



Playa Vista Elementary's

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Monday, April 16th	Tuesday, April 17th	Wednesday, April 18th Kindergarten to Botanical Gardens 2nd Grade to Natural History Museum	Thursday, April 19th	Friday, April 20th - Spirit Day! <u>Let's have a great showing of Osprey Pride. Be sure to wear your school T-Shirt!</u> Fifth Grade Parent Meeting 8:20 PVES Library	Upcoming Events: <i>4/26 After School Orchestra Concert</i>
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Dear Playa Vista Family,

Each year the LAX Chamber of Commerce Education Committee celebrates outstanding teachers in our neighborhood schools. The PVES teachers we are honoring this year is Mrs. Natam Laurent! Mrs. Laurent is a caring, effective teacher that does an outstanding job with our youngest learners. She has been influential as we have created our curriculum, has taught LMU pre-service teachers in the course she helped design, and works with and supports our English Language Learner program here at PVES. Mrs. Laurent is a valuable member of our PVES team!

Included in this newsletter is information about the Eddy Award Dinner celebration. I hope many of you decide to join us to honor this outstanding teacher!

Now let's turn our attention to a serious matter, safety drills. There are three main disaster drills that LAUSD requires to be part of any Safe School Plan: earthquake, lockdown, and shelter in place. Our Safe School Plan includes these three as well as two additional drills, evacuation and now active shooter. We practiced our evacuation drill at the beginning of the year and now it's time to have an active shooter drill.

I'd like to begin by reviewing the procedures for a lock down. A lock down occurs when there is a danger on campus or in the surrounding area that puts our students at risk. The decision to lock down a school is made by the administrator (me) or by law enforcement.

Here are the steps to the drill:

1. An announcement is made stating that all classes will remain inside
2. If students are outside they will go into the MPR and take cover on stage behind the curtain
3. When out on the Sport Park, the teacher will be contacted via walkie-talkie or text and instructed as to the safest place to secure students
4. All doors will be closed and locked, blinds will be lowered, and lights turned off
5. Cell phones are silenced but on so communication may take place via text
6. The school stays in lock down until an all clear announcement takes place by official sources in a lock down.

The difference between the lock down protocol and an active shooter protocol is how it begins. In an active shooter incident, an announcement may not be possible. Teacher's would initiate the protocol if they heard gun shots (an incredibly scary thought) or upon receipt of a text. During the active shooter training we were instructed not to make announcements as it would let the person know where people are located. The next steps would be the same as in a lock down.

We now have a complete staff text/phone tree and that would be used during such an emergency. You will also note that the doors on campus are locked and propped open in one of three ways: door stop, magnet placed in the door frame, or a safety door stopper. All three of these methods allow teachers to close their door securing students inside.

A drill is planned for Thursday to practice these protocols. While an announcement will be made, teachers are not aware of the time in order to make it as real as possible. Here's what the announcement will say "Attention! Please secure the

campus and lockdown all classrooms." If you are on campus at the time, I ask that you take the drill seriously and participate by following the directions of the staff.

During any of the above-mentioned emergencies, parents would not be allowed on campus or able to pick up their children until the all clear has been given. I have the ability to email all of you, as you know, and would use this means of communication to keep you as informed as possible.

This is a very un-settling subject to have to discuss. It is, however, important that we all know what the plan is in the event of an emergency. I welcome your questions and suggestions as clarification and review will make our plan stronger.

