



Playa Vista Elementary's

OSPREY NEWS

High Achievement For All Through Stem



Monday, April 9th Student Recognition Assemblies 8:20 in Classrooms	Tuesday, April 10th	Wednesday, April 11th 1st Grade goes to the Theatre	Thursday, April 12th Spring Picture Day 5th Grade Panoramic Picture	Friday, April 13th 5th grade parent orientation for Point Fermin Overnight Trip 8:20 PVES Library	Upcoming Events: April 20th Spirit Day Everyone wears their School T-Shirts! Go Ospreys!
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Dear Playa Vista Family,

Gratitude is the word that comes to mind when I think about the **First Annual PVES Gala!** It is a privilege to be a part of a learning community comprised of parents and teachers willing to give of their time on a Saturday night to support their school. The FPVS board put so much time and effort into this event. One parent commented that it was so well organized and running so smoothly, it was hard to believe it was the first Gala!

PVES is a unique school whose students' benefit from your support in a myriad of ways. From technology to field trips to aides to P.E. to volunteer time and more, your children receive an enriched education through your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the auction, both online and live, and thank you to the many parents who were involved in the Gala, from the flowers on the table, the art work done by each class, the many auction items, and more. We are a community that came together last night, had a lot of fun, and supported PVES all at the same time! I am filled with gratitude.

We have a winner! Each year the **Manzanar Committee holds a Student Awards Program.** This year several of our students entered the visual arts contest and Emma, one of our kindergarten students, won 1st place! The Committee stated that her art "showed a great deal of thought and work." Congratulations Emma!

Our attendance is improving, thank you! Before spring break there was a definite pattern of high absenteeism on Monday that improved on Tuesday and Wednesday and then would go back up again at the end of the week. A real inverted bell curve! At one point, we had 62 students absent on a Monday, that's a very high number.

This past week our attendance improved. Please understand that my concern here is for your child's achievement in school. Many studies have shown that there is a relationship between attendance and achievement. Our mission is high achievement for all through STEM and this requires for students to be present in class each day. Many of our lessons are hands on and inquiry based. Students need to be in the class, under their teacher's guidance, in order to be successful. So, please, unless your child is ill, please have them present each day. Thanks!

In May, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress or CAASPP. Included in this newsletter is a **letter giving information about this assessment.** Please take a minute to read through the letter and if you have any questions, please let me know. A hard copy will be sent home on Monday.

Attention 5th grade parents! The fifth grade overnight trip this year is to Point Fermin in San Pedro. It will take place the first weekend in June, the 1st through the 3rd. This coming Friday, April 13th, at 8:20 in the PVES library, there will be an orientation meeting about the trip. I'll review everything you'll need to know to have your child ready to enjoy the special weekend and answer all of your questions. Please plan on joining me.

With the warmest of regards,

Rebecca Johnson,
Principal



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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

THIRD ANNUAL K-12 ENGINEERING DAY
AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

#I Look Like An Engineer

COME AND CELEBRATE THE WORLD OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
WITH STUDENTS JUST LIKE YOU!

SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018

2:30 - 6:30 PM

1 LMU DRIVE

LOS ANGELES, 90045

ST. ROBERT'S AUDITORIUM AND LAWN

Join us for a day of engineering
activities, speakers, snacks,
prizes, and photos

RSVP link:

