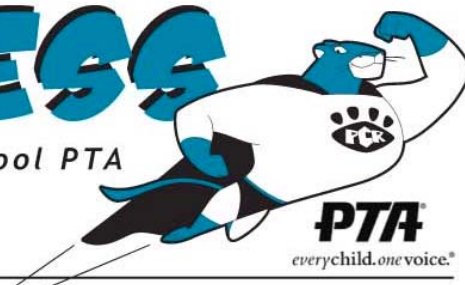


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PCR MONTH AT-A-GLANCE

Thursday, September 24th

Girl Scout Informational Meeting
Multi-Purpose Room
7PM

Monday, September 28th

Deadline for Gift Wrap Sales

Thursday, October 1st

Round Table Pizza Night

Wednesday, October 7th

RSVP Deadline for Fall Parent Mixer

Wednesday, October 7th

PTA Meeting
Multi-Purpose Room
9:30AM

Saturday, October 10th

PTA Parent Mixer
La Cañada Thursday Club
6:30

Tuesday-Friday, October 20th -23rd

Pali Mountain Trip (6th graders)

Wednesdays

Hill Street Café PCR Fundraiser Day

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 and support to our school is greatly appreciated.

A Message from Our Principal:

The 2009-2010 school year is off to an amazing start! I can't believe how much activity we've had in just a few short weeks. It was great to see so many familiar faces and new ones this year at our Back to School Night and Back to School Barbeque. I hope that you all enjoyed the opportunity to meet the teachers, learn more about the year ahead planned for each classroom as well as get a chance to visit with one another. Thanks to all parents who contributed to this successful start!



As you will notice, our Panther Press is now distributed the last week of the month in preparation for the upcoming month. In this issue we highlight all those events occurring now through October. This change was suggested by our parents and we believe that it is a positive change. It will ensure that you have the most current information on upcoming events.

Last month we outlined the submission schedule for upcoming Panther Press publications. Please make note of these dates in the event that you would like to include an article in an upcoming newsletter.

I want to thank all of you for your enthusiasm and support. Palm Crest is a very special place and all of this is made possible by the great community we've established through one another.

Yours truly,

Anais Wenn

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One Check Order Form

Thanks to the over 300 parents who completed their One Check Order Form Online! We appreciate your participation as well as the constructive feedback you have given us. We will be working on refining the process to make it even smoother.

For those of you who are wondering when you'll be receiving all of the goodies you ordered online, here is a general timeline for distribution:

Agenda Books: already distributed directly to your third through sixth grade child's classroom

Yearbooks: will be distributed at the end of the school year

Directories: will be distributed in October

Panther Wear: will be distributed in October/early November

If you have any questions regarding the One Check Order Form, please contact Melissa Mazin, VP of Communications, at (818) 790-6464 or mfmazin@gmail.com.

Directory Confirmation Letter

If you submitted your online directory form by the September 23rd deadline, thank you! Next week, you should receive a confirmation printout of your directory listing in your student's Thursday folder.

Please review that paper, make changes if necessary, approve it with your signature, and return it by the designated deadline. We will make every effort to get the directory out by mid-October.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Mazin at (818) 790-6464 or mfmazin@gmail.com.



Paper Reduction Program

Thanks to everyone who signed up online to participate in Palm Crest's Paper Reduction Program! We will be implementing the revised distribution list in the first week of October. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Nancy Rappard at (818) 399-1655 or katey10797@yahoo.com.

Docents Needed for Your Child's Classroom

If you would like to be a part of your child's classroom to teach an already prepared art, music and/or science lesson for your child's class, please contact the following chairs to see if there are openings and more information.

You DO NOT have to be an artist, musician, or a rocket scientist to be able to be a class docent! These are EASY, pre-established, prepared lesson plans that you follow. With a little prep time (supplies, if applicable, are provided), it is a great way to bring in the "arts" to school and be involved with your child's class.

The time commitment is based on your classroom's teacher and is typically as much as 1x per month or as little as 1x per quarter for 1 hour.

Art Docent Chair: Nancy Baca at nancybacanoiret@yahoo.com

Music Docent Chair: Ingrid McConnell at imcconnell@earthlink.net

Science Docent Chair: Gilda Vartanians at aragilda@sbcglobal.net

HILL STREET CAFE SUPPORTS PCR!



The fundraising partnership between Palm Crest PTA and one of our most popular local restaurants, Hill Street Café, continues! After a very generous summer, Hill Street has decided to extend its fundraising partnership with Palm Crest through the end of 2009. Every **Wednesday**, Hill Street will donate **3% of its total Wednesday net proceeds** (no need to drop receipts in a jar!) to Palm Crest PTA. The funds raised by this partnership will help purchase items for PCR's new multi-purpose room. So if Wednesday comes along and you don't want to cook, think about heading over to Hill Street for a tasty breakfast, lunch or dinner – you'll be helping out Palm Crest while you eat!



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PALM CREST PARENT MIXER!