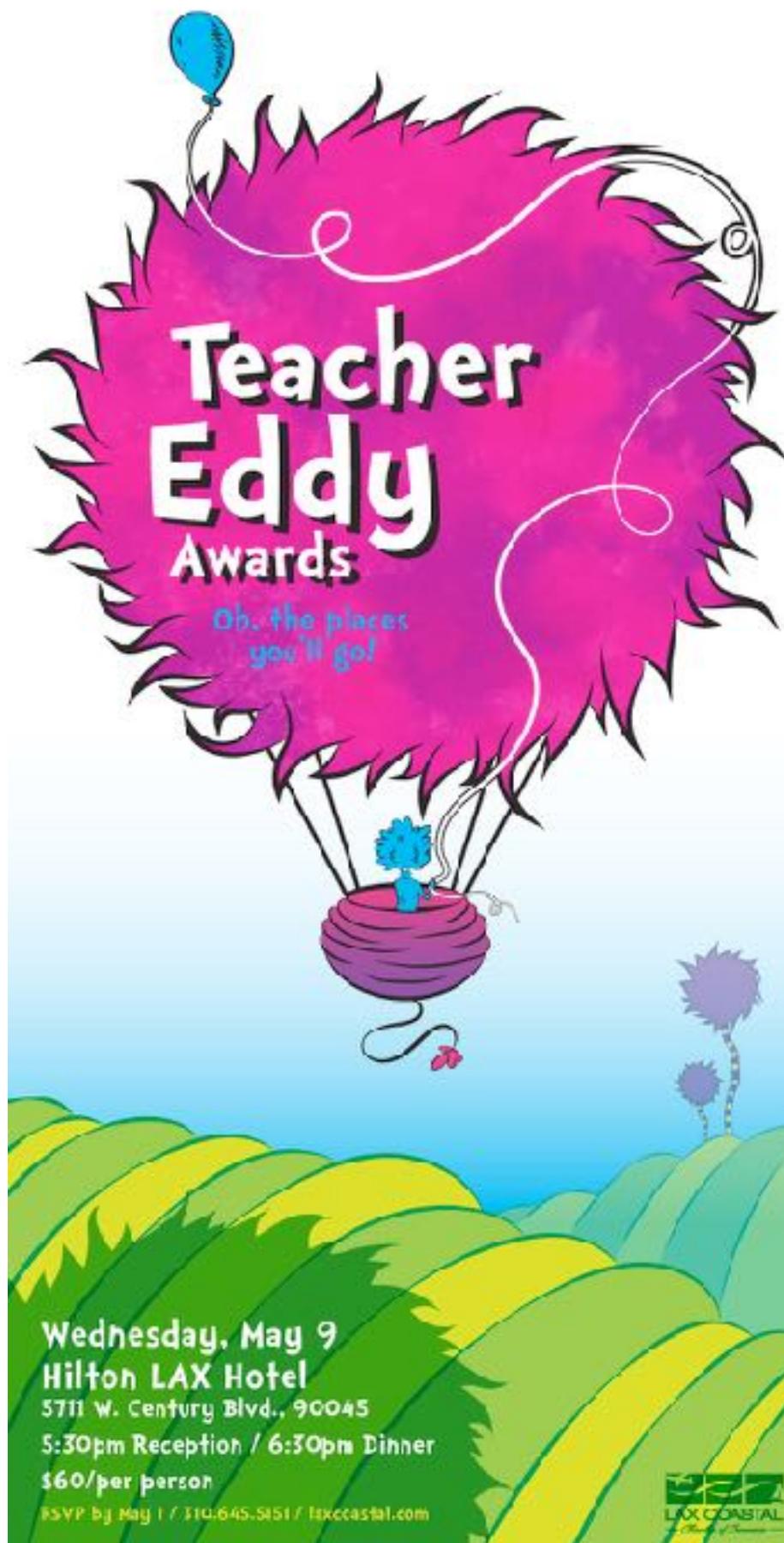
Everyone at PVES cares about the safety of your children and are honored that you entrust us with that responsibility on a daily basis.

I will see you all on Monday. Oh, by the way, our attendance was even better this week, thanks!

With the warmest of regards,

Rebecca Johnson,

Principal



STAR ECO STATION'S AMAZING 18TH ANNUAL

Children's Earth Day

"BEST FAMILY FESTIVAL" "THE EARTH DAY PICK" —Los Angeles Times
 —Best of LA, LA Parent Magazine



Environmental Superheroes!

EVENT ADMISSION IS FREE! • FUN FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!
 AN OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA • ECO-FRIENDLY GAMES & RIDES
 TODDLER TOWN • EXOTIC WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS
 DISCOUNTED TOURS OF THE STAR ECO STATION

This is a palm oil-free and meat-free event!

All celebrity guests and activities are subject to change without notice.



