



Osprey News



Playa Vista Elementary, 13150 West Bluff Creek Drive, Playa Vista, CA 90094

February 13, 2015

Dear Families of Playa Vista Elementary,

I'd like to talk to you about the safety procedures we have in place here at PVES. First, please be assured that every staff member here at PVES understands that each day, when you bring your child to school, you are entrusting us with their safety and we take this responsibility very seriously. Our three school rules of Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Responsible set the tone for how we interact with each other. This positive tone continues into classrooms through class rules and routines. On our playground we have designed rules with your child's safety in mind. We want to ensure that every member of our learning community is safe throughout their day.



Art in Action began this week.

Preparing for major emergencies is another way we keep your child safe. If you remember back to October, we participated in the Great California Shake Out to test our preparedness in case of a major seismic event. (We did quite well!)

And every month we hold a fire drill.

On February 24th we are practicing a different emergency drill called a lockdown drill. This is the procedure we would follow in the event of an intruder on campus, at the request of law enforcement, or the possibility of activity in the neighborhood that may put our students in danger. Here's how the drill works. An announcement will be made over the P.A. saying, "Teachers, please lockdown the campus." Teachers will then lock classroom doors, turn off the lights, close the blinds, and have the students sit quietly in a particular area in the classroom. The next step is for designated staff to check each door and gate to ensure that our campus is secure. Once this is complete, an all clear will be given. This concludes the drill.

Just as they were during the Great Shake Out, members of our safety committee will be on campus during the drill. Their support has been invaluable. There are two things parents can do to support PVES in our safety efforts. One is to be sure that your child has a Comfort Kit here at school. The second is for TK, kindergarten, first grade, and new students to purchase an emergency kit for your child that will be stored here at school. Details for both kits are in the flyers that follow the newsletter.

Rest assured that PVES is a very secure campus and we work hard every day to keep everyone safe. We take part in these drills to be prepared for any emergency that may come our way. Stay safe and enjoy your three day weekend!

With kind regards,

Rebecca Johnson

Principal



Students studied impressionism.

You are cordially invited to experience the 1st Annual "Taste of PVES Soul" on Thursday, February 26th from 1:15 to 2:30 in the MPR and the playground. Come enjoy the students' presentations of trailblazing African Americans through the integration of song, dance, a living museum, and technology. We will also have interactive engineering activities from LMU's National Society of Black Engineers

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Chats With the Principal

February 20th - Third and Fourth Grade Parents

February 27th - Second Grade Parents

March 5th - First Grade Parents

March 13th - Fifth Grade Parents

March 20th - Kindergarten Parents

Welcome to the second set of Chat With the Principal!
All of the Chats will be held in the MPR and begin at 8:20.
For the first half of the meeting you'll have the opportunity to meet Kelly Keeler, our curriculum writer. In the second half of the hour we'll have our open discussion. Bring your ideas, suggestions, and questions.

MMR Vaccination Rate at PVES

Like you, I have been concerned about the measles outbreak, our students, and the rate of MMR immunizations at PVES. So this past week I asked Ms. Robinson and Ms. Nelson to look through our student records to make sure that the information regarding students' immunizations was accurate and up to date.

We discovered that the MMR immunization rate at PVES is 95%! This is reassuring news that I wanted to share with you.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Monday, Feb. 16th
President's Day
No School

Friday, Feb. 20th
Third Grade
Chat With the Principal
8:20 a.m. MPR

Saturday, Feb. 21st
PVES Dance
A Night in Paris

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 26th
A Touch of Playa Vista Soul -
Black History Month
Celebration
Details Coming Soon

Friday, Feb. 27th
Second Grade
Chat With the Principal
8:20 a.m. MPR

THIS WEEK'S FLYERS

Comfort Kit

Islands Fundraiser

Ballona Discovery Park Open
House



Playa Vista Elementary School

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMFORT KIT

Dear PVES Parents,

As part of our school emergency plan, we ask every family to provide a “comfort kit” for each child who attends PVES. The purpose of the comfort kit is to provide short-term supplies and reassurance to your child in the event that a natural disaster or other emergency occurs during school hours. This kit will be kept in the classroom.

Place the following items in a **one-gallon Ziploc bag**:

1. One plastic bottled water
2. Two small pre-packaged snacks (granola/energy bars, crackers, etc.)
3. Two Band-aids
4. Completed Emergency Contact Form (at the bottom of this page)
5. A family picture
6. A letter to your child of love and encouragement
7. Small comfort item (i.e. toy/stuffed animal, paper/pencil, playing cards, etc.)

All items must be able to fit inside a one-gallon Ziploc bag
Please turn in the completed comfort kit to your child's teacher by Dec 12th

Thank you for supporting our school's emergency plan!

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM (Please print clearly)

Teacher's Name: _____ Room #: _____

Student's First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code _____

Parent Name _____ Cell Phone: _____

Medical Conditions and/or Allergies: _____

Emergency Contact: (out of state, if possible)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Relationship to child _____

Dear Transitional Kindergarten, Kindergarten, First Grade, and New Parents,

When our school first opened, parents purchased an emergency kit for their child. These kits were placed in our Emergency Supply Bin that is on our playground. Now it is time for you to be asked to do the same so that each child will have individual supplies in addition to the supplies that have been purchased for the entire school.

The kits contain:

- **1 food bar – 2,400 calories**
- **6 water pouches**
- **1 emergency blanket**
- **1 light stick**
- **9 wet wipes**

This the needed items to sustain one person for three days and **the cost is \$8 per child.**

Please give the money in an envelope to your child's teacher or to the front office by Friday, February 20th.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Your PVES Safety Committee



Just present this flyer to your server
(or show it on your mobile device) and
Islands will donate 20% of your food and
beverage purchases back to PLAYA VISTA
ELEMENTARY.

Dine-In or Take-Out. Order online at
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PLAYA VISTA ELEMENTARY FUNDRAISER

Date: FEBRUARY 24th, 2015

Time: 4pm to close

Location: Islands Marina del Rey
404 Washington Blvd. • (310) 822-3939
#islandsburgers

Not valid with any coupon, offer or other discount. Proceeds exclude gratuity and tax.

Craft burgers, fresh-cut fries, salads & tacos. Bring your family and friends to Islands, and help raise money for Playa Vista Elementary.



EXPLORE • ENGAGE • LEARN

Ballona Discovery Park

Join the Friends for our monthly *Open House* every second Saturday of the month! Take a self-guided tour of our 2-acre open-air science park, staff will be on hand to answer questions.



ADA Compliant • Interpretive Panels • Willow Tunnel • Tongva Ki-ish Picnic Tables • Pollinator Garden • Medicinal Garden • Riparian Corridor

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY

10:00A - 12:00P

13110 Bluff Creek Drive
Playa Vista, CA 90094
(next to Playa Vista Elementary School)

Ballona Discovery Park is a project of:



Friends of Ballona Wetlands



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