

Playa Vista Elementary

OSPREY NEWS



OUR MISSION IS HIGH ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH STEM

Monday, October 28th .
7:45 - 8:10 Running Club

Tuesday, October 29th
7:45 - 8:10 Running Club

Wednesday, October 30th
7:45 - 8:10 Running Club TK
Wear Pink Day!

Thursday, October 31st
7:45 - 8:10 Running Club
8:20 Halloween Parade
around the track

Friday, November 1st
Osprey Cafe

Upcoming Events

- **November 3rd Daylight Savings Time Ends - Move your clock back one hour**
- **November 4th 4th Grade at Science Center**
- **November 7th Mark Twain Middle School Parent Meeting regarding Individualized Honors Program**



Dear Playa Vista Family,

Halloween week is here!! So, let's talk about the **Halloween Parade**. The morning of October 31st, everyone comes to school wearing their costume. At the first bell 1st and 2nd grade students will line up and follow their teacher's directions regarding next steps. 3rd, 4th, and 5th, grade students will go directly to their classrooms as always. Kindergarten students will be leaving their backpacks on the lunch tables where they gather each morning and then walking over to the track.

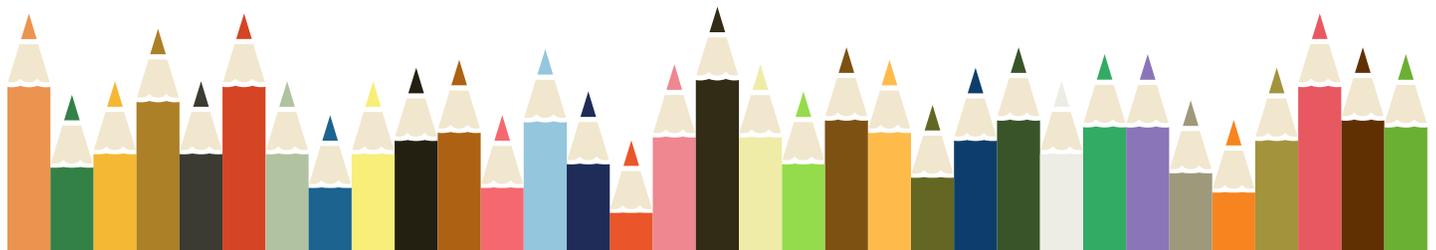
All of the classes gather on the track that surrounds the basketball courts. Once everyone is present the parade will begin! We'll start with TK, then kindergarten, then first and so on until all classes have had the opportunity to walk around the track.

Parents, you are all invited to stay to enjoy the parade. I ask that you stand behind the students so that the track remains clear. Pictures may be taken but photos should not be posted online without the permission of the parents of other students who may also be in the picture, thanks!

I am always impressed with the creativity of the costumes on display during the parade. Remember that there are no masks or pretend weapons allowed, thanks!

After the parade, students will return to class and their teachers will begin to dismiss them so they may **change out of their costumes and into their school clothes**. If you would like to have your child wear their school clothes under their costume or help them to change their clothes, you are welcome to do so. It is understood that some costumes will not allow for wearing other clothing underneath, hence the time to change.

The Halloween Parade is a great community event and I look





Questions to ask after "How was your day?"

- * Why was today a good day?
- * Who did you play with at recess or lunch?
- * What do you want to learn about before the end of the year?
- * What part of the day do you wish you could change?
- * What did you read today? What was your favorite part?
- * What is something you know now that you didn't know yesterday?
- * What was the best part of the day?
- * Name something nice you did for someone.
- * What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

forward to seeing many of you the morning of Halloween!

Did you know that **October is also Breast Cancer Awareness** month? One of our 5th grade students, Chelsea, provided our 4th and 5th classrooms with an informational presentation about this type of cancer and has given the students an opportunity to give back. Each 4th and 5th grade class has their own link that allows the students to donate to the UCLA Cancer Foundation.

For those of you who have children in TK - 3rd grade, here's your opportunity. Below you will find the link to the PVES Team Page for TK - 3rd Grade. The suggested donation is just \$5.00! **We'll be celebrating our success on Wednesday, October 30th so everyone should wear pink! Together we can make a difference!** <https://jccf.everydayhero.com/us/pves-team-page>

When you pick up your child after school do you ask how their day was only to hear the answer "Fine"? Well then this week's side bar is for you! There are several questions listed that you may ask your child to get a more complete picture of their day. I hope you find them useful.

