and see which classroom has the most students wearing their shirts. They'll be awarded the Spirit Day Award for that week. My hope is that we have several classrooms with every student wearing the Spirit Wear! Be sure to show your Osprey pride on Friday!

Be sure to check out the information about PVES Back to School Picnic that follows the newsletter. PVES is a very special school and I'm grateful that you are all a part of it!

With the warmest regards,

Rebecca Johnson
Principal

PVES Back to School Picnic

Sunday August 27th, 2017 4-7pm

Parents, students, teachers, staff and partners, let's celebrate the start of a new school year as a community! Don't miss this fun school-wide event taking place on our PVES campus.

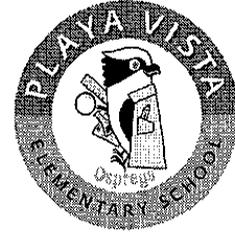
We'll celebrate together with the In-N-Out truck, Artsy Kids, Plum Print, Music, and a ton of outdoor games.

In-N-Out meals are available for purchase in advance. You can choose from a Hamburger Meal, Cheeseburger Meal, or a Grilled Cheese Meal (ALL meals include a drink and chips).

Purchase In-N-Out early as meal quantities are limited.

Purchase In-N-Out Meals HERE: <http://playavistaschool.com/support-pves/osprey-store/>





Dear Parents,

On Monday, August 21st, there will be an eclipse of the sun. Our teachers participated in a professional development that was provided by NASA before school began and have activities they will be doing in the classroom. NASA also provided us with approved viewing glasses, one for every student in the school!

As a STEM school, this is an opportunity to provide a real world application of the Next Generation Science Standards they have been learning, some of them, for the last three years.

We are hoping that it will be clear Monday morning so that our students may view this event while at school. I'll be sending out information with the first newsletter this weekend about watching the eclipse safely.

Attached you will find a permission slip for viewing the eclipse. Please complete it and return it to your child's teacher by Monday morning.

Thank you,

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Johnson

Principal

PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S PERMISSION FOR VIEWING THE SOLAR ECLIPSE



To the Principal of Playa Vista Elementary School

_____ has my permission to participate in the viewing of the solar eclipse on Monday, August 21st.

I understand that every child has a pair of NASA approved viewing glasses that have been given to the school and will receive instructions to leave their glasses on for the entire time they are outside. I also understand that my child is responsible for wearing the glasses during the eclipse and I have discussed these directions with them at home.

Yes, My child _____ has my permission to view the eclipse.

No, My child _____ may not participate in the activity.

Parent Name

Parent Signature

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Superintendent of Schools

August 18, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian:

On Monday, August 21, 2017, for the first time since 1918, a solar eclipse will be visible on a path across the United States. In Los Angeles, we will experience a partial eclipse from approximately 9:00 a.m. until noon.

Schools are being directed to take precautionary steps and modify their schedules as needed to ensure student safety during this special event. Please be aware that looking directly at the sun is unsafe and can cause permanent eye damage or other unknown effects. The only way to look safely at the sun – uneclipsed or partially eclipsed – is through special-purpose solar filters, such as “eclipse eyewear.” According to NASA, homemade filters or ordinary sunglasses, even those with very dark lenses, are not safe for looking at the sun. We also encourage you to speak with your child about the risks of looking directly at the sun.

The solar eclipse provides a rare, educational opportunity, and we are providing instructional resources so that students can safely experience the solar eclipse at their school. Some schools have planned outdoor viewing events where students and staff will utilize special eyewear that meets NASA-approved specifications. Participation in these events will require a signed permission slip.

If you have questions regarding the solar eclipse, please call our Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199. If you have questions regarding planned activities at your child’s school, please contact the school directly.

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend.

Your Superintendent,


Michelle King, Ed.D.