



# OSPREY NEWS

OUR MISSION IS HIGH ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH STEM

**Monday, Sept. 2nd**  
Labor Day - No School

**Tuesday, Sept. 3rd**

**Wednesday, Sept. 4th**  
Volunteer Orientation  
8:20 PVES Library & 2:15

**Thursday, Sept. 5th**  
Picture Day  
FPVS & Room Parent Meeting  
8:20 PVES Library

**Friday, Sept. 6th**  
Lockdown Drill

**Upcoming Events**

♦ **Wed, Sept. 11th**  
Master Plan Meeting  
for Parents of second  
language learners  
8:20 PVES Library

♦ **Thursday, Sept. 12th**  
Volunteer Orientation  
2:15 PVES Library

PVEAB Meeting  
3:00 Room 13



Dear Playa Vista Family,

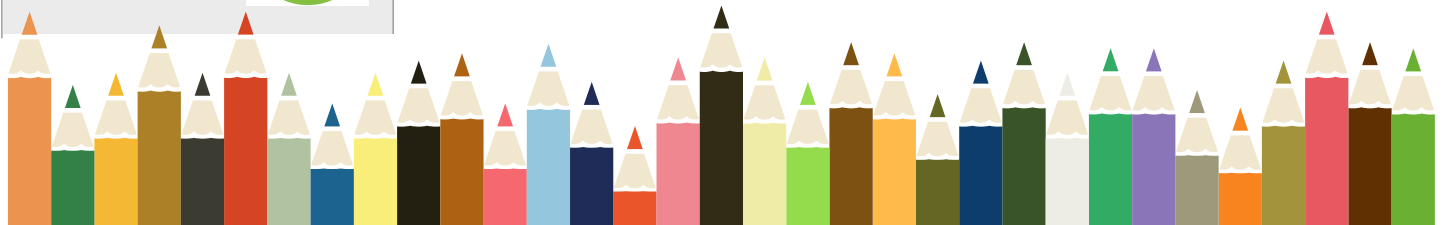
Thank you for coming out for **Back to School Night**, some of you for both Tuesday and Wednesday nights! It is a marvelous example of the strong partnership our learning community has between school and parents. The Back to School Night presentation slides are attached to this email as well. If you have any questions, please let me know!

The next big event at PVES is the **Back to School Picnic on Sunday, September 8, from 3:30-6pm**. It features The Habit Burger Grill Truck, yum! Meals are available for \$12 and may be purchased through Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, by clicking on this link <https://playavistaschool.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/BacktoSchoolPicnic2019/tabid/1085159/Default.aspx> ). Enjoy games, music, food and fun for the whole school community!

You may have heard of **Coach Monkey**, yes that's right, Coach Monkey. He is the coach from Playworks this year and has already made a large impression on our students. You may also have met many of our **teacher assistants** as a couple of them have been at the front gate greeting you each morning, supervising on the yard, and working the valet drop off at the front of the school. Over the next couple of weeks our **enrichment programs** here at PVES will begin as well. These programs include computer, robotics, music, dance, visual arts, and P.E.

All of these programs, both support and enrichment, are made possible through **your generous donations to the FPVS**. September is Annual Giving Month! For all of these programs to continue at PVES your support is needed. Be sure to read the Friends newsletter to hear about how to donate and thanks!

**Latino Heritage Month is from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>** and each year PVES celebrates! On Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Shahabi is holding a planning meeting for the event. If you are interested in being part of the preparations, please join Mrs. Shahabi in room 17 at 2:45.





## When Using the Drop-Off Valet Service, Please Remember to...

- \* Pull forward to the monitored areas
- \* Make sure children are ready to get out of the car
- \* Parents are to stay in the car at all times while in the valet line
- \* Have students exit on the passenger side
- \* Please drop off students only in the drop off lane
- \* Do not use any other lanes in the parking lot to drop off students

This past week we held our first **emergency drill practice**, we had a **fire drill**. All went well with the rooms being evacuated and students gathering on the basketball court all in five minutes time.

The next emergency drill practice is a **lockdown drill**. This is when everyone is secured in their classrooms with doors locked and the lights off. The drill will take place on **Friday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** and take around 10 - 15 minutes. When explaining this drill to younger students, I tell them we practice so we know what we to do if there is ever something outside that is unsafe and in order to stay safe, we need to stay inside.

