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CALENDAR

Thursday, February 15	Noon Games		
Friday, February 16	NO SCHOOL - Staff Development Day		
Monday, February 19	President's Day - School Holiday		
Tuesday, February 20	Palo Verde Art Night	6:00pm	
Thursday, February 22	Assembly & Principal's Coffee		
	Noon Art, MP Room		
Friday, February 23	PTA Board Meeting	8:20am	
	Incoming Kindergarten Information Session	9:00am	
Thursday, March 1	Noon Games		
Saturday, March 3	Palo Verde Spring Auction & Social	7:30pm	
Thursday, March 8	Assembly		
	Noon Art, MP Room		
Friday, March 9	District-wide Kindergarten Early Release	11:45am	

FROM THE DESK OF HILLARY MILLER...

Hello Palo Verde Community,

Elementary schools are magical this time of year. As we have just passed our 100th day of school, students have grown into their current grade-level and it is easy to see all they have learned so far. We are all looking forward to continuing this growth in the 80 days ahead!

Please note that there will be NO SCHOOL February 16 or 19. While February 19 is a district holiday, February 16 is a staff development day. Elementary teachers around the district will spend the day learning about our new math curriculum, Bridges. The full day of learning with colleagues proves to be an invaluable time for us to deepen our understanding of the new curriculum so that we can better meet the needs of all learners. We hope the break in February is an opportunity for your family to spend some quality time together, as well.

Once we return from this break, we will have just a couple weeks before our PTA Annual Auction Celebration! The theme this year is Mardi Gras. Please join us on March 3 for the biggest Palo Verde PTA fundraiser of the year (adults only)! There is more information in the office or on Konstella.

I'd like to say a special "Thank you!" to the group of parents who have supported our students' safety by participating in the Traffic Safety Team. And thanks to all the parents who have reached out with positive support for this effort. If you are unsure about a traffic regulation or safety request, please don't hesitate to ask. If you have an idea about how to make the process smoother, please let us know! As we work to refine our traffic expectations, please keep an eye out for updates.

Thank you for all you do in support of our community.

With respect and gratitude,

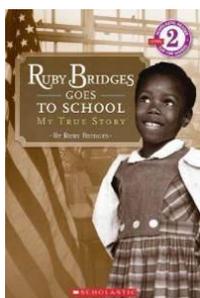
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This month's ABC books: "Ruby Bridges Goes To School: My True Story" and "Through My Eyes" by Ruby Bridges are the true story of a six-year-old black girl who on November 14, 1960 walked through a mob of screaming segregationists escorted by Federal Marshals into her new school in New Orleans, Louisiana. Surrounded by racial turmoil, Ruby spent first grade learning to read with the help of one supportive teacher.

Phrase of the Month: Reconsider before you respond (Think before you react).

Video read aloud: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Glh8SVVTMxo>

Book Trailer with author: <http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/asset/ruby-bridges-goes-school-book-trailer-0>

Video of photos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC9EpGtFSD4>

Phrase of the Month: Celebrate differences.

Goals of lesson:

- Promote discussion about the importance of tolerance and acceptance of differences.
- Learn how it feels to walk in someone else's shoes.
- Practice techniques to promote a sense of belonging in our school communities by relying on personal power as UPstanders to include all students.

Questions to ask your child to reinforce this lesson at home:

- How do you feel when you are treated unfairly by others? Why?
- Which injustices in the world bother you most?
- What can our family do about injustice, hunger, and poverty?

When you "catch" kids modeling positive behaviors... Notice, Name it, & Celebrate it!

The Kindergarten Book for this month is Understand and Care By Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed.

This book helps children identify feelings, identify how someone is feeling and express empathy. We define empathy as a sincere understanding and caring of how another person feels. In order to feel empathy, children must first understand and name their own feelings.

In this book the children will learn the following skills:

1. Watch and listen to the person.
2. Remember when you have felt the same way.
3. Imagine how you might feel.
4. Ask what the person is feeling.
5. Show you care.

FUNDRAISING EVENT



It's Mardi Gras Time! Parents – Join us at the Annual Spring Social & Auction! Mark your calendars and book your babysitters so you don't miss out on the largest adult-only Palo Verde event of the year! Join fellow Palo Verde parents for some adult conversation, food, fun, music and dancing at the annual Palo Verde Spring Social & Auction on March 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Michael's at Shoreline (2960 North Shoreline Blvd, Mountain View). This event is also your chance to bid on parties

hosted by Palo Verde teachers, staff and families! These donated parties have created many, many lifelong friendships. Tickets go on sale on February 12.

****Buy your tickets in advance at pvpta.schoolauction.net/auction2018 or at the door****

Here's something else you need to put in your calendar - you'll be able to place your bids online starting February 15. Why is this an important date? This auction benefits ***YOU*** – and – ***Palo Verde*** at the same time! You can buy something you want – often at a significant discount – and the school receives all of the proceeds! For example, if you eat at one of the many restaurants who have donated a gift certificate, you can buy the gift certificate – spending money you would have spent anyway – and Palo Verde gets 100% of your payment! Win-win for everyone! Please check the online auction site – you are very likely to find something to bid on. The Palo Verde online auction will accept bids until March 8th at 11:59 p.m.

