



The Flash

A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

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Next Week

AT PARK VILLAGE

Saturday (11/22)

- **FIRST Lego League Teams at the 2008 San Diego Lego Challenge**

All Week (11/24-11/28)

- **NO SCHOOL: Happy Thanksgiving!**

Saturday (11/29)

- **D.A.D.S. Flag Football**
3 p.m., Peñasquitos Creek Park (across from the school)

All Week (12/1-12/5)

- **Meet the Masters Classroom Lessons: DA VINCI**

Tuesday (12/2)

- **1:40 p.m., Early Dismissal**

Wednesday (12/3)

- **Student Council Meeting**
8:15 a.m., Library
- **Author's Fair Book Order Forms sent home**

Friday (12/5)

- **2nd Grade Assembly: Heritage Tours "Why I'm Me"**
9:30-10:45 a.m., MP Room
- **Ice Cream Sales** 3:20 p.m.



Giving Thanks

By Ricardo Ceceña, Principal

As we prepare for Thanksgiving Break, I would like to give thanks for a few of the many things that we have here in our school community. We are truly blessed with all that we have ...

I am thankful for the professional staff of Park Village Elementary School. Working alongside professionals that give their heart and soul to students and families on a daily basis is inspiring. They consistently give their all to make learning happen for kids. The Park Village Staff is one of the most dedicated and hard working groups of professionals I have had the pleasure to work with. **Thank You!**

I am thankful for the supportive parents who have provided a constant source of inspiration by helping us manage the details of daily learning at Park Village. Your faith and trust in the collective professional judgment of our staff to do what is best for all students encourages each one of us to work even harder for your children.

Thank you!

I am thankful for the students of Park Village who embrace everyday with great passion and optimism. You are among the most kind, caring and helpful people I have ever met. I never want to underestimate the ability you have to teach me new things or forget that there should be joy in learning. **Thank you!**

This Thanksgiving, may each of us rejoice and give thanks for all that we have and look forward with optimism that we may embrace tomorrow's challenges with courage and faith. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Adopt-A-Family... Donate a Gift Card

"It is in giving that we receive." ~ Saint Francis of Assisi

These tough economic times are affecting all of us. The Adopt-a-Family program is feeling the effects as well with more families needing help and fewer people able to help. If you want to donate a \$25 gift card to Albertsons, Stater Brothers, Wal-mart, Target or Chevron, these will be used to supplement the gifts being shopped for. For more information, contact Ann Misuraca at annmizz@san.rr.com. Thanks for your generosity!



Who Is This Park Village Teacher?

This PV teacher's family came from England, Ireland and Scotland. Both her grandmothers were members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, which means that at least one member of the family on both sides fought in the Revolution. She learned more about her family heritage by visiting an island off the coast of Maine where some of her ancestors settled. Can you guess who this teacher is?

Answer: It's Mrs. McFarland from Third Grade! You and your family can learn more about your family heritage like

Mrs. McFarland. Share your experiences, culture and heritage with the PV Community by hosting a table at the PV Family Heritage Night in January! Contact Jeanette Soriano at 858-538-5025 or jeminaal@yahoo.com for more information.

RECYCLING..... What a Way to Win!!!

By Greg Bourque, PV Recycling Coordinator

We are enjoying a great start for this year with our recycling program. Our goal is to generate as much interest from all Park Village students, so that they can feel good about their school and their community. We will be voting on the "LOGO CONTEST" drawings at this month's D.A.D.S. Group meeting. Good luck to all of you PV Artists, and thank you for participating in the LOGO CONTEST. In the very near future we will be making a few changes to the recycling program that I believe will add a personal touch. *The Flash* will highlight those changes, and a mid year tally of our high achievers, so look for those updates, and let's keep recycling.

There are times when highlighting somebody's efforts is not only imperative, but the right thing to do. Here at Park Village we have a teacher who can no longer go unnoticed. She has grabbed onto the significance of RECYCLING and has made it an important part of her students' activities. The teacher I am referring to is *Ms Qsar*. As the Recycling Coordinator of Park Village Elementary I would like to personally thank her for her enthusiasm and effectiveness. She has set the bar for all others to aspire to, and I hope by highlighting her efforts we will all take on the mantle for our students and for our community. Let's make recycling an important part of our experience at Park Village Elementary.

Mark Your Calendar: Our next **PTA Association Meeting and Principal Chat** will be held on Thursday, December 11th from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Library.