The other two emergency drills we practice at PVES are an earthquake drill and shelter in place. In October, we participate in **The Great California Shakeout drill**. This is set for October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:17. I'll give more details about the drill as that date approaches. A **shelter in place drill** is similar to a lockdown in that the students must stay inside, but this procedure is used when there is an environmental hazard. The doors do not need to be secured and the lights may stay on. The AC may need to be shut down depending on the particulars of the hazard. We'll practice that drill in November.

If you have any questions about any of these drills, please ask!

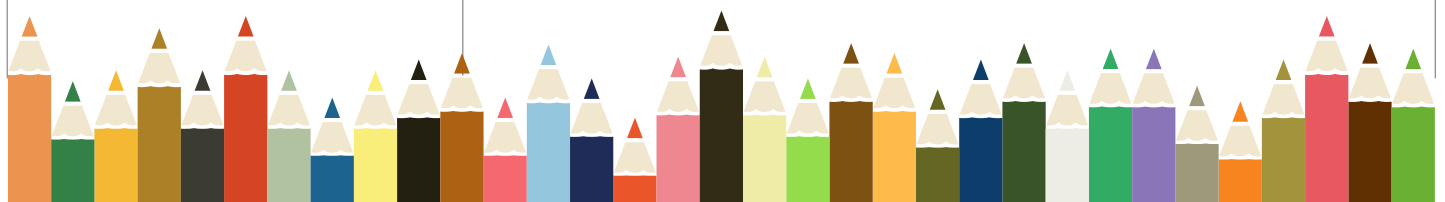
Speaking of events in October, there has been a change in date for our **Boo Fest**. This is a fantastic happening that you want to be sure to be a part of so mark your calendars now! **The Boo Fest will now be on held on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm**. See you there!

Enjoy your Monday off and I'll see you all Tuesday morning!

With the warmest of regards,

*Mrs. Johnson*

Principal





# QUALITY EDUCATION FOR PVES KIDS!

Share Together to Grow Together

CA & LAUSD can't fund everything anymore...



Parents want a stellar education for their kids!



## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

**\$500,000!**



## WHAT CAN WE DO?



Donate, Donate, Donate!



72% - Funding comes from YOU direct parent donations (includes matched donations from companies)

24% - Funding comes from various fundraising events

4% - Funding comes from corporate donations

**Recommended Donation Level = \$1,250 per child (\$125/month)**

Donate @:  
[www.playavistaschool.com](http://www.playavistaschool.com) and click "ANNUAL GIVING"

## FRIENDS OF PLAYA VISTA SCHOOL FAQ

### **Q: Who are the Friends of Playa Vista School?**

**A:** Friends of Playa Vista School (also known as the "Booster Club" or "FPVS") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of the organization is to raise funds to support the academic achievement and enrichment of all students at PVES, and to help build a stronger PVES community through those efforts. All parents and guardians of students at Playa Vista Elementary School are part of FPVS and encouraged to participate in all FPVS meetings and activities. Meetings are held every month (check out our school calendar for upcoming meeting dates). These meetings cover a variety of topics from budget review, program overviews, to fundraising events preparation.

### **Q: Why do we need to fundraise at a public school?**

**A:** LAUSD's budget falls short of giving kids the kind of educational experience we are striving for at PVES. Without parent and corporate fundraising, the school would not have access to programs such as teacher's aides, PE program, arts programs, technology and technology instruction, school safety and even field trips would be severely diminished and in many cases eliminated.

### **Q: Where do the annual fund dollars go?**

**A:** All money raised by FPVS, including the dollars raised through annual fund donations, is used to fund programs that benefit PVES students. If you want to review the details of how the money has been allocated, you can click the link [here](#) to review the budget for this year and previous years.

### **Q: Are the funds raised this year used for this year's programs?**

**A:** The money we raise during the current year is actually used to fund the programs for the following year, as many of our vendors need payment before the year starts in order to hire staff for our school. We need to plan at the end of each school year for the following school year, so we must fundraise a year in advance. That means every TK, Kinder or first year student is benefiting from funds raised prior to their arrival. We hope that those families will "pay it forward" when they reach their culminating year.

