



Playa Vista Elementary's

OSPREY NEWS

High Achievement For All Through Stem



Monday, January 15th <i>Martin Luther King Holiday No School</i>	Tuesday, Jan. 16th School Tour 9:00 NPR	Wednesday Jan. 17th	Thursday, Jan. 18th FPVS and Room Parent Meeting 8:20 School Library	Friday, Jan. 19th	Upcoming Events <i>1/22 Armchair Auction Begins</i> <i>Student recognition</i> <i>1/23 Volunteer Training</i> <i>1/26 Spirit Day</i>
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Dear Playa Vista Family,

Thank you so much to the families that were able to come out for a Campus Clean-up Day on Saturday. The mighty group cleaned garden beds, organized the kindergarten yard, wash windows, scrubbed lunch tables, and much more! Thank you for your support with our campus.

Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year begins in just a few short weeks! As our community expands, priorities have been set for the enrollment of new students at PVES. The first priority group is for those children who are **siblings** of students already attending PVES and who are residents of Playa Vista or are attending as part of our LMU partnership permits. If you are a family that attends on a permit other than LMU and have an incoming student for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact me.

Our **TK students** are set to attend school on our campus as space permits. This year we have three classrooms that are being used as an art room, music room, and a science supply room. Each one of these rooms can easily become a classroom. Once we begin to receive enrollment for the coming year and have a clearer idea of our numbers for 2018-2019, the need to convert on of these rooms, along with the decision as to the exact location for our TK students, will be made. Please know that the same enrollment priorities and timeline applies to TK students.

You may come by the office beginning **Monday, February 5th** to pick up an enrollment packet. It is our goal to have all siblings for every grade enrolled by the end of February. Enrollment for students of **new families begins Monday, February 29th**. There are three **school tours** being offered this year for our new families. This Tuesday, January 16th, is our first tour followed by a tour on January 30th and February 13th. All tours begin at 9:00 in the MPR. Please let your neighbors know about our tours and encourage them to enroll beginning February 29th.

Did you know that there is **a direct correlation between attendance and school achievement**? This is why the teachers and I encourage students to attend school every day! Below there is a message from Mr. Hudson, our Pupil Services and Attendance Counselor, letting you know the LAUSD attendance goals for each student. Also, following the newsletter, is a flyer and calendar from Superintendent Hildreth to help you keep track of your child's attendance. Attendance matters!

Finally, our **lost and found** already has several jackets, sweatshirts, and sweaters! When the weather is cold in the morning and warms up as the day goes along, children misplace their belongings. Please remind your child/children to check the lost and found or take a look when you drop off or pick up your students. Thanks!

Enjoy the Monday holiday and I'll see you Tuesday morning!

With the warmest of regards,

Rebecca Johnson
Principal



Dear Playa Vista Parents,

LAUSD student attendance goal: 75+% of students to be present 96+% for the 2017-18 school year (180 days). This means we want most of our students missing no more than 7 days of school. December 8th was the 75th day of school, so if your child missed 0-3 days, they were on target to achieve our attendance goal. We have some work to do at Playa Vista, because we are under the target: 66.8% of our students have 96+% attendance.

Attendance Tips:

- ☑ Mark your calendars, so you know the school schedule – avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- ☑ Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- ☑ Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up – call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- ☑ Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
- ☑ If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to their teacher, Mrs. Johnson, or other parents for advice on how to make him or her feel comfortable and excited about learning.

Fundraiser: attendance is the big one. Every student every day counts. Reducing unnecessary absences is a great way to support our school and to support your child's education. Absences this semester at Playa Vista will translate to well over \$120,000 in lost revenue.

Reminders: If your child is absent, please write a note to give to their teacher and include the following: 1) child's name, 2) date(s) of absence, 3) reason for absence, 4) your signature. If you see a healthcare provider during school hours, be sure to ask for a "Return to School Note".

Thank you,

Michael Hudson, LCSW

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School success starts
with attendance



Reaching New Heights



December 13, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

All schools will be closed for winter break between December 18, 2017, and January 5, 2018. We urge every student to be present at school through Friday, December 15, and to plan to return back to school on Monday, January 8.

Student attendance on these days is just as critical as attendance throughout the school year. Every day a student is absent results in a missed opportunity for learning, as well as a loss of resources for students, schools, and classrooms.

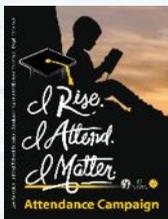
The District is launching a campaign – called **I Rise. I Attend. I Matter.** – to raise awareness about the importance of daily attendance. (See information below).

The District's goal is for students to have no more than 7 absences throughout the year. This means having no more than 1 absence per 25 days of instruction. Please see the chart on this page, and the calendar on the back, to help track your student's absences and meet this goal.

In addition, we have included tips in this letter to help your student stay healthy and academically prepared during the winter months.

Thank you, again, for your continued partnership in helping ensure that all students achieve their fullest potential. Have a wonderful winter break and holiday season!

Vivian Ekchian, Acting Superintendent



To learn more about the **I Rise. I Attend. I Matter.** Attendance Campaign, please visit achieve.lausd.net/pupilservices or call Pupil Services at (213) 241-3844.



PARENTS MATTER!

-  **Let's promote a healthy lifestyle** by eating balanced meals, having breakfast daily, dressing warmly and washing hands frequently.
-  **Let's talk to our students regularly** about their plans for the future and the importance of their education.
-  **Let's plan for the weather:** Ensure your child comes to school, even on rainy days.
-  **Let's partner together:** Schools and parents are partners. Stay connected with your child's teachers and school staff.
-  **Let's celebrate successes:** Encourage your child to attend daily, using the calendar on the back of this letter to track and celebrate her or his progress.
-  **Let's stay connected:** Stay informed on your child's progress using the Parent Access Support System Portal (PASSport): passport.lausd.net

We are a team!

LAUSD GOAL = 7 OR FEWER ABSENCES ALL YEAR

This means having **NO MORE THAN 1** absence per 25 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

- ✓ By **September 20**, no more than **1** absence!
- ✓ By **October 26**, no more than **2** absences!
- ✓ By **December 8**, no more than **3** absences!
- ✓ By **February 5**, no more than **4** absences!
- ✓ By **March 13**, no more than **5** absences!
- ✓ By **April 25**, no more than **6** absences!
- ✓ By **May 31**, no more than **7** absences!



LAUSD GOAL: 7 or FEWER ABSENCES ALL YEAR LONG



I Rise. I Attend. I Matter.

Count your child's absences between August 15th and December 15th and write it in the box.
This will help you obtain a true total of your child's absences this school year.

Absences
Aug. 15th - Dec. 15th

Mark an "X" for full day absences.

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Number of absences this month:						

Place this calendar in a visible area to monitor attendance.
For more information, visit the Pupil Services website: achieve.lausd.net/pupilservices

NO MORE THAN 1 absence per 25 DAYS OF INSTRUCTION	Not an Instructional Day (SCHOOL HOLIDAY)
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