



The Flash

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Next Week

AT PARK VILLAGE

Tuesday (10/21)

- 1:40 p.m., Early Dismissal

Wednesday (10/22)

- **Book Fair**
7:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m., MP Room
("Pastry with Parents": 7:45-8:45 a.m.)

Thursday (10/23)

- **Book Fair**
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., MP Room

Friday (10/24)

- **NO Ice Cream Sales**
- "Fit Friday" - Walk To School
- **Book Fair**
8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., MP Room
("Family Night": 5:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **D.A.D.S. Group Movie Night**
5:00 p.m.

Trek Over To Our Book Fair and Go On a SAFARI for Books!

By Charity Toetter, Book Fair Chair

Remember the song, "The Lion Sleeps Tonight"? Well, he won't be sleeping next Friday because we'll be having our Book Fair Safari "Family Night" together with the annual D.A.D.S. Group Movie Night! It'll be our last day of the Book Fair and we'll be staying open until 8:00 p.m. so the entire family can come and enjoy the latest and greatest from Scholastic. Our Book Fair will also feature all the authors, illustrators, and series you've grown to love through the years. Have you tried Coke or Pepsi? No, not the drinks. Find out more about what your friends are really made of with the all-new edition in this popular series, *Coke or Pepsi 3*. Get a sneak peek at more titles by visiting our Book Fair homepage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/parkvillage>. Books are great gifts for children of all ages and teachers love them, too. Don't forget to submit your Book Fair Safari Coloring Page. Entries can be viewed at the Book Fair. One winner from each grade will be chosen at random for a prize. Stop by Friday "Family Night" where we'll have a raffle for more prizes. So be sure to mark your calendars and come enjoy all the fun happening at PV! ...a-wimoweh a-wimoweh a-wimoweh...

Book Fair Safari Days and Hours:

Wednesday, October 22nd - 7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Pastry with Parents - 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.)

Thursday, October 23rd - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 24th - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
(Family Night - 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)



Our Book Fair event is a great opportunity to volunteer. For more information please refer to the Book Fair Volunteer Sign-Up Binder located on campus outside the office by the PV Rack or contact Charity Toetter at mtoetter@sbcglobal.net.

Preparing for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference

By Ricardo Ceceña, Principal

Studies have shown that children whose parents are involved in their education do better in school. The parent-teacher conferences on October 29th, 30th & 31st, are one way to get involved. Every time you attend a parent-teacher conference, you learn more about your child and strengthen the bond with your child's school. Getting to know the teacher and hearing his or her views of your child's progress actually helps your child succeed. So make parent-teacher conferences a priority and take the following steps to ensure that you and your child get the most out of them.

Talk to your child before the conference: Ask your child what he/she would like you to discuss at the meeting. One strategy is to say, "I'm going to be meeting with your teacher, what will he/she tell me?" Your child's response may give you ideas for what to discuss with the teacher.

Ask questions: Come to the conference with list of questions regarding your child's academic and social issues. Some good questions to ask may include:



- ◆ What are my child's academic talents and weaknesses?
- ◆ Does he or she consistently meet your standards for completing assignments?
- ◆ How does he or she interact and contribute to classroom activities and discussions?
- ◆ How much time should homework take?
- ◆ What specific things can I do to follow through at home?

If you need a teacher's answer clarified, ask for specific examples or more detail.

Keep an open mind: Some parents can get angry or defensive when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember that these conferences are meant to help you understand your child's school performance. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.

Take notes: Take notes during the conference so that you remember everything the teacher says. After the meeting review your notes. If something is unclear, schedule a follow-up meeting with the teacher to clarify.

Make the most of your time: Conferences are tightly scheduled for every 20-30 minutes. Parents need to be on time and stay within the allocated time. Remember that conferences are brief, so keep the conversation focused. Try not to bring babies or young children to the meeting, as they can cause distractions.

Tell your child: After the conference, meet with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about areas that you and the teacher will be working on with your child to help them improve. It is essential that your child understand that you and the teacher are there to support them and to make their school experience the best it can be.

Remember that schools and teachers welcome parent involvement year-round. Be sure to let the teachers know that you are following through on what was discussed and that you would like to hear about progress in class. Feel free to call and schedule a phone or in-person conference any time you think there's a need.



IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION

By Lorene Joosten, PTA Legislation Representative

Enter your address at www.smartvoter.org to view your complete ballot online.

October 20: Last day to register to vote for the November 4 election.

Not sure if you are registered or not? Check your voter status on the San Diego County Registrar of Voters website: www.SDVote.com.

Out of town or too busy to vote at your polling place on Election Day? Apply to register by mail by October 28 online at www.SDVote.com.

