



# Playa Vista Elementary's

## OSPREY NEWS

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<i>Monday, December 18th to January 6th Winter Break Enjoy!</i>	<b>Monday, January 8th</b> <i>Welcome Back to School!</i>	<b>Tuesday, Jan. 9th</b>	<b>Wednesday Jan. 10th</b>	<b>Thursday, Jan. 11th</b> PVEAB 3:00 - Rm 13	<b>Friday, Jan. 12th</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b> 1/15 - No School MLK Holiday 1/16 - School Tour 1/18 - FPVS & Room Parent Meeting 1/22 Armchair Auction Begins
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Dear Playa Vista Family,

**The holiday concert** was a great way to end the year and send us all off to enjoy time with family and friends! Thank you to Mr. Weisbart for organizing the concert. Thank you to all of our amazing teachers and Mrs. Patillo for working with our children to have them performance ready. The songs, choreography, and props, were all chosen, designed, and prepared by teachers. We have a staff that works so very hard to make our school special! Thank you to each and everyone who was involved in our winter concert.

Max, our fifth grade student who brought the donation project to us, had a great response to his call to support the fire victims. **Many of you dropped off blankets, clothes, shoes, food, water, and more.** On Friday Max shared with me that the back of his dad's car was so full of donations that they didn't have much room for passengers! All of your donations have been given to the Red Cross. Thank you for supporting the fire victims and Max!

Now for some exciting news. **Playa Vista Elementary has been selected to be a part of the STEM pilot program for LAUSD!** The purpose of the pilot is to set the criteria for the entire district as to what elements a school must have in place to be considered a STEM elementary school. There are only 15 elementary schools district wide who will be part of this pilot program.

We have become the LMU demonstration school for STEM education. Now this is our opportunity to become the STEM demonstration elementary school for LAUSD. That's exciting and something our teachers have been working towards. The pilot program begins in January and I'll update you as we go through the process.

**Thank you** from the bottom of my heart for your many hugs, well wishes, holiday cards, and gifts this past week! You have made my holiday a special one already.

I'm off to see my oldest daughter in San Francisco for a few days. Then my youngest, who graduated from Oxford this past May, is coming in from Maryland where she is hard at work on her PhD in applied linguistics. Yes, I am a proud mom! Please take every opportunity over the next three weeks to spend time with your children, they grow up fast!

Enjoy the Winter Break

With the warmest of regards,

Rebecca Johnson  
Principal