Kelly's Corner follows the newsletter and let's you know what your child has been learning about in science. It's interesting reading. Enjoy the rest of your Sunday and I'll see bright and early tomorrow morning!

With the warmest of regards,

Mrs. Johnson

Principal



Hello Playa Vista Families,
It was wonderful to see such a great turn out at BooFest. The "Outshoot Iggy" Booth was a huge hit. Thanks for trying your luck against the crimson lion!



Our students have been immersed with some engaging STEM Lessons these past few weeks. Here is a recap:

Kindergarten:

Our Kindergarteners have begun their unit on plants and animals. They are starting this unit determining what plants need to survive and what animals need to survive to see if there are any similarities. They will then look at animal's needs versus the habitat they live to determine if there is a relationship there. This week they went to Underwood Family Farms for a field trip. Each student got to pick out a pumpkin to take home. One class even weighed, measured, observed, and predicted the number of seeds in their pumpkins!



1st Grade:

Our 1st Graders have started learning about plant unique features. These unique features can be quite curious and soon they will determine how humans have mimicked some of these unique features in our many technologies that make human life easier. Since Halloween is nearing, they also brought in pumpkins for exploration. They weighed their pumpkins, measured them with non-standard measuring devices (like a row of cubes, etc.), predicted if they would sink/float in water, if they would roll (and which way), and observed the outer surface of their pumpkins.



2nd Grade:

Our 2nd Graders have been learning about pollination and seed dispersal. In order to see the many ways that seeds can travel (since they don't have the ability to get up and run away), students made seed models to mimic the shapes of certain seeds and their ability to float through the air. They dropped these seeds off the second floor balcony to see if they could disperse themselves away from the "zone of darkness" (which is an area that would be too close to the mother plant and thus, would not get the nutrients it needs).

They also got a chance to go to Discovery Park with Friends of Ballona Wetlands to explore our native region for various pollinators and seeds. In Discovery Park, they used magnifying glasses to look closely at plants and their seeds. They also completed a scavenger hunt.

3rd Grade:

Our 3rd Graders got a chance to “play with purpose” (slogan from Miss Pace) at the playground beyond the Sports Park this week. We were learning about the various ways that forces play a role in the movement of playground equipment. Students learned about friction and the lack thereof. They learned about

how springs, levers, and ramps work. They predicted the motion of objects. They discovered that pushes and pulls affect the motion of an object and cause forces to be unbalanced. Oh and did they have fun? Yes. Yes. Yes.



4th Grade:

Our 4th Graders have been learning about weathering and erosion. Specifically, they are looking at how wind, water, ice, and vegetation can shape the land. They explored with Skittles and sugar cubes to learn about weathering. They got to go the Saltwater Marsh with Friends of Ballona Wetlands on a field trip to see how the Ballona Wetlands has changed over time. They also got a chance to build their own Playa Vista town and design a solution to prevent the effects of flooding, while trying to preserve the Wetlands. They had a blast building and testing their models.



5th Grade:

Our 5th graders have been learning about gravity and its downward force. They were given the task of trying to defy gravity by building a parachute. They wanted their parachute to take the longest amount of time to fall from the upstairs balcony to the ground below. Through this process, they learned that larger canopies with longer strings are an ideal design. They are going to use this information, as the stakes have been raised. Now, they have to land a “passenger” (egg) safely on the Moon or Mars. This means they need to determine the best way to package their passenger, in addition to, using what they know about defying gravity. They tested their first egg drop designs this week. Ask your student if there passenger was scrambled! And don't worry, they get another shot at it next week. If successful, they will get TWO passengers to keep safe on their descent into the Moon and Mars.



As we gear up to the end of the first trimester, you can see that students are working hard, applying their science content knowledge to engineering design challenges, using their computational thinking, and adding technology where they can to make things work better. It has been fun journey this trimester. Our teachers, staff, and principal make this school a STEM-tastic place to be!

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at kelly.keeler@lmu.edu.

Warmly,

Kelly Keeler

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A REMARKABLE PARENT AND CHILD FAIR FOR SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH

AN EXPERIENCE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO BE HAPPIER AND
SUCCESSFUL WHILE CREATING SAFER AND MORE EFFECTIVE SCHOOLS



HOLD THE DATE: Sunday November 3, 2019 from 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm. FREE to attend. No RSVP needed.