The Park Village School Photos

By Larissa Scors Anderson, Park Village Yearbook Editor

The Park Village School Photos Shutterfly Website (<http://parkvillage.shutterfly.com>) is being enthusiastically welcomed by most of our community. There are already over 170 members and hundreds of wonderful school photos online. As it is still fairly new, here are some clarifications about our website:

- 1) Only those who have been invited or accepted as members by yearbook editor Larissa Anderson can access the site.
 - a. Each member must be logged into the (free) Shutterfly account associated with the invited email address
 - b. The site password, "littlepenguin" is in addition to each individual private account password
 - c. This site is available for all interested Park Village parents/teachers. The easiest way to make sure that everyone who wants to share/order images is for the room parent to send the editor a list of email addresses to add as members to the site (after requesting any opt-outs from the class). Many room-parents have already done this – thank you! Any parent/teacher can directly request access online and if the email address is in the directory, membership will be approved.
- 2) All members are welcome to upload high-resolution (not compressed/made smaller) images to the appropriate albums already set-up by grade level and school-wide function.
- 3) The site has 3 main purposes:
 - a. To enable the yearbook committee to select the most appropriate and diverse images for print in the hardbound book. Specific images selected by the yearbook committee for publication will be requested in high-resolution format by email
 - b. To enable all parents to easily share all school pictures with classmates and order prints/merchandise (mail order or pick-up at Target)
 - c. To provide a digital yearbook, especially for events beyond mid-March (the vendor deadline for the printed book is early April). Shutterfly enables personal album creation as a supplement to the school yearbook.
- 4) If you need assistance, instructions are located in the HELP & FAQ sections found at the very top of the site & <http://www.shutterfly.com/help/pop/main.jsp?k=homepage>
- 5) Due to the learning curve, the 1st deadline for all pictures Aug-Oct has been extended to Mon., Nov. 24th.
 - a. The 2nd Deadline will be December 15th for all November pictures.

We look forward to a terrific year captured in beautiful photos for both the yearbook and personal family albums.

Meet Leonardo da Vinci

By Jennifer Myers, Meet the Masters Coordinator



This week, Park Village kids learned about Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), the archetypical Renaissance man who produced an encyclopedia of drawings and two of the most famous paintings of all

time, *Mona Lisa* and *The Last Supper*. Da Vinci was also a musician, inventor, and scientist. Despite the fact he is probably most famous for painting, it may have been his least favorite thing to do. Only fifteen of his paintings survive today.

This week, children have viewed one of two age-level appropriate DVDs about da Vinci and learned the art terms: detail and realism. Students also worked on their learning packets, which focus on drawing details, or reflections and shading. After the break, everyone will have the opportunity to create a botanical print using string and paint in an hour-long art class.

Questions to Ask Around the Dinner Table (Not all questions were covered in all grades)

Q: *Mona Lisa* was a commissioned portrait. She was the wife of a wealthy Italian merchant. It took da Vinci three years to complete this painting. When he finished, what did he do?

A: He kept the painting for himself as he was so pleased with it. He even had it with him when he died.

Q: Da Vinci drew a self-portrait near the end of his life using red chalk. Did he draw a lot?

A: Yes, he filled 5000 pages with his ideas, studies, and inventions.

Q: Where was *The Last Supper* painted?

A: It was painted on a wall in a church in Italy. It has survived 500 years, numerous renovations, military occupations and more. About 150 years after it was completed, a door was actually cut into this famous mural! It was later bricked up.

Q: Why did da Vinci work in a hospital for four years?

A: So he could take home dead bodies. He would dissect and draw them. He was very interested in anatomy.

Q: Da Vinci was also very interested in botany. What is botany?

A: It is the study of plants. Not only did he like to draw plants, he made important discoveries about them, including that one can determine the age of a tree by the number of rings in the trunk.

PV Spirit Wear!

Thank you to those of you who helped fill spirit wear orders - the help was much appreciated! There is still PV spirit wear available: Coffee mugs, sweatshirts, window clings, refrigerator magnets, and various shirts. Please contact nicolestowell@sbcglobal.net if you're interested in shopping!

Recycle Used Ink Cartridges and Cell Phones

Park Village earns points for each ink cartridge and cell phone that you drop off to be recycled. There is a recycle box located in the volunteer workroom. Both laser and inkjet cartridges are accepted. Toner cartridges and broken phones cannot be recycled through this program. Please help Park Village earn points that will be converted to CASH for our school. If you have questions, contact Carol Kaiser at ckaiser1@san.rr.com or 484-2118.

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New PV Rack Fliers -- Rancho Peñasquitos Little League: Spring 2009, Southern California Youth Ballet: The Nutcracker