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CALENDAR			
Thursday, January 18	Noon Games		
	Science Night	5:30pm	
Friday, January 19	District-wide kindergarten early release	11:45am	
Saturday, January 20	Palo Verde Ice Skating Party	5:30pm	
Thursday, January 25	Assembly & Principal's Coffee		
	Noon Art		
Thursday, February 1	Noon Games		
Thursday, February 8	Assembly		
	Noon Art		

## FROM THE DESK OF HILLARY MILLER...

Dear Palo Verde Community,

Happy New Year!

This month marks our half-way point of the 2017-18 school year. It is a pleasure to experience and support our students' growth with you. The excitement continues as we remain committed to the important work of high quality teaching and learning, equity and access, and wellness and safety (our three focus goals). This community's shared commitment to our children is clear, and I look forward to remaining focused on our goals as we support their growth.

Several exciting events are happening in our school this month. We invite everyone to join us for Science Night on Thursday, January 18, in the MP room. Also, on Saturday, January 20, PTA is hosting our annual Winter Skating Celebration. Both events are exciting for our students and their families! Please join us. Parents, you are also welcome to join us on the morning of Thursday, January 25, for our morning assembly and principal coffee. Coffee will be available near the reading garden before and after assembly, and I will be available to answer questions and share information. To keep up with the events and activities happening at Palo Verde, be sure to subscribe to Konstella and our Google Calendar.

As a reminder, students need to be supervised by a parent or guardian before 8:00am and after school. For their safety, they may not play on the playground without an adult watching. If someone is not able to pick your child up immediately after school on a given day, please have your child come to the office to wait. If you need help finding childcare, please let us know. Also, winter after-school activities are beginning! We have 12 different classes being offered at this time. Please check the Palo Verde Website (under "explore" tab) or the Kiosk in the main office for information about the various activities.

As you know, PAUSD has begun our search for the new Superintendent for the 2018-19 school year. The District has sent a number of emails to families regarding this process, and they will continue to communicate as the search continues. More information is also available on the PAUSD website, including a timeline for the process. I encourage everyone to provide input in the qualities you are looking for in a new leader for the Palo Alto Unified School District.

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

With sincere gratitude,  
Sincerely,

Hillary Miller, Principal  
[www.paloverde.pausd.org](http://www.paloverde.pausd.org)

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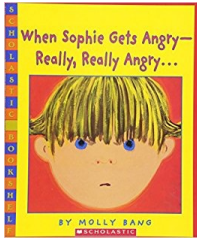
***The Palo Verde PTA would like to thank Sheena Chin for her work during her time as PTA President. We are pleased to welcome a new president for the remainder of the school year – Karolina Werner. If you would like to volunteer to help with any PTA events, please email Karolina at [president@pvpta.org](mailto:president@pvpta.org)***

## **THE PALO VERDE VOICE**

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# CORNERSTONE CORNER



This month's ABC book: "When Sophie Gets Angry: Really, Really Angry" by Molly Bang tells the story of a young girl who is searching for ways to cope with "big feelings" like anger.

Video read aloud:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqjeKgMXYIM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tISX0wadZnE>

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

Goals of lesson:

- To identify, acknowledge & express feelings in safe, positive, healthy ways.
- Stop & think & choose how to react when our emotions feel out of control.
- Be able to switch directions & make positive choices.
- Use peaceful conflict resolution to resolve conflict & the steps to a genuine apology.

To reinforce this lesson at home:

- Help your child identify & acknowledge how they are feeling with words. "You are frowning, is that puzzle frustrating? Can I help?" "You are using a loud, angry voice. Are you mad? Tell me about it."
- As a caring adult, notice & acknowledge your own feelings. Role model the techniques you use to stay calm & in control. Share your successful strategies with youth.
- Help your child chose safe ways to calm themselves:
  - Do physical activity. Put on music & dance away the anger. Go on a walk or bike ride.
  - Take deep breaths.
  - Count to 10. If still angry, count to 10 again & add deep breaths.
  - Remove yourself from the situation. Take a break in a safe, quiet place.
  - Use art materials such as markers, paint, or other art materials to express feelings..

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

Kinder Book: The Kinder book for this month is "Accept and Value Each Person" by Cheri J. Meiners, M.Ed. This book teaches children about living in a diverse world. It talks about accepting and valuing people different from oneself and one's family.

# FUNDRAISING

## EAT OUT & EARN MONEY FOR PALO VERDE!

Bringing authentic flavors in a new package with freshness. Inspired by the street stalls throughout the Asian continent, Asian Box offers incredibly vibrant flavors with fresh, healthy, low sodium and low fat foods that maintain the explosive flavors that makes the food so memorable. All meals are assembled right in front of you.

The restaurant will donate 20% of sales (incl. dine in & take out) back to Palo Verde PTA. So come hungry and enjoy TWO days out with your family or friends!