WHAT: An afternoon Fair with fun activities showcasing ways for children and youths to become their best selves.
PLUS: GAMES, GIFTS FROM THE LA LAKERS, LEARNING MATERIALS. Food options.

WHY: Bring your kids from 4 to teens to experience how these enjoyable techniques teach young people to manage their strong emotions, problem solve, focus, and relate to themselves and others in a healthy, constructive way. And which develop young people into well-rounded, caring and highly successful adults.

WHERE: The hosting school is Davinci Schools at 201 N. Douglas St. El Segundo, CA 90245. Free Parking.

CHECK OUT WHAT STUDENTS SAY ABOUT THESE SKILLS: <https://youtu.be/qBMJl82-QrM>

We educators call this “Social-Emotional Learning.”
Here are the benefits:



- Grades climb. Happy students love school
- They problem solve and help each other
- They resolve conflicts
- And maintain positive relationships
- Bullying, violence and suicides decline
- Screen addiction and drug use plummet
- Race and class biases decline
- Graduation rates increase
- Mentally and emotional healthy students go on to lead high-achievement lives
- Employers hire for their desirable “emotional intelligence” (EQ like IQ)

**BEST OF ALL:
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL
LEARNING IS FUN.**

**JOIN US FOR THIS
ADVENTURE ON
NOV. 3**

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Have fun learning about science at one of UCLA's biggest events!

Join us on Sunday, November 3 for a free festival of science exploration for all ages!

One of the most exciting and popular events at UCLA, Exploring Your Universe is completely open to the public. The festival takes place Nov. 3 on the UCLA campus from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with nighttime activities continuing from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. UCLA alum and actor Mayim Bialik ("The Big Bang Theory") will be kicking off the festival at noon as she receives the 2019 UCLA Science & Education Pioneer Award.

EYU 2019 is one of the main events celebrating UCLA's 100th birthday. The festival has expanded to offer more booths, improved exhibits, exciting speakers, and new activities.

More than 60 interactive booths cover a wide variety of subjects, representing more than 20 different departments and organizations at UCLA. Curious minds and future scientists can touch meteorites, get DNA from strawberries, launch rockets, make lava lamps, examine our sun through solar telescopes, beat the Mad Scientist Escape Room, create a tornado in a bottle, learn about missions to Mars, and much more. Scientists will also present short, fun talks about inspiring research.

From 12:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the UCLA Planetarium will also be hosting half-hour shows suitable for all ages. Tickets are free but must be reserved online at ExploringYourUniverse.org, where they will be made available starting at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1.

Parking on the UCLA campus costs \$13 and is available in Lots 2 and 9. [Click here](#) for directions and parking details, or [click here](#) to visit the Metro page with information about bus and rail routes to UCLA.

Celebrating its 11th year, EYU has become one of UCLA's biggest annual events, drawing in thousands of children, parents, and friends from the Los Angeles community to campus on the first Sunday in November. Organized by UCLA graduate students and run by volunteers, EYU's goal has always been to provide a day of free science education to all.

More information can be found at www.ExploringYourUniverse.ucla.edu.

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SAVE THE DATE



Mark Twain Middle School

Individualized Honors Program (IHP)

Informational Meeting for Parents

Date: Thursday, November 7th 2019

Times: 11:00 am & 6:00 pm

**Location: Mark Twain Middle School Auditorium
2224 Walgrove Ave. LA 90066**

What is IHP?

- Founded in 1970 – the oldest continuous program for Highly Gifted Students.
- Empowers highly gifted students to far exceed academic achievement levels.
- Rigorous program cultivating growth mind-set, critical thinking and inquiry-based practices.
- Mark Twain Middle School will be the 2nd school in all of LAUSD to offer this program.
- **2020-2021 school year** will be limited to one 6th grade class.

If you have general questions, please email: MarkTwainIHP@gmail.com

PLAYA VISTA

Winter Camp!



Art, Science, Dance, Sports, Gymnastics,
Cooking, Holiday Carnival, & Field Trips
within our Playa Vista Community!

January 6 - January 10

8:30am - 3:00pm

Extended care available from 3:30 - 5:00pm

Campers

AGES 4-11



G.I.T

AGES 12-16

Lunch from **ORGANIC KIDS L.A.** *included!*



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