Log on here <https://pvpta.schoolauction.net/pvauction2018> to buy tickets to the party and to place bids.

The 2018 Palo Verde Spring Social & Auction is only made possible through the efforts of many people in our community and we thank all of you! Whether you are decorating, donating, calling for donations, hosting parties, distributing beads, setting and cleaning up, placing bids, welcoming at the ticket counter, entering all of the data after the event, distributing all of the winnings, or attending the party, we thank you for everything! There is a lot going on behind the scenes and at the event but it's worth it. All of this helps us make Palo Verde Elementary the magical place where our children spend much of their time, and create a special community for the parents.

Important Dates

- February 12 Ticket Sales begin for Palo Verde's Spring Social
- February 12 Online Auction Catalog Available on Auction Website
- February 15 Online Auction Opens
- Saturday, March 3 Palo Verde Spring Social Event
- Thursday, March 8 Online Auction Closes at Midnight

And remember – the only way to win tickets to many of the coveted, most-wanted teacher, adult, and kid parties is by bidding at the Mardi Gras event!

Special Thanks to This Year's Sponsors!

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COMING SOON: ALADDIN!

Aladdin is coming to Palo Verde in February! The award winning Palo Alto Children's Theatre {PACT} is coming back to Palo Verde this spring to produce another outreach play! This year's play is "Aladdin" the classic tale of an impoverished boy's quest to win the hand of a Princess, the beautiful daughter of the Sultan.

This is a golden opportunity for our students to work with theatre professionals in the comfortable setting of their own school. All children who audition receive roles in the play. Open to all 3rd – 5th graders.

Parent Information meeting in MP Room: Thursday, February 15th at 8:15pm

Audition in MP Room:

Tuesday, February 20, 2:15 – 3:45pm for 3rd and 4th graders
and Thursday, February 22, 2:50 – 4pm for 5th graders.

Those with conflicts can come either day.

Schedule leading to the performances:

Week I Rehearsals	Feb. 26 – March 2
Week II Rehearsals	March 5 – March 9
Week III Rehearsals	March 13 – March 16
Week IV Rehearsals	March 19 – March 23
Week V Rehearsals	March 26 – March 30
Spring Break	
Week VI Rehearsals	April 9 – April 13
Week VII Rehearsals	Mon., Tues., Weds.: April 16, 17, 18
Performances	Thursday, April 19 @ 4:30 pm Friday, April 20 @ 7 pm Saturday, April 21 @ 2 pm April 23 or 24 (TBD)
Assembly Performances:	

Rehearsals will happen on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday in the MP Room starting at 2:15pm for 3rd graders and 2:50pm for 4th and 5th graders. Director will communicate the call schedules, so not all children will be called every day, except on the last 2 weeks of rehearsals which are black-out weeks. All students must attend the rehearsals after Spring break.

If your child is interested and you want to learn more, join us at the Parent meeting on Feb 15.

Questions? Contact Laurence Kancherla at Ivarlet@hotmail.com

MORE FUNDRAISING!

Send Palo Verde Teachers & Staff Flowers for Valentine's Day!

You can send Valentine's Day flowers to any teacher or staff member to be delivered to their classroom on February 14th, with your note attached. Each flower is \$3.50 and all proceeds go to the Palo Verde PTA.

- 1) Fill out a note in link (see below - the link will automatically send a file to your local drive) for each staff member and indicate number of flowers (notes are in 1/26 Friday folder or print from here)
- 2) Attach cash or check, (make checks to Palo Verde PTA), \$3.50/flower
- 3) Put form in the basket in the front office (more forms are available in the basket if you're showering many staff with love!)

Deadline: Fri, Feb 9

Link for download:

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001hb_c8qBaPrw23jpaz0b1VCcG85M029xXDFxQ3-wZTFiF9LBRviQ5riiUZn2Zo89XntMSKhp3JxfiuOzm_1QUkUCsF9lcM3RbkAvke9aYhIG2PU4oM-yIF7zEc6-iDnmhVlyg_MkMMLnu3NURg1bFOzDW4TF4Q5LU6gV0rzXDMT4QXETCWWgNo04IJ9cdrmJUiswQvt9OreWqtuW7fFsLN_7PA5UtwlICBNwegFP9n7nws9mg-Ydc1w==&c=sVanSa2wD9WdJKLI9pXK23h9h94gJMNPmWNcEU-poAwbUB16yg1_g==&ch=OsAfr4araS8S0ZYuvDvZBkGCRN1q00SFOiawtWvJbe2ixd7iucDQtQ==

Be a Palo Verde hero when you use Activity Hero to sign up for camps

Signing up for summer camps? Activity Hero is an online marketplace where you can shop for camps and after school classes. Register for multiple activities with one form and payment. Use the portal below and Activity Hero will donate a portion of your spending to Palo Verde PTA. Start your summer camp planning here and earn.

<https://www.activityhero.com/go/paloverdepta>