

## PCR MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

**Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Roundtable Pizza Night - 1st Grade

**Monday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> - Friday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Book Fair  
LCF Bookstore & Coffeehouse  
(See specific events below)

**Monday, December 7 - 3:30 pm**  
David Shannon book signing

**Tuesday, December 8 - 3:30 pm**  
Mrs. Senour & Mrs. Horne storytime

**Wednesday, December 9 - 3:30 pm**  
Mrs. Leininger & Mizrahi storytime

**Thursday, December 10 - 3:30 pm**  
Mrs. Bilowitz & Mrs. Horne storytime

**Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Melody Makers/Choristers Holiday  
Programs  
PCR Multipurpose Room

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Palm Crest Parent Teacher Mixer

**Every Wednesday**  
Hill Street Cafe Fundraiser

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**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009**

### ***A Message from Our Principal:***

Dear Palm Crest Families,

We enjoyed seeing all of you on campus during the week of teacher/parent conferences. I hope you were satisfied with your child's progress so far and took the opportunity to let the teachers know which learning activities you have found most helpful and enjoyable for your child. We want to make sure all students reach their potential, demonstrate steady academic growth and have fun and enriching learning experiences each day.



With the first quarter out of the way and the return of our students from fall break, we look forward to an exciting month of December, filled with fun activities and events. Here are a few of the activities taking place in December. PCR's Choristers and Melody Makers will have their annual holiday performance on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in our multi-purpose room. Our first graders will have their "Polar Express" day on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the "Teddy Bear Holiday" on December 17<sup>th</sup>. On this day, they will participate in a play where all will be acting out their bear characters. In addition, Room 13 will celebrate "Holidays Around the World" with different families sharing their holiday celebrations. The Kindergarten classes will have their holiday program on December 18<sup>th</sup>. All those who would like to enjoy these celebrations with our students and their families are welcome to attend.

Our sixth graders will be taking a field trip to the Getty Villa on December 17<sup>th</sup>. They are very fortunate to have the opportunity to see over 1,200 works of art dating from 6500 B.C. to 400 A.D. This museum is dedicated to the study of the arts and cultures of Ancient Greece and Rome, which is aligned with their Social Science curriculum. This will be an amazing learning experience for all.

As our schedules get more and more filled this time of year, I hope you are still able to find many joyful moments with your family and friends.

Best regards,  
Anais Wenn

## **Bookfair**

Mark your calendars for the Palm Crest Book Fair! It will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> at the Flintridge Book Store. Palm Crest will get a percentage of all sales. Not only are you supporting our school but also a local business.

On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, author David Shannon will be at the book store. He is the author of many wonderful books, most notably the "David" books for children. He has graciously agreed to help out our school and come and talk to the children.

Also, back by popular demand are our very own Palm Crest teachers to read to the kids. We will put out a flyer with the schedule of teachers and their reading times. The kids really enjoyed seeing their current/past teachers out of the classroom. So, please come and participate. It's a wonderful way to encourage the kids to read, support our school and maybe get a jump on the holiday shopping!

The class with the most participation at the book fair wins a pizza party for their class!

## **Escrip.com**

REMEMBER: YOUR ONLINE HOLIDAY SHOPPING CAN EARN \$\$\$ FOR PALM CREST!

Go to [Escrip.com](http://Escrip.com) and use the Online Mall (with your Escrip-registered credit or debit cards)

-OR-

Go to [freelanthropy.com/search/pcr](http://freelanthropy.com/search/pcr) and click on "Shop and Give". (No personal information or card registration required!)

Some participating merchants include:  
Amazon.com, Disney Store, Borders, REI, Starbucks, Gap, ToysRUs, Discovery Channel Store, Overstock.com, Sports Authority, The Body Shop, Eddie Bauer, Nordstrom, Walmart, Lego, Home Depot and iTunes!

Merchants donate up to 16% of our purchases to PCR PTA!

Questions? Contact Passive Fundraising Chair Melinda Kiely 818-952-5456 or [kielys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kielys@sbcglobal.net).



## **Interested in Mars?**

The LCUSD GATE After School Program is looking for an adult volunteer (or two) who would be willing to provide the **JPL Imagine Mars Project** to 4th, 5th and 6th graders. The classes will be held on consecutive Wednesdays or Thursdays (volunteer's choice) from 3:30 to 4:30 at PCR in April and May.

JPL will provide the curriculum and activities in a 1 and 1/2 hour training session for the volunteer(s) prior to the class beginning. Students will create a futuristic community on Mars and share their ideas in an artistic way with their peers or at JPL.

The medium for the projects can range from a mural, play, model, newspaper, blog, etc. JPL will conduct one or two of the sessions to provide information about Mars. Students will have the opportunity to reflect, discover, imagine, create and share. The only missing component is an adult or adults to guide them.

If you can help, please contact Lindi Dreibelbis Arthur at [ldarthur@lcusd.net](mailto:ldarthur@lcusd.net) (be watchful for spam blockers) or at (818) 952-8391.

## **PCR School Directories Are Here!**

PCR directories were delivered to classrooms on the Friday before Thanksgiving break. If you ordered through the online One Check Order Form and have not yet received yours, please check with your student and/or your student's teacher.

If you still cannot locate your order, feel free to contact Melissa Mazin at [mfmazin@gmail.com](mailto:mfmazin@gmail.com) or (818) 790-6464.

If you didn't pre-order a directory but would like to buy one (or more), they are available for purchase at the front office for \$8 each. Thank you!



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## COUNSELORS CORNER

Character Ed/Asset theme for October: **APPRECIATION**

Character Ed/Asset theme for November: **RESPONSIBILITY**

A young person accepting and taking personal **responsibility** is a remarkable attribute and one that we have been focusing on this month at Palm Crest. A sense of **responsibility** has been defined by the Search Institute as a key characteristic of several internal assets related to productivity, resiliency and well-being later in life. Therefore, in our commitment to promoting the 40 Developmental Assets as a school community, we are looking at how we can foster this sense of personal **responsibility** in our students.

Last month I visited every fifth and sixth grade class to ask students to reflect on ways we can all take **responsibility** for preventing the mistreatment of others as we practiced skills to recognize, refuse and report various forms of bullying. Over the last few weeks teachers and students have been doing classroom activities exploring what responsibility means and looking at ways we can each take more **responsibility** in different areas of our lives.

And finally, every teacher selected one student from their class to recognize for their exceptional demonstration of **responsibility** (students who accept accountability for their actions, students who remember their jobs and commitments without being asked, students who demonstrate self-control, etc). As always, these “students of the month” were recognized at our Spirit Rally and invited to a pizza lunch with the Principal.

Last month’s Appreciation students are listed below:

Grace Williamson  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Declan Crehan  
Ty Reynolds  
Grace Lee  
Gian Lee  
Erik Nielson  
Ryan Purdy

Grey Ingrassia  
Andrew Butier  
Luisa Breen  
Eric David  
Mira Sands  
Alex Kim  
Jake George  
Michael Broberg

John Chung  
Naomi Stephan  
Will McConnell  
Lindsey Blair  
Avery Richardson  
Carina Longo  
Brendan Evans  
Courtney Gazmarian

-Rachel Zooi, School Counselor

### *La Cañada Pizzeria and Grill*

Thank you to La Cañada Pizzeria and Grill for sponsoring our “Pizza with the Principal”! They have agreed to donate pizzas each month so we can recognize our students with exemplary character traits at lunch. We encourage and ask all our parents to support them by doing business with them. Their generosity to our school is greatly appreciated.

