

OSPREY NEWS



OUR MISSION IS HIGH ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE WHOLE CHILD THROUGH STEM

Monday, October 25th
COVID-19 Testing Day

Tuesday, October 26th

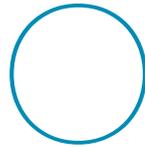
Wednesday, October 27th

Thursday, October 28th

Friday, October 29th

Upcoming Events

- * 11/2 Make-up Picture Day
- * 11/4 FPVS and Room Parent Meeting
- * **Rescheduled to 11/9** Parent Workshop - Math Program
- * Veteran's Day 11/11 School not in session



ur COVID Testing Day is Monday!

Dear Playa Vista Family,

Our Great Shake Out drill went well. The drill included duck and cover, complete evacuation of all school buildings, accounting of all students and employees, a search to locate any "injured" persons, setting up the triage area, making sure that all utilities had been "shut off" and more. The entire drill took just thirty minutes!

The purpose of the drill is to find weak points in our procedures and then make improvements. When the classrooms evacuated and gathered on blue tarps on the playground, we found that all tarps needed to be labeled with the teacher's name and room number. We also need to streamline our communications during the drill by using the same type of walkie talkies. By doing this all participants with special duties will be able to hear what is transpiring.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to participate. You ensured that the system we have in place to request your child/children works well. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the drill, please let me know. A few pictures from the drill follow the newsletter.

PVES students are returning to Discovery Park and the fresh water marsh for walking field trips with the Friends of Ballona Wetlands!! Each field trip will have an in-class per-lesson, the field trip itself, and an in class post lesson. Mrs. Keeler and Carolyn Everhart from the FBW have collaborated on these lessons and our teachers piloted them before the pandemic. The topics range from biomimicry to adaptation to restoration of the wetlands. What a pleasure it will be to have our students return to the outside classroom!

On Saturday, October 16th we held the first PVES Pumpkin Patch and it was great to see kids come out dressed in their costumes. **October, 29th would have been our Halloween Parade day at**



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school. Unfortunately, this year we won't have the parade and students are not allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to school.

So what Halloween gear are students allowed to wear to school on Friday, October 29th? Well, they may wear Halloween themed t-shirts, hats, headbands, and face masks. Please leave at home any wands, imitation weapons of any sort, and Halloween masks that cover the entire face. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding!

This past Friday Mrs. Albertson and Dr. Mohazab presented at the 2021 CA STEAM Symposium. They shared an original second grade mini unit created here at PVES. In the lesson students examine and explore the Cinderella fairytale versions across various cultures. Students read the various versions, discuss the story structure, and write a fairytale of their own.

An engineering task is the culminating lesson. Students design and build a model of a device that is the fastest way for Cinderella to go to the ball. Students are given choices. They may use technology (Minecraft and Makers Empire for a 3D printer) or common household items such as paper towel rolls, and Legos. Students apply their engineering skills as they create prototypes and build models.

This mini-unit covers language arts' standards in the areas of reading, writing, listening, and speaking and is an example of an integrated unit where science, math, and language arts as well as the social studies standards to study and explore various cultures having similar fairytales. Thank you to Mrs. Albertson and Dr. Mohazab for representing PVES at the Steam Symposium.

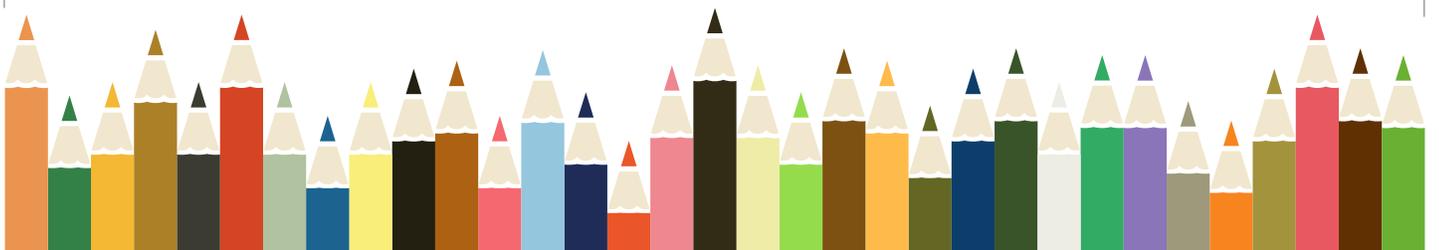
One scheduling note. The Math Parent Workshop has been rescheduled for Tuesday, November 9th. The start time is now 2:00p.m. The Zoom invitation that follows the newsletter has been updated to reflect this scheduling change. Thank you for your understanding.

