

P.A.T.H.S. Meeting #4

November 15, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Announcements by James Haddad

- **Website is Live**
 - Last couple of weeks the families that are visiting the school are providing positive feedback on the website. They say it is convenient and informative.
 - Photo Gallery - Pictures can be submitted via CD or email to Lynn at the office. Lynn will look for the best ones and send them to Sharyn to upload to the website. Pictures from anyone, amateur to expert, is welcome. We encourage anyone going to Field Trips or Games to take pictures and submit them.
 - Please utilize the CALENDAR section of the website for all school news and events.
 - The website will always be a work in-progress. We are always seeking ways to make it better and so we welcome any feedback. Please email valleyfeedback@gmail.com

- **Inspirational Speech Exhibition - Scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2011**
 - 2nd grade and up will be reciting inspirational speeches
 - This is a Cougar Model Goal, which is to be an articulate and effective communicator.
 - Students will research speeches. They will be looking for speeches that they can identify with and recite them in the class.
 - Teachers will select the students who can volunteer and deliver the speeches to the parents.
 - On that same evening, prior to the presentations, 4th Grade will have a Spaghetti Fundraiser to help with their Sacramento Field Trip.

Teacher's Holiday Lunch

- Scheduled for Friday, December 16, 2011
- Organized by Colette Felten. Email address is colette.felten@earthlink.net
- Looking for volunteers to watch the yard while the teachers enjoy this appreciation lunch. We will have 30 minute time slots between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm. Please email Sharyneles@gmail.com if you can volunteer.
- Also looking for donations on drinks (soda, water, juice) and food. Please email sharyneles@gmail.com if you are able to bring any items.

Upcoming Fundraising Event by Michelle Guerrido

Wed Nov 16	<p>Fresh N Easy Shopping Night at 15230 Vanowen St Van Nuys, CA 91405 from 4pm-8pm. School gets 5% on sales between 4pm-8pm and we also get money from all the receipts we collect. **We will be collecting receipts that are \$20 or more to Valley School until December 31, 2011**</p> <p>Volunteers are asked to help bag grocery, pass out samples and collect receipts. We will also have a table advertising our school. We only have 10 shirts available, but it's ok to volunteer without it. We should also monitor our kid's behavior during our time there.</p>
Fri Nov 18	<p>Krispy Kreme Fundraiser. Starbucks is donating 1 coffee box thanks to Young An's idea. Michelle Guerrido will be going to another Starbucks to see if she can get 1 more. Sign-up sheets were passed</p>

around in the meeting for anyone that would like to help.

Tues
Nov 29 CPK Family Day & Night. Please dine at CPK at 16101 Ventura Blvd Ste 200 Encino, CA 91436 any time that day and let your waiter know that you are there for the Valley School Fundraiser.

- Raffle Donations are doing well. If you have any suggestions or donations for the raffle please notify Sharyn Eles at sharyneles@gmail.com
- 4th Grade will be selling World's Finest Chocolate for their Sacramento Field Trip in May. The date is not yet set, but we have secured a location at Ralphs to sell the chocolate.
- 8th Grade will be going to Washington DC and will be doing several fundraisers.
 - **50/50 raffle** -wherein half will go to the field trip and half to the winner of the raffle. Raffle winner will be announced after Holiday Show on December 23, 2011.
 - **Sunday Boot Camp**-Hosted by Walter Roby. 100% of it is donated. The first group earned over \$700. It's a great group motivated workout. They are starting another set of 4 sessions this Sunday at 8:00 am but the last 3 weeks of the session will start at 9:00 am. It is \$15.00 per session or \$60 for 4 weeks. We have received great feedback on the class and instructor.

School Menu & Nutrition by Karen Inouye

- Healthy Families is moving along TK, K, and 1st grade are all up and running and hoping to get the rest of the grades to do it too. K is actually doing it 2 times a week.
- Would like to put up pictures of the creative healthy dishes on website or maybe form a reference area for ideas on healthy treats/cooking.
- We do have some volunteers from each grade, but not enough to do it consistently. Please email Karen Inouye at gki@pacbell.net if you can volunteer.
- Student Council did a healthy breakfast on Friday morning, but noticed that a lot of what was offered did not get eaten. We should try the foods on our own kids first before supplying it. It is important to make sure the kids would like to eat it.
- There are heavy calorie snacks being sold in school and the goal is to replace them with healthier snacks, while taking into account the cost, supplier, and how popular they are with the kids.
- This is going to be a long process. There are parents who do like the current snacks and have kids who may be fine eating heavy calorie snacks because of their high activity level; however, we are looking for the best interest of our kids as a whole, which is why this program is fully supported by the school.
- This program is all about education and letting our kids know of healthier options. One of our ideals in our Portrait of a Cougar is to teach our children to live an active and healthy lifestyle. We can limit their options here, but in the real world they will be responsible for themselves and we can only hope that we established healthy eating habits so that they make a healthy decision.
- Nicole Muskette, TK Parent who is also a Registered Dietitian, and Karen Inouye are shopping around for replacements that can be suggested to the school, but it is a long process.

Holiday Boutique by Michelle Guerrido

- Art Boutique will be moved to the spring. Looking for anyone else who would like to sell their products or knows vendors who are interested. Please contact Michelle Guerrido at michellejsalazar@hotmail.com
- Food was suggested to sell at the Art Boutique.
- Date is TBA

Parent Liaison Program by Liane Jumanan

- Liaisons in the middle school are having problems collecting donations and/or response from their requests.
- Planning to send out an email blast, attachment notice to class agenda, and reviewing directories.
- Tuesday Night, Valley School staff and students will assist in serving approximately 300 homeless people.
- Below are the baskets that each class will be working on for our Holiday Silent Auction

TK	Giftcard Basket
K	Spa Basket
1	Lotto Basket
2	Baking Basket
3	Emergency Pack
4	Cafe and Books Basket
5	Movie Basket
6	Beauty Makeover Basket
7	Adventures for 2 Basket
8	Game Basket

- Holiday Show - Mr. C and the teachers are getting ready for the Holiday Show. Please check-in with your teachers and see if they need anything. Anyone interested in volunteering for the show itself, such as, decorate or direct the kids to go from place to place, please contact Mr. C. He is available on the yard after-school and/or notes can be left for him at the office.

Other Announcements

- Can goods are due before Thanksgiving Break
- Art Mural by Young An - Mural has begun. Tiles have been painted and waiting to be baked.

Next P.A.T.H.S. Meeting is Tuesday, December 20th.