

OSPREY NEWS



OUR MISSION IS HIGH ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH STEM

September is Annual Giving Month

Monday, Sept. 10th

Rosh Hashanah
No School

Tuesday, Sept. 11th

Wednesday, Sept. 12th

TK/K Chat With the Principal
8:20 PVES Library
Safely Ever After
Presentation for TK & K

Thursday, Sept. 13th

Safely Ever After
Presentation for 1st, 2nd
and 3rd grades

Friday, Sept. 14th

Safely Ever After
Presentation for 4th & 5th
Volunteer Orientation
2:15 PVES Library

Upcoming Events

▷ 9/17

Volunteer Orientation
8:20 PVES Library

▷ 9/19

Yom Kippur
No School

▷ 9/20

5th Grade Chat With the
Principal 8:20 PVES Library

▷ 9/21

Environmental Defenders
Assemblies

▷ 9/24 - 9/28

Natural History Mobile



Dear Playa Vista Family,

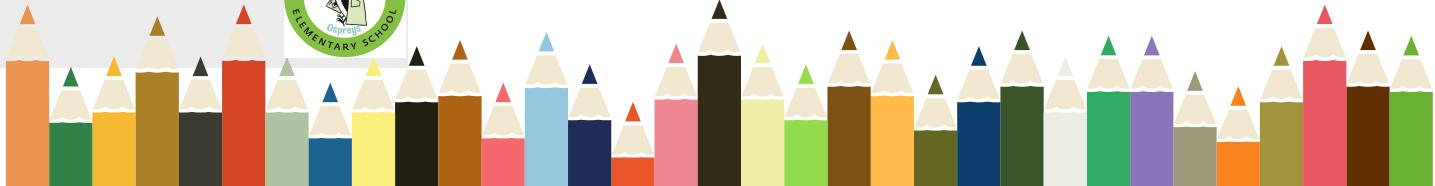
It's official! **PVES is an LAUSD STEM Certified School!**

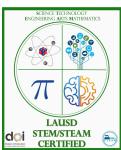
Included in the newsletter is the letter announcing that we qualified for STEM certification and the official STEM seal. We achieved this recognition through your support, the LMU partnership, the hard work of our dedicated teachers, and the professionalism of every staff member. I am so very fortunate to be a part of this unique learning community, thank you!

This past week the **Playa Vista Elementary Advisory Board** (PVEAB) met for the first time for the 2018-2019 school year. One of the roles of the Advisory Board is to review our vendors for special programs to ensure that your children are receiving the best program. Last year they reviewed P.E. and Dance, and this year we are looking at music. The PVEAB asks that anyone who would like to recommend a music program for TK and Kindergarten to please send the company's name to the PVEAB president Joe Ward at jjward31@yahoo.com. The PVEAB appreciates your support.

Chats With the Principal begin this week. We'll start with the parents of our TK and Kindergarten students. The Chats are open conversations between parents and myself. There is no set agenda so come ready with your questions and positive suggestions and we'll have a great discussion. We meet Wednesday at 8:20 in the PVES Library.

Safely Ever After is coming back to PVES. During their presentation, your child will learn tips on keeping





KIDZ POWER!"

> For grades K thru 3

A 50 minute, age-appropriate and non-fearful presentation, where children learn that they are the "boss" of their bodies and that their feelings are the most important.

Features include:

- » 10 Family Safety Rules
- » What to do if you get lost in a store (or public place)
- » An age-appropriate explanation of physical boundaries
- » Clarification of the "stranger danger" concept
- » How to Spot a "TRICKY PERSON"

PLAYING IT SAFE!"

> For grades 4 thru 7

An interactive and age-appropriate 50 minute program focusing on appropriate physical and relationship boundaries: how to define them and how to safeguard them. Children are also instructed on how to trust their instincts and make safe choices as they gain more independence.

Features include:

- » 12 Safe-Smart Rules for Kids
- » What is A Boundary, and why it's important
- » How To Spot a Tricky Person
- » Playing It Safe by making safe choices
- » Resisting Peer Pressure
- » 9 Internet Safe-Smart guidelines

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themselves safe from strangers and while on the internet, and help them understand that they are the ones in charge of their bodies. More information about Safely Ever After can be found in the sidebar of this newsletter and on their website. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

The **Natural History Mobile Museum** is coming to PVES September 24th – 28th. During the week, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will visit the museum trailer and have lessons with a Natural History Museum educator. On the Tuesday of that week, September 25th, there will be an Open House from 1:38 to 2:38. Parents may visit the mobile museum during this time. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Keely's Corner is back! The first edition for the school year follows the newsletter. Enjoy!