Box Tops for Education

Did you know that **Park Village Elementary receives 10¢ for every "Box Tops for Education" coupon** submitted? All you have to do is clip the coupons off the package and turn them in – it's **free money** for our school from products you already use! The list of products, along with fun recipes, games and more, can be viewed at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

It's so **simple! Here's how it works:**

- ❖ Purchase products displaying the "Box Tops for Education" logo and coupon on the package
- ❖ Clip the coupon and save it at home
- ❖ Put the coupons in the Box Tops collection box in the front office



The deadline for submitting them this fall is the end of October, so we need your **Box Tops turned in to the school office the week of October 20!** Didn't know about this and haven't been saving the coupons? Don't worry, just start saving them now for the spring deadline in March 2009. We also need your help counting Box Tops coupons this month. If you can help, contact Cherie O'Connor at cherieo@san.rr.com or 538-4402.

We've received about \$1,000 per year from this program, with the funds going to the PVEEF to support Art, Music, Science and Technology.

Thanks for supporting our school through this program!

Recycling Logo Contest Extended

By Greg Bourque, PV Recycling Coordinator

Recycling ... What A Way To Win!! Our "LOGO CONTEST" will be extended until the next D.A.D.S. Group meeting in November. That means you will have an extra month to design your logo and turn it in at the office. We are looking forward to incorporating the winner's LOGO on all Park Village Recycling information. Thank you to all the teachers who have helped to encourage your students to participate in this school-wide contest.

PTA Membership Campaign

By Sara Begley, VP Membership

A huge thanks to all of you for your support with the PTA *September Challenge* Membership Campaign. We are over 730 members strong and still counting. There were many classrooms with a large percentage of participation. To celebrate reaching our goal, we had a school-wide lunchtime popcorn party on Friday. A BIG THANKS to the parents of Mrs. Bartlett's, Mrs. Chick's, and Mrs. Lasho's classrooms—you had 100% participation. Congratulations to Mrs. Bartlett and Mrs. Lasho whose names were drawn for the \$50 gift certificates to A+ Teaching Materials.

We would also like to congratulate PTA members Gregory & Diane Bourque and their 2nd grade student Camryn who are the winners of this year's Sea World giveaway. Their family name was drawn and they were rewarded with (4) passes to Sea World.

Parents, please be aware that your Jr. PTA Members should return home from school Friday with your 2-for-1 Legoland coupons. These vouchers are good through December 31, 2009.

Finally, in an effort to conserve materials and resources, we are not processing a bulk print of membership cards. However, if you are planning to attend the PTA Convention in 2009 or want to take advantage of membership discounts, please contact Sara Begley at thebegleys@gmail.com or 858 525-5859 and a card will be sent to you.

Thanks again for your involvement and support of Park Village PTA!



Family Portraits

Support Park Village and get a new family photo at the same time! Professional photographer and Sundance parent Shannon Dickson will be taking pictures for the Park Village community on November 1st and 2nd.

Appointments are going fast. Sign up for an outdoor session in the neighborhood with Shannon by going to www.shannondigitalphotography.com - click on Schedule, and select either date. Your low-cost sitting fee can be paid online. Prints will be available on Shannon's full service website within days. Pets and grandparents are welcome! Questions, call Beth at 538-1338.

The Latest Scoop! Go to our PTA website (www.powayusd.com/pusdpves/pta) to find out more on: Internet Safety Forum (Oct. 22), PUSD College Fair (Oct. 22), Westview Rummage Sale & Pancake Breakfast (Oct. 25).



Fit Friday - Oct. 24.

Walk, bike, or jog to school and earn a catch!

Character Counts!SM

We had a nice turn out for the September Responsibility activity. About 250 students filled out and turned in their green responsibility sheets. Thank you to all who participated. Also, a big thanks to Boy Scout troop #675, and Girl Scout troops #8177, #8212, #8278, #8210 and #8045 for passing out tickets during CC! week. It was so great seeing all the pillar colors worn each day on students, teachers and staff!

D.A.D.S. Movie Night

Next Friday! Come enjoy free hot dogs, hot buttered popcorn and a movie with your family and friends this Friday the 24th starting at 5 p.m. There will also be dancing to your favorite tunes while we wait for the sun to set and the movie to start. Stay tuned to find out which movie will be shown.

Cross Country Meet

21st Annual Invitational Cross Country Meet will be held on **Thursday, November 6th**, at Mount Carmel High School from 2:20-4:15 p.m., depending on the grade. This event is for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. The run is a one mile cross country run around Mt. Carmel stadium. Park Village students will compete with other elementary schools in the area. All participants will receive ribbons and awards will be given to the 1st-10th place runners. Look for a flier and participation slip coming home soon. Remember parents are responsible for getting their child to the meet. Come out and join us as we cheer on our PV Runners! Questions, please contact Teri Delacruz at 484-6980.

Parking Lot Violations

By Jim Moody, PVEEF President

Please be aware that the two striped spaces in the school parking lot are RESERVED for Foundation Auction Winners. These two families paid a LOT of money for the privilege of knowing that they would have a place to park at all times when they come to school. **PLEASE** respect these spaces and **DO NOT** park your car in them at any time. Violators may run the risk of having their car towed without warning.

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