*A casual night of
Dinner, Drinks & Music...
and your chance to bid on
"Teacher/ Child Outings"!*

Saturday, October 10th at 6:30PM

La Cañada Thursday Club

4440 Woodleigh

\$40 per Adult

*Purchase your ticket online at
www.palmcrest.org.*

*If you prefer to pay by check, contact
Pati Patao (ppatao@charter.net or
818-970-0066).*

The National PTA Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program that provides opportunities for students to express themselves creatively and to receive positive recognition for original works of art inspired by a pre-selected theme. This year's theme is: "Beauty is..."

Applications and entries accepted Thursday, October 1st through Thursday, November 19, 2009. Information and application forms are available online at: <http://www.capta.org/sections/programs/reflections.cfm>

For more information, please contact June Lam, Reflections Chair, at: iune.lam@sce.com.



JOIN PTA!

*It is not too late!
Have a voice at PCR!
Go to palmcrest.org
Receive Legoland tickets!
Questions?*

deniselongo@sbcglobal.net

2009 GIFT WRAP & COOKIE DOUGH SALES

Sale Ends: **Monday, September 28th !!!**
Anticipated Delivery Date: November- Exact Date TBD

Innisbrook gift wrap has maintained its well-known quality while being eco-friendly. Weekly birthday parties and upcoming holidays require a constant stock of wrapping paper. The Helen Grace Gourmet cookie dough and baked goods are always so helpful to have around as last minute playdate treats served warm from the oven, as though they were baked from scratch. There are plenty of other useful items such as kitchen gadgets and magazine subscriptions.

This is a significant fundraiser for Palm Crest. Past years, this fundraiser has provided the PTA the means to fund several programs such as the Art, Music and Science Docent Programs.

All students should have brought home their packets. Forget about turning in a bunch of paperwork with checkmarks in two separate packets. There is a new **EZ Order Entry** to submit your orders BOTH for Gift Wrap and for Gourmet frozen foods/ cookie dough together online!

1. Use the enclosed order form (in the packet sent home) to collect your orders but DO NOT turn the worksheet to school. You will need the worksheet to distribute your goods to the appropriate friends and family.
2. Go to www.innisbrook.com and enter your orders online. Select "**Parents EZ**". Our school number is : **118524**
3. Print out your voucher.
4. You can enter as many new orders as you like during the sales dates.
5. Turn in your voucher(s) and your total payment by Monday 9/28 to your classroom. Make sure all checks are made payable to "Palm Crest PTA".
6. Please note that an additional \$0.25 needs to be collected per item as indicated in the order form. Do not collect additional sales tax.

Remember to ask friends and family! They can also order online at www.innisbrook.com and the school will receive 50% profit. Internet orders also apply toward an individual student's prize levels but the student seller MUST register.

Each student who sells at least ten items and enters their order on **EZ** is eligible to download Innisbrook's exclusive Monkey Mayhem Game.

EACH student who sells more than 35 items (Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough combined) will be part of a **LIMOSINE RIDE to a PIZZA PARTY AT ROUND TABLE** in November. Don't miss out! Those who went last year had a great time and we are offering this again.

Please feel free to contact Laura Magtoto the5magtotos@gmail.com for any questions or call 818-957-1181 if you need assistance in entering your order online. We also especially need volunteers for distribution day on November 12th! Thank you.



If you're looking for something fun for your child to do after school, please check out Bluff Buddies Fitness here in La Cañada.

They offer both drop-off after school programs as well as "The Fun Bus", which will pick your child up at school and bring them back to their facility (on Cornishon) for after school sports, dance classes (at the VIBE dance studio), rock climbing and more. For more information, go to buffbuddiesfitness.com or call (818) 500-9800.



Calling All Girls!

New Girl Scout troops are forming now. There will be an informational meeting for parents of interested girls on:

Thursday, September 24th, 2009 at 7:00PM
Palm Crest Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Please contact Suzette Moran-Richardson at suzetter@sbcglobal.net or 790-6075 for more information.

COUNSELORS CORNER

Character Ed/Asset theme for September: SUPPORT
Character Ed/Asset theme for October: APPRECIATION

As part of our Character Education program and Developmental Asset promotion at Palm Crest, we focused on support this month. Support is one of the important external assets for youth and relates to the need for young people to be surrounded by others who love, care for, appreciate and accept them. Students who have multiple supportive adults in their lives are more likely to be protected against certain risk factors later in life (40 Developmental Assets, Search Institute 2002). It is also part of what we can look at when we think of how we are teaching the positive character traits of caring.

As a school community, we thought of other words or phrases synonymous with support, such as "helping," "reaching out," "being a good friend," or "caring about others." We asked ourselves and our students to reflect on the following: Are there people in your life who have always supported you through hard times? Who are they? How do they support you? Students thought of ways they could reach out to our new students, or others they knew of who might need a little extra right now.

A "Student of the Month" from each class was selected for recognition in demonstrating support. These are PCR students noticed for exceptional behavior in areas such as:

- making special efforts toward a new student
- reaching out or showing interest in others
- inviting others to join an activity
- offering help or showing concern to others

As is tradition, these students are announced at our monthly Spirit Rally and invited to Pizza with the Principal that day.

Thank you for being great role-models students!

-Rachel Zoi, School Counselor



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