### **Q: How are the programs determined?**

**A:** Near the end of every school year, the Playa Vista Elementary Advisory Board (PVEAB) distributes a Priorities Survey to all parents, teachers, and administration at PVES. This survey allows all stakeholders to indicate which programs are most important to them for the coming year. While we strive to continue all programs every year, this survey will help determine which programs to cut out, if necessary.

### **Q: How was the suggested amount of \$1,250 per student determined?**

**A:** The suggested donation amount was determined by considering our annual budget and the number of students in the school, as well as on historical donation amounts. Every year we must strive for the total amount needed to continue the amazing programs we are able to offer at PVES. We want each family to make a donation that is meaningful and feasible for you; we understand this amount may be out of budget for some families and that others can offer more, so we encourage everyone to give what they can. Your extra dollars can help make up the difference for someone who can't give the suggested amount.

### **Q: Do our HOA dues and/or Mello-Roos payments go towards the school?**

**A: NO** - While the school benefits greatly from the amenities provided by PVPAL, such as the Sports Park and Discovery Park, no funding for the school's programs comes from residents' HOA payments. The

Playa Vista Mello-Roos is a bond the city uses to pay for infrastructure in the community. No funds from this go to the school.

**Q: Does the developer pay for the school?**

**A: NO** - Brookfield Residential, the master developer of Playa Vista, has made a very generous donation to the school. However, those funds are earmarked for specific uses at the school, specifically part of the salary for our curriculum writer. All the annual programs that enhance learning at PVES are paid for from the annual fund.

**Q: With direct parent donations, why do we need other fundraising events?**

**A:** If every family gave the suggested amount per student to the annual fund, we could eliminate many of the other fundraising events that take place during the year. Some of the big events help to build community, such as Boo Fest, Gala & Auction, and Rock, Roll & Run, so we wouldn't want to eliminate all events even though they can be a lot of work.

**Q: Is it more important to have 100% participation versus meeting our overall fundraising goal?**

**A:** The reality is that both are crucial. 100% participation is important for the community to work together to reach the goal as well as can open some avenues to grants, which might not be otherwise available. However, it is also critical to reach the overall goal so that we can afford to continue all the programs. If we had 100% participation, but everyone only shared \$20, then we would be at risk of losing most programs.

**Q: Don't we get any grants and/or corporate donations?**

**A:** While we do get some grants, each grant has a separate application and someone must take the time to apply for it. Grants are also earmarked for very specific uses and cannot be used as part of the general funds. Corporate donations have only made up approximately 10% of the total fundraised dollars in the last few years, so those are a small percentage of overall funds. Corporate donations are also often earmarked for specific uses.

**Q: My child is in fifth grade and won't benefit from the programs next year. Why should I contribute?**

**A:** As mentioned above, all students, in their first year of attendance at the school, benefit from donations from the year prior to their attendance. The hope is that all families will want to "pay it forward" to invest in the school's future, in the community it serves, and in the educational experiences of all students.

**Q: Who are the members of the Friends of Playa Vista School Board?**

**A:** President – Natalie Shoemaker; Vice President – Melissa Mascn; Secretary – Nazie Spantman; Treasurer – Shirley Wang; General Counsel – Nazie Spantman; Annual Giving Chair – Jason Hill; Corporate Sponsorship – Jessica Entner Janis and Sarah Ali; Communications – Natalie Shoemaker; Room Parent Coordinators – Heather Ward and Nicole Oshiro; Board Member at Large – Kristin Hutchinson; Events Coordinator – Amanda Goldman; Board Member at Large – Leigh Norton-Moss; Board Member at Large – Sunita Sinor; Board Member at Large – Tricia Talerico

**Q: How are the Board Members elected?**

**A:** FPVS holds elections at its Annual Meeting, which takes place in May or June shortly before the end of school. Prior to that meeting, parents who are interested in serving as Board members have an opportunity to nominate themselves. The election at the Annual Meeting will fill vacancies for the Board the following school year, and the elected Board members then determine which members hold specific officer positions. The term for most officers is 2 years.