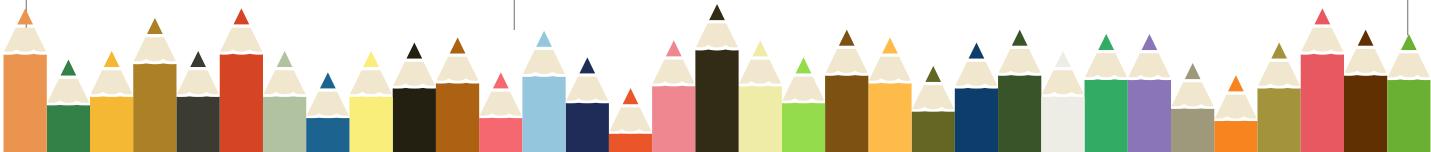
L'shanah tovah to the Jewish members of our learning community.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

With the warmest of regards,

Mrs. Johnson

Principal





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Dear Playa Vista Families,

Welcome to the start of an engaging, ambitious, STEM-filled school year. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Kelly Keeler and I am a STEM Curriculum Developer. I am a physical embodiment of the partnership between Loyola Marymount University and Playa Vista Elementary School. And if you can believe it, come January, I will have spent five years collaborating with the PVES teachers and faculty to plan, design, implement, and improve our STEM Integrated Curriculum! I bet you are wondering... "5 years?!? Are you done yet?" and to answer your question: We are working hard and getting closer to having a complete K-5 Integrated STEM Curriculum.

I apologize for missing you at Back to School Night. The daycare that my children, Emerson, Ronan, and Liam (pictured to the right) attend was closed for a week, which meant that Mommy and Daddy had to fill in all week!

I am excited for this 2018-2019 school year! We have an amazing team of teachers who spark curiosity through scientific questioning, who foster critically thinking skills through engineering design challenges, who engage in thoughtful, cognitively-guided instruction in math, and who aren't afraid to try out the limitless technology tools to increase engagement in their classrooms. Of course, with Mrs. Johnson at the helm, backed by the support of our RSP teacher, our amazing office staff, plant management staff, and our campus aides and volunteers, we are embarking on another amazing school year. Thank you for your continued support of this school and everything that makes it such a unique and inspiring place to be.



Once a month, I will be sending out a Kelly's Corner, which is my "all-things-STEM" newsletter, back by popular demand! In it, you will find updates about each grade level and the hands-on, STEM learning activities that they are experiencing in the classroom. If you have any questions specifically for me, I can be reached at kelly.keeler@lmu.edu or by calling (424) 228-1810. Also, feel free to drop by my office Tuesday-Thursdays.

I am looking forward to another incredible school year at Playa Vista Elementary School.

Thanks for recognizing the importance for STEM education and for letting me be a part of this amazing school community!

Warmly,

Kelly Keeler

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September 5, 2018

Dear Principal Rebecca Johnson,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate Playa Vista Elementary School for being certified by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education as a STEM/STEAM school. Your school was recognized for building a collaborative vision, establishing the culture, and providing the infrastructure to support a sound STEM/STEAM instructional program supported by the entire learning community. Through your school's application, STEM/STEAM portfolio review and validation visit, you have established your school as a model for other schools interested in STEM/STEAM certification. Your efforts exemplify our district's focus on 100% graduation.

Playa Vista Elementary School will be certified from the 2018 – 2019 school year through the end of 2021 – 2022 school year, with a review during the 2020 – 2021 school year.

In recognizing your pioneering effort, we celebrate you and are pleased to provide you with \$1,000 to honor and publicize with a mural/banner(s) to the entire community that Playa Vista Elementary School is a District certified STEM/STEAM school.

Mae Jemison said “Don't let anyone rob you of your imagination, your creativity, or your curiosity. It's your place in the world; it's your life. Go on and do all you can with it, and make it the life you want to live.” As a certified STEM/STEAM school, you are preparing our students to live the lives they want to live and I believe you have created an environment with opportunities and staff to help each child grow to their full potential.

Congratulations again on your success and thank you for your commitment to the children and families of LAUSD.

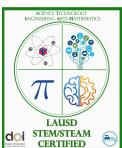
Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Dr. Frances Gipson.

Dr. Frances Gipson
Chief Academic Officer

A blue ink signature of Dr. Derrick Chau.

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CALLING ALL DANCERS!

ATTEND SO YOU THINK YOU
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MERRY 9/10/18

CLASSES RESUME 9/11/18

Merryland Dance Studio is looking for dedicated
dancers for its new Junior Dance Academy &
Competition Team.

JAZZ & HIP HOP FUSION MONDAY 3:30PM
(AGES 7+)

BALLET I & II
WEDNESDAY 4:30PM (AGES 7+)

LYRICAL/COMTEMPORARY
THURSDAY 3:30 PM (AGES 7+)



Open House

Come see what's happening inside the
Mobile Museum: An Archaeology Experience

The Archaeology Experience is a unique educational space that simulates an archaeological site in the Santa Monica Mountains. During the program students learn about Chumash peoples of the past and natural resources of Southern California. Designed for students in 3rd through 5th grade.



The Archaeology Experience is brought to you by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County with funding by The Max H. Gluck Foundation.

Important details:

- Staff, teachers and family are welcome!
- Maximum of five students per one adult at all times
- No food or drinks allowed on the Archaeology Experience

Open House Date and Time:

Date: Tuesday, September 25th

Time: 1:38 - 2:38

The Archaeology Experience is parked on your school campus