



# Playa Vista Elementary's

## OSPREY NEWS



### High Achievement For All Through Stem

<b>Monday, Jan. 29th</b>	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 30th</b> School Tour 9:00 MPR	<b>Wednesday Jan. 31st</b>	<b>Thursday, Feb. 1st</b> PVEAB 3:00 Room 7	<b>Friday, February 2nd</b> First Group of Fourth Grade Students Go to Clear Creek	<b>Upcoming Events</b> <i>2/5 Armchair Auction Bids Due</i> <i>2/6 Parent Workshop A-G</i> <i>2/9 Safety Committee and the 2nd group of Fourth Grade Students Go to Clear Creek</i>
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Dear Playa Vista Family,

Our **Week of Kindness** was a great way to highlight the importance of friendship and the appreciation of others. Several students came up to me during the ween and said thank you for being their principal! In Ms. Baird's first grade class they read the book "The Rainbow Fish" and then discussed qualities that make a kind friend. In the picture to your right, the scales on the fish have the words the students came up with! Next year we plan to expand the time we spend on kindness and celebrate by have some school wide activities.



We also had a **visit from Google** this week and students had the opportunity to experience Augmented Reality, their new classroom software. Students were able to get up close to animals, watch a hurricane, and much more. A few pictures are included.



During the months of **February and March, you'll have the opportunity to learn about** the connection between elementary school and high school success, common core math, state testing, and more. So, have your calendars at the ready as you read the next few paragraphs. Here we go!

We begin our journey on **February 6<sup>th</sup>** with the connection between elementary school and the requirements for high school graduation, better known as the **A through G requirements**. You'll learn which subjects are contained within the A-G classes and how to help prepare your child now for success in high school.

Next, I'll conduct a couple of workshops on **Common Core Math**. The workshops will take a look at the common core standards and the direction math instruction is heading here at PVES. We'll also discuss how you can support your child at home. The **first workshop focuses on K-2 math** and is set for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. The **second workshop takes a close look at fractions** and is set for March 1<sup>st</sup>.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about the **state test** that 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to take, the California Assessment of Students Performance and Progress or **CAASPP**. The workshop covers the testing format, how to support your child both before and during testing, and much more.

There are two more gatherings that are still in the works. Mrs. Keller, our curriculum developer, will lead a **workshop on our integrated curriculum**. This is the type of curriculum our teachers have been creating over the last few years and is an instructional hallmark of PVES. The other meeting is a **get together with Kyle Hunsberger**, the Middle School Pathway principal. I'll be able to send these dates to you on Wednesday so you can be complete your calendars!

The next two months promise to be busy and informative! All the workshops begin at 8:20 and will be held in the PVES library. I hope you take advantage of some of these opportunities.

Speaking of the **New Middle School Pathway**, it is housed on the Westchester High School's campus and continues the program your students have participated in here at PVES. The Pathway is a partnership school with LMU, is hiring a curriculum developer, (Keely Keller's counterpart for middle school) and our students have priority enrollment. The other Westchester elementary schools are also feeder schools for the Middle School Pathway.

This Tuesday, the **entire middle school faculty will be joining us** during our professional development time to gain a better understanding of our integrated curriculum and to connect with the upper grade teachers. We are all looking forward to their visit!

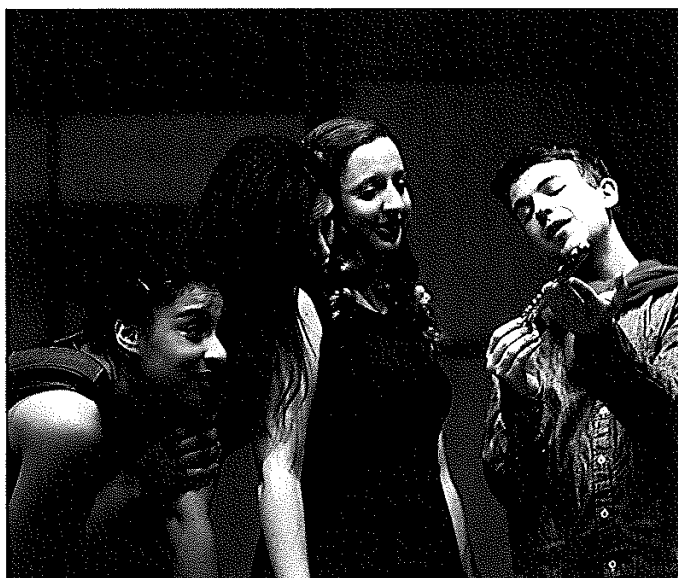
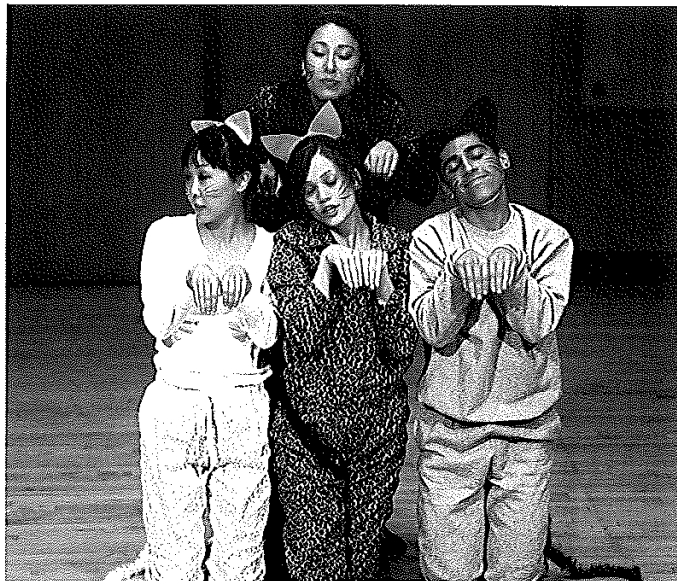
Enjoy the rest of your weekend.

With the warmest of regards,

Rebecca Johnson, Principal

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#### TWO PERFORMANCES

**Sunday, January 28, 2018**  
**1:00 pm and 3:00 pm**

Loyola Marymount University  
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#### FEATURING

The Sinatra Opera Workshop  
Los Angeles Contemporary Dance Company  
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