



## Week of October 17, 2011 Principal's Message



Beth Wolk  
Principal

Dear Prestwood Families,  
Fall is definitely approaching, and with that comes one of the most important times you will spend at Prestwood School. No, it is not the Halloween Parade! Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from October 24-October 28. Please remember that during conference week school is dismissed at 12:55 PM, all week. ***Please be on time to pick up your child.***

### Before the Conference:

- Ask your child, "What do you like best about school?" Is there anything you would like me to talk to your teacher about? What is your favorite thing about school, and are you having difficulty with anything?
- Make a list of a few important things you would like to share with the teacher about your child. Your questions *might consist of the following*:
- How is my child doing in class, especially in reading and mathematics?
- What are his best subjects?
- Are there any areas where she needs extra help?
- How much time should my child be spending on homework?
- When and where does homework get turned in?
- What can I do at home to help?

### During the Conference

- Please be on time. Each parent is only allocated a certain amount of time, and you want to make sure that your questions are answered.
- Ask the above questions, and if you are not sure you understand, ask for examples.
- Share, and help the teacher get to know your child better.
- Ask the teacher the best way to stay in touch, and what is the best way to communicate.

### After the Conference:

- Talk to your child.
- Try the home activities if the teacher has suggested some.
- Make sure the teacher knows how to reach you, and ask for updates about your child's progress, if necessary.

Warmly,  
Beth Wolk

### Calendar at a Glance

#### OCTOBER

- **October 24-28**, M-F, Parent Conferences, school ends at 12:55pm
- **October 31**, Halloween Parade and activities in classrooms (varies depending upon classroom)

#### NOVEMBER

- **November 7**, Monday, PTO Meeting, 6:30pm in School Library
- **November 10**, Thursday, Staff Development, **NO SCHOOL**
- **November 11**, Friday, Veteran's Day, **NO SCHOOL**
- **November 18**, Friday, SiPS Wine Raffle drawing
- **November 23-25**, W-F, Thanksgiving Break **NO SCHOOL**

### **A Note From the Editor**

I am happy to report that out of our almost 500 students we have almost 275 parents that are willing to accept our bulletins via email. That translates to having to print only 205 bulletins for the classrooms. **Thank you all** for your support and helping us to save money in paper and printing costs.



### **Halloween Parade**



The Halloween Parade will be held on October 31 from 1:45-2:15. The children will march around the playground. Grades 4 and 5 may come to school in costume and grades 1-3 need to bring their costume in a bag. Those students will change at 1:15 and if you can come and help, please do.

Please ***do not*** send your child with a costume that has a any sort of weapon, it is not safe. Also, ***no masks or fake blood*** is allowed because it might scare the little ones and it is hard to see out of a mask. Your teacher will let you know if there is a party. ***Kindergarten*** students have wonderful activities all morning in the classrooms and are spectators at the parade. ***They do not wear costumes.***



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information





Vanessa Rognlien  
PTO President

## PTO PERIMETER

Dear Families and Friends of Prestwood;

The Prestwood PTO is holding The SiPS Wine Raffle to raise funds for Prestwood School. With more budget cuts looming large we decided to get creative and tap our local resources to help us ensure enrichment and educational support services remain at Prestwood.

The raffle features 2 Grand Prizes of 50 bottles of wine, including prized selections, magnums and vintage collectables from around the globe. There are also exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level prizes. Tickets are \$50 each and will go on sale next week. The drawing will be held November 18<sup>th</sup>. The wines are hand-picked and special and will be a great addition to the winners holiday tables, cellars or even as holiday gifts.

Tickets are going to go fast so email [vanessagr3@yahoo.com](mailto:vanessagr3@yahoo.com) to reserve yours. Remember to tell your friends, families and neighbors about this amazing opportunity!

We are grateful to all our community partners who have donated fabulous wine and to Danielle Westfall of Invi-no and Tracy Geldert of Coppola for putting it all together and scoring some amazing bottles.

Email Vanessa at [Vanessagr3@yahoo.com](mailto:Vanessagr3@yahoo.com) to get your tickets More to come on where and when to buy tickets in the next week.

