



The Flash

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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Next Week

AT PARK VILLAGE

Tuesday (12/9)

Recycling Day

8-9:15 a.m. ESS Parking Lot

Student Store

8:40-8:55 a.m. Umbrella near K mall

1:40 p.m. Early Dismissal

Thursday (12/11)

PTA Association Meeting

6-6:30 p.m. Library

PVEEF Meeting

6:30 p.m. Library

Friday (12/12)

Author's Fair Book Order From Due

Ice Cream Sales

3:20 p.m., Lunch Area

PTA Association Meeting and Principal Chat...

By Kimberly Wilkins, PTA President

This month's PTA Association Meeting and Principal Chat will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, from 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Library. Principal Ceceña will also host a Principal Chat session, so come find out about the latest and greatest happenings at Park Village. Hope to see you there!

Park Village Family Heritage Night

The Park Village Family Heritage Night is fast approaching! Thank you to the PV families who have volunteered to host a table representing their cultural heritage from areas around the world. We have many countries represented; it's not too late to participate! Join other PV families in celebrating your family's history by hosting a table! Hosting a table is a very easy family project. Displays could be as simple as sharing pictures, maps and artifacts from your heritage. We also welcome families who can trace their family heritage from other parts of the good ol' USA! Contact Jeanette Soriano at 858-538-5025 or jeminaal@yahoo.com for more information.



D.A.D.S. Bike Ride

Join the DADS group for a fun bike ride and bicycle safety check **Saturday, December 13, 9:30a.m.** at the school parking lot. Dads will be on hand to adjust brakes, derailleurs, fix flats, and properly adjust seats and helmets. Then join the DADS and Principal Ceceña for a fun bike ride in the Peñasquitos Canyon to the waterfall. Weather permitting, we expect to finish up by noon. Parents please accompany your child.

Who is this Park Village staff member?

Who is this Park Village staff member? This PV staff member was born in Lynwood, California. Her parents were from Nebraska and California, and her grandparents were from Texas and Czechoslovakia. A family tradition is to serve BBQ Turkey every Easter (a Texas tradition). During one of her many visits to Texas, she found copies of pages from a book listing family events dating all the way back to the 1800's! She has plans on visiting the Czech Republic next April 2009 to learn more about her family heritage! Can you guess who this staff member is? See answer below.

Recycling Day

December 9, 2008, 8-9:30 a.m., ESS Parking Lot

Please complete and attach this form to your items to ensure your child's classroom receives credit!



Student: _____

Teacher: _____ Room# _____

of aluminum cans: ____ # of plastic bottles: ____

Parent Signature: _____

Answer: It's Mrs. Stroyer, our wonderful PV Health Attendant! Do you have a family tradition that you celebrate every year like Mrs. Stroyer?



Discover the Magic of The Flash “Going Green” Commencing in 2009....

By Kimberly Wilkins, PTA President

With every new year comes new resolutions and hope of change. As part of the PTA’s New Year’s Resolution, we will be discovering the magic of *The Flash* “going green” in 2009. In an effort to help with the educational budget crisis and to do our part with helping the environment, *The Flash* will no longer be printed and sent home with your child. Instead, commencing with our first issue on January 9, 2009, *The Flash* will be emailed every Friday to the email addresses provided during Registration and will also be made available for viewing at our PTA website. All you will need to view *The Flash* is Adobe Reader, which can be downloaded for free at www.adobe.com. If you have not already registered your email address or need to update your email address, please complete the form below and return it to the front office as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts to help with the educational budget crisis and our environment!

Student’s Name: _____	Teacher: _____
Parent’s Name: _____	Tel. No: _____
Email Address: _____	

PVEEF Spring Event Committee Meeting – Tuesday, December 16th

We will be having our 1st Committee Meeting for the Foundation Spring Event on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:00pm. Please join us. It takes many volunteers to make this event successful, and we would love to see some new faces and some fresh ideas.

The Spring Event has always been a BIG fundraiser for the foundation, but we can’t do it without your help!

The meeting will be at my home:

Karen Titus

VP Volunteer Coordinator

12095 Celome Lane

RSVP to ktitus@earthlink.net or 484-8797.

Reflections

By Denise Falkenthal



Still no word from Palomar Council as to which entries/ students have moved on to 9th

District. Please continue to be patient...I will keep you posted :)

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Congratulations PV FIRST LEGO LEAGUE Team Members!!



By Ed Orosz

This year PVES has two teams (Masterminds and Robo-Penguins) entered in the FIRST LEGO League (FLL) Challenge, a global program created to get kids excited about science and technology. FLL utilizes theme-based challenges to engage kids in research, problem solving, and engineering. In addition, the cornerstones of the program are its Core Values, which emphasize contributions of others, sportsmanship, learning, and community involvement. The FLL annual challenge has 2 parts, the “Project” and the “Robot Game.” Working in teams of up to 10 kids and guided by adult coaches, the team members have to:

- Build an autonomous robot that will, in 2 minutes and 30 seconds, complete pre-designed missions
- Analyze, research, and invent a solution for a given assignment (This year's theme is "Climate Connections")
- Create and deliver a clever presentation about their solution in front of a panel of judges

At the FIRST Lego League San Diego Qualifier Tournament, held Saturday, November 22, 2008 at UCSD, the 2 Park Village teams put on outstanding performances in the challenge involving 34 other teams. The Mastermind team qualified for the next round of competition at Legoland and the Robo-Penguins were selected as wild cards -- so both teams will be representing Park Village at Legoland, on Sunday, December 7.

Team 7985 Masterminds received two awards: the 2nd place Robot Performance Award and the 2nd place Champion’s Award. Team members are: Aaron Fox, Karl Garrett, Nick Hoover, Kecheng Kao, Janessa Lin, Paul Mauro, Maddison Orosz, Lily Rongey & Will Pope coached by Paul Hoover, Vince Mauro and Matt Tavares.

Team 5404 Robo-Penguins received the Judges Award. Team members are: David Eason, Mihai Fratian, Jason Ganton, Rahul Keyal, Cody Moore, Arvind Parthasarathy, Justin Slavick, Andrew Tao, Jerome Wang & Brandon Wong coached by Bob Ganton and Daryl Eason.

The culmination of the PV team members’ hard work was vividly demonstrated at the tournament. Congratulations to our Park Village teams!