Plus, One FREE kid box with each adult box purchase offered through the restaurant's Wednesday Night Kids Eat Free Program.

When: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018  
4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018  
Where: ASIAN BOX@Town & Country Village  
855 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94301  
<http://www.asianbox.com/>

**\*\*\* Bring in the flyer (will be sent out with Friday folder or can be downloaded at Konstella) or show the flyer from your smart phone or tablet! \*\*\***



## The Palo Verde PTA invites you to MARDI GRAS!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 3rd from 7:30 - 10:30pm! You'll join fellow Palo Verde parents for an evening of music, drinks and snacks, and a little friendly competitive bidding on some amazing auction items. This very special evening helps raise needed funds for Palo Verde, such as playground equipment and musical instruments.

This is also a call for donations! The most popular items at our auction are parent-hosted parties and events. Host a party/event and donate the food, drinks, space, etc. for the party. All ticket sales to your event are donated directly to the school!

OR...do you work at a company that makes amazing tech gadgets and can donate one or more to our auction? Do you own a second home you'd like to offer up for a weekend? Do you have tickets to sporting events or the theater and are willing to donate? Do you have other talents you could share? Private music lessons or a baking class?

Please contact the auction committee at [pvpta.auction@gmail.com](mailto:pvpta.auction@gmail.com) for more details or to submit your donation!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SCIENCE NIGHT

Starting the new year out right with Palo Verde's Science Night!

Where: MP room, Palo Verde  
When: Thursday, January 18th  
Session 1 6pm  
Session 2 at 7pm

Proudly conducted by UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science (LHS) with a very exciting "Wizard's lab" theme. More details here:  
[https://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/programs\\_for\\_schools/science\\_at\\_your\\_site/festivals/wizards-lab](https://www.lawrencehallofscience.org/programs_for_schools/science_at_your_site/festivals/wizards-lab)

The event is co-sponsored by PTA and Clariant Inc.

**\*\*\* The LHS folks have requested at least 12 volunteers to run the tables (training will be provided). Each table involves hands-on activities requiring adult supervision. If interested in volunteering, please email [malati.raghunath@gmail.com](mailto:malati.raghunath@gmail.com) \*\*\***

## ICE SKATING PARTY

Palo Verde Ice Skating Party on January 20th!! @ Winterlodge 5:30-7:30pm

It's time to get this party started! If you haven't already bought your tickets for the Annual Palo Verde Ice Skating Party, it is still not too late to join us for this fun family event. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$25/skater and \$5/non-skater, price includes pizza dinner and good times catching up with school friends after the holidays.

PTA will provide pizza and drinks. Sign up to bring a dessert to share!  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1loVi6YPcUQJ1aWiIQIM4BNgG5qQLz8bXDG5GjNOjFvI/edit?usp=sharing>

Let's get those skates on and hope to see you there!

Questions: contact Weiping He at [weipingher@gmail.com](mailto:weipingher@gmail.com)

# COMING SOON: ALADDIN!

Aladdin, a delightful adaptation of the Middle Eastern tale compiled in the classic book *The Arabian Nights* is coming to Palo Verde! The Palo Alto Children's Theatre returns to Palo Verde this school year to work with our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to stage the play "Aladdin." Any 3rd through 5th grader who wants to participate as cast will be able to participate (a few spots on the light and sound crew will also be available for 4th and 5th graders).

PACT will accommodate whatever number of students express interest and commit to the rehearsal and performance schedule. More details will be coming soon, but here is our schedule:

Auditions	February 20, 22
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/Wed: April 16, 17, 18
Performances	Thursday, April 19 @ 4:30 pm Friday, April 20 @ 7 pm Saturday, April 21 @ 2 pm
Assembly Performances:	April 23 or 24 (TBD)

A parent meeting will be held prior to the auditions to cover key details and answer questions. Whether your child participates in the production or enjoys being part of the audience, everyone at Palo Verde is sure to love the world of Aladdin! Questions? Contact Laurence Kancherla at [lvarlet@hotmail.com](mailto:lvarlet@hotmail.com)

## FROM THE GREEN TEAM

New! Reusable Lunch Baskets at Palo Verde

Starting January 16th, Palo Verde is replacing disposable paper lunch trays with reusable plastic baskets. This step will cut down on our paper waste and save a little money, too. JLS already uses reusable baskets, and the program is spreading to other schools in the district.

How will it work? The kids will sort their lunch trash as usual, except now instead of composting the single-use paper trays, they'll place the reusable baskets into milk cartons at the sorting stations. Food Services will collect the used baskets daily and send them to be washed at JLS. We'll get clean baskets the following morning with our food delivery.

Any questions? Please contact [joslynml@hotmail.com](mailto:joslynml@hotmail.com). Thanks! Joslyn Leve, Green Team.