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Questions? Email
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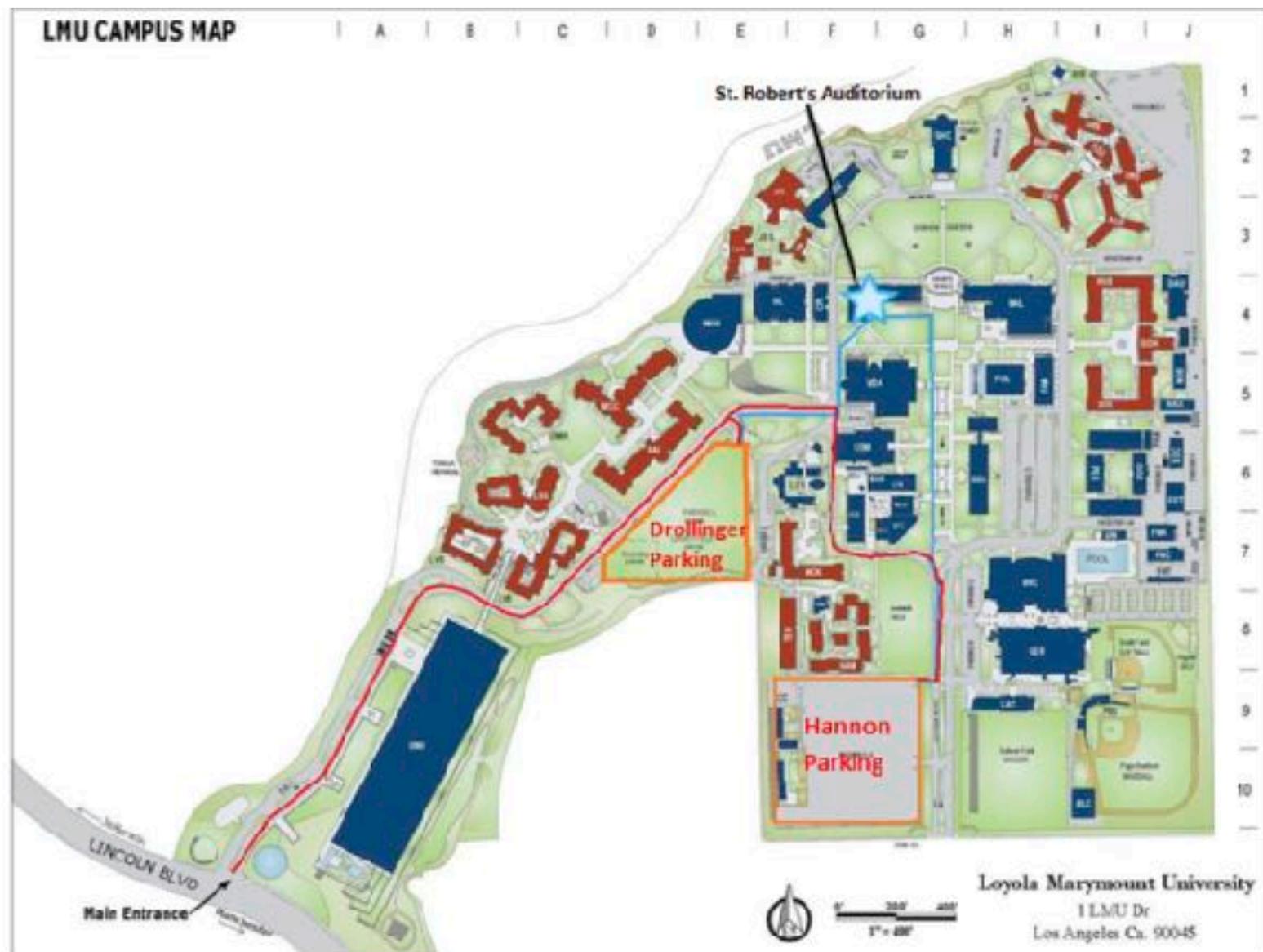
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- 1) Enter the Main Entrance from Lincoln Boulevard
- 2) Proceed along the red route to either Drollinger Parking Lot or Hannon Parking Lot (Parking is free). DO NOT park in any 30 minute green zones
- 3) Follow the light blue route, guided by balloons, directing you to St. Robert's Lawn and St. Robert's Auditorium (located directly across from the Von Der Ahe Admissions building)



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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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

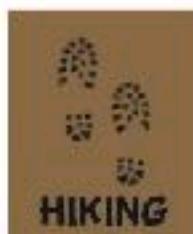
For Ages 8-11



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