**COSTUME CONTESTS!!!
 DRESS UP AS YOUR OWN ENVIRONMENTAL SUPERHERO!**



Sunday, April 22, 2018

10am-4pm • www.childreearthday.org



"BEST CHILDREN'S MUSEUM"

—Best of LA, LA Parent Magazine

STAR Eco Station

Non-Profit Environmental Science Museum & Exotic Wildlife Rescue Center

10101 Jefferson Blvd. Culver City, CA 90232

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

From **May 1-11, 2018** your child will be participating in the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) System.

CAASPP is an annual academic testing system that provides information on student progress to ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and/or career. CAASPP assessments include English–language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics for students in grades 3 – 5. Students in grade 5 also take a science test.

The tests include traditional multiple-choice questions as well as ones that require students to explain their answers and show their work. To learn more, you and your child can visit the California Department of Education Website at this web address <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ca/> and select the Parent and Student tab.

Following spring 2018 CAASPP testing, individual student CAASPP score reports will be available to parents. Student reports include an overall score and a description of the student’s achievement level for ELA and mathematics.

These test results aren’t meant to tell the whole story. The scores are one of several ways for you and your child’s teacher to see how your child is progressing in school. Report cards and teacher’s observations of your child’s performance in the classroom are also used to form a complete picture of your child’s achievement.

As the parent or guardian, you have the option of excusing your child(ren) from any part of the CAASPP. If you would like to excuse your child from any of the tests, you must submit your request in writing to the school [Education Code 60615.] **PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE EXEMPTING YOUR CHILD(REN), YOU MUST SPECIFICALLY INDICATE WHICH TESTS/SUBJECTS YOU ARE EXCUSING THEM FROM. THE SCHOOL CANNOT ACCEPT A LETTER THAT ATTEMPTS TO REQUEST EXEMPTION FROM “ALL TESTING”... THEY MUST BE INDICATED SPECIFICALLY.** Please let the school know as soon as possible so we can make alternative arrangements for your child(ren).

At **Playa Vista**, our goal is for all students to achieve their full potential. The CAASPP test results are one way we can better understand if we are meeting that goal. Thank you for all you do to partner with us in your child’s education. If you have any questions regarding CAASPP, please contact **Mr. Whiteman** at **(424) 228-1800** **AND/OR** twhiteman@pves.net.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Johnson".

Rebecca Johnson
Principal, Playa Vista Elementary School



The Art of Play

The Art of Play is a community engagement initiative coordinated by **Playworks**, a nonprofit that seeks to promote healthy play, healthy community, respect, and inclusion through play. Through multiple hands on demonstrations, The Art of Play will provide resources to South/East LA families that will help them incorporate art into their everyday lives. Workshops include making healthy snacks, book exchanges, and hands on art making. We hope to provide a space that shows the community that art can be incorporated into daily activities.

April 21, 2018
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
49th Street Elementary
750 E 49th St, Los Angeles, CA 90011



PLAYWORKS



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NAMASTE INDIA

The uniqueness of Los Angeles lies in its cultural diversity. In this truly multicultural environment, Culture Journeys aims to create a future generation that is interculturally competent.

This year, Culture Journeys is excited to introduce Namaste India! At this one-week camp, students will learn about India through creative play: Stories and theatre, art and crafts, Bollywood and folk dances, Yoga and meditation.

The organizers bring a distinctive flavor of instruction as they are both mothers and professors trained in South Asian culture. We guarantee that your children will be experientially engaged each minute as they learn about Indian culture, clothing, food, people, arts and stories.

Date: June 18-22, 2018

Venue: Playa Vista Elementary School, 13150 Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, CA, 90094

Hours: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Price: \$330

Age: 6-11 years

To book or for questions, contact: myculturejourneys@gmail.com



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BALLONA DISCOVERY NATURE CAMP



SPRING 2018

NATURE SKILLZ

March 26th-30th

SUMMER 2018

BORN TO BE WILD

June 18th-22nd AND July 9th-13th

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June 25th-29th AND July 16th-20th

One Week Sessions

Monday - Friday

9am-3pm

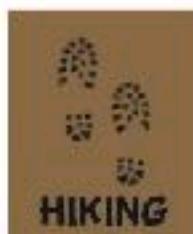
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