



January Newsletter

A Note from the Head of School

Upcoming Events

February 16th

Fancy Nancy/
Grandparents/
Special Persons Day
Assembly 9:15am

**Minimum Day
Daycare Available**

February 17th

NO SCHOOL
Teacher Inservice

February 20th

NO SCHOOL

Birthdays

Austin T.
Aidan M.
Graysen B.
Aiden W.
Sandy H.
Ryan M.
Aya O.

This past week-end the Board of Trustees and I attended the annual California Association of Independent Schools conference in San Francisco. Our keynote speaker was Sal Khan. His presentation was relaxed, enjoyable, and most importantly educationally stimulating. It is rare that a group of 850 people laugh, applaud, and compete for answers to their many questions.

Mr. Khan is the founder of the Khan Academy, a free online educational platform and non-profit organization. He has produced close to 3,000 videos in his home which mainly focus on mathematics and sciences.

Khan was valedictorian of his high school class and attained a perfect score in the math portion of his SAT's. He holds three degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: a BS in Mathematics, a BS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and an MS in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Mr. Khan also holds an MBA from Harvard Business School.

This innovative approach to teaching began while tutoring his cousin in mathematics over the Internet. When his family and friends sought his skills, he decided to distribute his tutoring sessions on YouTube beginning in 2006. This video-sharing website was so overwhelmingly popular that Khan quit his business job and developed his YouTube channel, full time.

His purpose: "changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education to anyone anywhere." Students have enjoyed his practical, relaxed, and competent way of teaching. I, too, was so impressed with his easy going manner and his facility to answer questions with depth and clarity.

I suppose you can imagine the accolades he has received including appearances on PBS, CNN, and NBC. Not surprisingly, he was invited to speak at TED by Bill Gates, who states that he uses Khan Academy Exercise Software to instruct his children.

Well, you can trust that we, at PHS, will be piloting some of these concepts and programs in the very near future.
Happy Chinese New Year...

Warmly,
Patricia Cailler

To the year of the Dragon
Chinese proverb:

Keep a green tree alive in your heart and a songbird may come to sing there.

A Note from the Advancement Office

ANNUAL FUND CONTINUES

A sincere thanks goes out to those who have contributed to our 50th Anniversary Annual Giving Fund! Your support and generosity are very much appreciated as your gifts help to provide all the fabulous enhancements to your child's education here at PHS.

Our goal is to have 100% participation from Peninsula Heritage families, and our wonderful parent volunteers will soon be phoning to remind those who have not as yet given. In addition, in a short time we will be posting percent participation by grade on a banner in our parking area. Be sure that your donation is included by sending in your gift. Again, thank you so much for your interest and support of our lovely school.



Library News

Read on . . .

Get Ready! It's a Book Fair Luau! The week of February 6, the Library will be transformed into a mini book store for our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Allison Maguire is our Book Fair Chairperson. Please contact her if you can help. There are many opportunities to lend a hand. Your children love to see you working at the fair. You can also volunteer to go into your child's classroom and share some of the books available at the fair. Please see me.

For the month of January we have been enjoying the Library's collection of winter-themed books – snow, rain, etc. We're looking forward to February books – Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, 100 Days of School, etc.

See you at the Luau.

Read on...

PJ Charnofsky

January Good Citizens

Kindergarten

Nicole: For using kind words and thoughtful actions.

Keira: For having self-control and being a great friend.

Thomas: For having a persevering spirit!

First Grade

India: For continuing to show amazing effort and heart in the classroom!

Kylie: For being a loving friend to everyone and shining your beautiful soul so brightly!

Pieter: For using perseverance each and every day! And your sweet hugs warms all of our hearts!

Second Grade

Lochlan: He cares about doing his work well.

William: He cares dearly for horses.

Matthew Looking out for others.

Aiden: He cares by sharing.

Third grade

Greyson: For working hard at being a caring friend inside and outside of the classroom.

Tyler: For caring about his classmates and helping them when they need help.

Koa: For having a caring spirit during all class activities!

Fourth Grade

Natalie: A well spring of joy and enthusiasm for all!

Brian: Responding to others with integrity and compassion.

Glenys: Caring for others and for the world around her!

Tiffany: Caring enough to do her best in her work and actions!

Fifth Grade

Aubrey: Your gentle caring attitude makes others feel better.

Aidan: Caring for those close to him.

Mia: For always being prepared.

Jared: Always lending a helping hand.

Sixth Grade

Student of the month

Emma Wendorff

Caring

Respect

Attitude

Gratitude

Self Control

Perseverance