Just a few of the wines and wineries included in Raffle:

- Coppola
- Whitehall Lane
- Three Wine Company
- Artesa
- Falcor Winery
- Highway 12
- Gary Farrell Vineyards & Winery
- Pine Ridge
- Frog's Leap
- Peju Province
- Silver Oak
- Twomey
- Rubicon Estate
- Ridge
- Duckhorn Vineyards
- Stag's Leap Wine Cellars
- Larson Family Winery
- Don Sebastiani and Sons
- 1985 St. Andrew's Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (2nd label of Clos du Val)
- Chateau St. Jean Pinot Noir
- Rieflé Vin D'Alsace Grand Cru Steinert Pinot Gris
- MAGNUM Lazio Frentano Falesco, Umbria
- St. Supéry Estate Vineyards & Winery



### PRESTWOOD DIRECT COMMITTEE— URGENT CALL FOR PARTICIPATION:

Prestwood Direct's Giving Tree is growing thanks to all your generous donations. We are at **30% participation** and getting closer to our goal.

**The need to reach our goal is even more important now. The Sonoma Valley Unified School District is considering some very drastic budget cuts in the upcoming year.**

**PARTICIPATE TODAY AND GIVE WHAT YOU CAN. NO AMOUNT IS TOO SMALL. YOUR DONATION HELPS EVERY CHILD AND EVERY CLASSROOM.**

Please bring your pledges, checks and cash to the office before October 30th.

Teachers Aides are one of the many programs that Prestwood Direct supports, this is what some of our teachers had to say about the value Teachers Aides provide in the classroom:

Thanks to the PTO and all the generous parents at Prestwood for providing funds for instructional aides in our classrooms!

"This time allows me to differentiate instruction for stu-

dent's varying levels. Students can be taught directly in small groups, insuring that they are given instruction most appropriate for their level. This means that we can deliver not just "on level" instruction, but intervention for struggling students and also extension activities for students working at higher levels! Our instructional aides are truly valuable tools!"

—Ms. Talesfore

"Our aide is a wonderful support for our math program. We like to use her expert assistance to work with small groups who need a little more time to grasp the fast paced math concepts we cover in grade 4. Another life-saving quality of Mrs. Orr is that she can help a few students with identified learning disabilities whose IEP's specify that test questions, directions and clarification must be read aloud, without disturbing the class. Most of the time we have our class room aid work with students, but another great thing about Senia is if we are gone or doing something that does not allow for student work, she comes right in and will pick up papers to grade, especially math redos, which help us quickly get those kids the help they need."

—Mrs. Suzanne Heiser

**HELP US TO HELP THE TEACHERS AT PRESTWOOD.**



**November 1** is the first submission deadline for Box Tops for this school year. If you have been collecting them, please turn them in to the office so they can be sent in at the end of this month. Every little bit helps!

## WALK & ROLL

**WALK & ROLL NEWS!!** Congratulations to all who walked or rode their bikes, scooters, or even school buses on Wednesday October 6th for the International Walk & Roll to school day! You are making a difference in the world by helping to reduce traffic and reduce carbon monoxide emissions, making our world a healthier place for the future. To keep the momentum going, Walk & Roll is sponsoring a new event. It is called ....



### THE GOLDEN SNEAKER AWARD

All classes will participate. The goal is to get everyone in your class walking or rolling to school every day for a week. At the end of the week, we will tally the results, and award the class with the most participating walkers & rollers the coveted Golden Sneaker Trophy! This fun competition will begin on conference week, October 24-28th There will be a trophy awarded to the class with the most participation. The competition will continue again the next week, beginning on Monday October 31, Halloween morning. Good Luck!



## What's "Growing On" in the Prestwood Garden?

Contributed by Michelle Rulmont

The carrots and lettuce we planted last month are starting to pop up! We also received a donation of vegetable starts and seeds for the fall and winter from Sonoma Mission Gardens! The first graders in Miss Reighley's class have been very excited about gardening and helped me plant them in their bed! I also wanted to extend a special thank you to Allison and Sean Mulligan (Lily, 1st grade) for the donation of a brand new 80 foot hose! Thank you so much! It was much needed. Also Paul Breninger and his son Ty (5th, Ms. Pipkin) came by with their power tools and screwed metal screws into the wine barrels so they won't lose their rings as quickly and will last us a few more years. Thank you to Paul and his great crew!

The garden is also still in need of any extra buckets you may have (like the orange paint buckets at Friedman's) for weeding and carrying soil, watering cans or pruners. If you have anything extra lying around your house, the garden would appreciate it and would be well used! We could also use a parent with a push mower if you have one and could come mow a small patch, it would be much appreciated. Or if you would like to help in any way in the garden, please let me know! My email is michellerulmont@yahoo.com and will be happy to meet you there! Happy Gardening!

## FROM THE LIBRARY

The 755 West Napa St. Library is closed for renovation. We plan to reopen in the spring of 2012. Follow our progress by texting 996-5217, or visit our website: [www.sonomalibrary.org](http://www.sonomalibrary.org).