Thank you also for your well wishes in regards to my daughter. Everything went well and she is recovering nicely.

With warm regards,

Mrs. Johnson

Principal



Playa Vista Elementary



Johnson, Rebecca is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Math Program

Time: Nov 9, 2021 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lausd.zoom.us/j/86327711858?pwd=aTFXM0szbGZIL01aemp0ZlVsYjZ6UT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2771 1858

Passcode: 544310

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Join by Skype for Business

<https://lausd.zoom.us/skype/86327711858>



Room 13 at PVES is donating new socks to children at [Walt Tyler Elementary School](#). Their school, community and homes burned this year in a California wildfire.

Please help us by sending brand-new happy, colorful socks to school during the whole month of "Sock-tober".



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



Parents want a stellar education for their kids!



HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$400,000!



\$187,000 - Teachers' Aides



\$76,000 - Technology Instruction, Equipment, Licenses



\$39,000 - Arts & Music Program, Instructors, Licenses, Supplies



\$38,000 - PE Program



\$20,000 - Science Supplies, Garden, Campus Upkeep, Operating Expenses



\$20,000 - School Safety & Library Resources

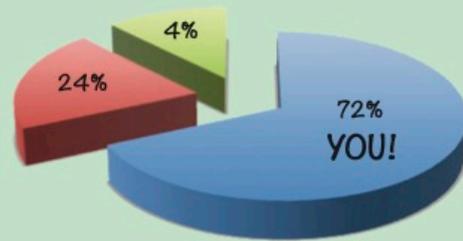


\$20,000 - Field Trip Buses, Assemblies, Special Programs

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 and click "ANNUAL GIVING"



2021-2022 Annual Giving Campaign Together we share...Together we grow!

Dear Friends,

Playa Vista Elementary School (PVES) is more than a school. It's a community of families and friends that work together with the sole focus of giving our kids the best educational experience possible. This year our Annual Giving Campaign is asking our families to **Give Together so we Grow Together**.

Give Together

Could you imagine our school without a technology or music program, and without teacher's aides to support students and cultivate learning? That is the reality our school would face without the financial support from parents, and that is the reason that we ask you to, as thoughtfully and generously as possible, support this year's **Annual Giving Campaign**. PVES relies on this as its primary fundraiser because it helps raise the majority of the **\$400,000 needed** to pay for staffing, enrichment programs and resources that the **LAUSD and State of California does not fund**. Together, through our collective contributions, we can mitigate this burden and help each other reach our goal.

Grow Together

PVES's funding needs will increase every year as our school grows in enrollment. Donations to our Annual Giving Campaign make the following programs possible: **teacher's aides, arts programs, science, technology, P.E., library resources, garden, field trips, and many other critical needs.**

100% of the funds will support every child at Playa Vista Elementary School. To continue funding our programs **we need 100% Annual Giving participation from each and every family!**

We suggest an annual contribution of **\$1250 per child**. We understand that some may be able to give more, and some may be able to give less. Whatever you give, we ask that you show a **thoughtful** commitment to your child's education and that your gift be appropriate and **meaningful** to your family.

Your donation is 100% tax deductible and can be made in full or in monthly installments.

Corporate matching contributions are a valuable source of funds. Let us know if your company has a donation matching program and we will request a match on your behalf. Donations from family and friends are also welcome!

For one-time Annual Giving donations by check, please fill out the attached form, and return by October 30, 2020. **On behalf of our school and students, thank you for your consideration and support!**

2021-2022 Annual Giving Campaign Fundraising Goal - \$400,000 By July 2022	
Teacher's Aides	\$ 187,000.00
Technology Instruction, Equipment, Licenses	\$ 76,000.00
Arts & Music Program, Instructors, Licenses, Supplies	\$ 39,000.00
PE Programs	\$ 38,000.00
School Safety + Library Resources	\$ 20,000.00
Field Trip Buses, Assemblies, Special Programs	\$ 20,000.00
Science, Garden, Campus Upkeep, Operating Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
Total Goal	\$ 400,000

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 \$1250 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 cannot give the suggested amount.