A temporary library at the First Congregational Church, Burlingame Hall, 252 West Spain St., is now open: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are closed Sundays, Mondays, and official holidays.

Please come visit us in person at our new digs!

If you wish to access us remotely, request library materials from our collection, or browse any number of online guides, programs, and resources, visit our web site, [www.sonomalibrary.org](http://www.sonomalibrary.org), and Search the Catalog, Research Tools, Kids' page, Teens' page, and Homework link. In addition, check out Magazines, Newspapers & More for your electronic information and report needs. There is a lot to learn.



Thank you for your patience during this time of transition and renovation!

Sincerely,

The Sonoma Valley Regional Library Staff



### LLAMADA URGENTE A SU PARTICIPACIÓN:

El Árbol de Donaciones Directas de Prestwood está creciendo gracias a todas sus donaciones generosas. Tenemos un 30% de participación y nos estamos acercando a nuestro objetivo.

**PARTICIPE HOY Y DE LO QUE PUEDE. NINGUNA CANTIDAD ES DEMASIADO PEQUEÑA. SU DONACIÓN AYUDA A CADA NIÑO Y A CADA SALÓN DE CLASES.**

**AYÚDENOS A AYUDAR A LOS MAESTROS EN PRESTWOOD.**



**Estimadas familias de Prestwood,**

El otoño está muy cerca y con este viene uno de los tiempos más importantes que usted pasara en la escuela Prestwood. No, no es el desfile de Halloween. Las conferencias de padres y maestros se llevarán a cabo del 24 al 28 de octubre. por favor recuerde que durante la semana de conferencias las clases terminan a las **12:55 PM, toda la semana. Por favor lleguen a tiempo para recoger a su hijo.**

**Antes de la conferencia:**

- Pregunte a su hijo, ¿qué te gusta más acerca de la escuela? ¿Hay algo de lo que quieres que yo hable con tu maestro? ¿Cuál es tu cosa favorita acerca de la escuela? ¿Tienes dificultad con algo?
- Haga una lista de unas cuantas cosas importantes que le gustaría compartir con el maestro acerca de su hijo. Sus preguntas *podieran consistir de lo siguiente:*
- ¿Cómo le va a mi hijo en la clase, especialmente en lectura y matemáticas?
- ¿Cuáles son sus mejores materias?
- ¿Hay algún área donde necesite ayuda adicional?
- ¿Cuánto tiempo de pasar mi hijo haciendo la tarea?
- ¿Cuándo y dónde se entrega la tarea?
- ¿Qué puedo hacer en casa para ayudar?

**Durante la conferencia**

- Por favor llegue a tiempo. Cada uno de los padres tiene cierta cantidad de tiempo para ellos y usted quiere asegurarse de que sus preguntas son respondidas.
- Haga las preguntas anteriores, y si usted no está seguro de entender, pida ejemplos.
- Comparta y ayude al maestro a conocer mejor a su hijo.
- Pregunte al maestro cual es la mejor manera de estar en contacto, y cuál es la mejor manera de comunicarse.

**Después de la conferencia:**

- Hable con su hijo.
- Trate las actividades en casa si el maestro le ha sugerido alguna.
- Asegúrese de que el maestro sabe como localizarlo, y pida que le actualicen en el progreso de su hijo, en caso de ser necesario.
- Atentamente,  
Beth Wolk



**Desfile de Halloween**

El Desfile de Halloween se llevará a cabo el 31 de octubre de 1:45-2:15. Los niños desfilarán alrededor del área de juegos. Los estudiantes en 4to y 5to grado pueden traer su disfraz puesto a la escuela y los estudiantes del 1er, 2do y 3er grado necesitan traer su disfraz en una bolsa. Estos estudiantes se cambiarán a la 1:15 y si usted puede venir y ayudar, por favor hágalo. Por favor **no envíe a su hijo con un disfraz que tenga alguna clase de arma, este no es seguro, y recuerde que no se permiten macaras ni sangre falsa ya que esta pudiera asustar a los pequeños y es difícil ver con la máscara puesta. Su maestro les avisará si hay alguna fiesta. Los estudiantes del jardín de niños tienen actividades maravillosas toda la mañana en los salones de clases y podrán observar el desfile. Ellos no usan disfraces.**

**PTO Perímetro**



El Prestwood PTO tiene La Rifa de Vino de Sorbos para levantar fondos para la Escuela de Prestwood. Con cortes más económicos que siendo importante decidió conseguir creador y utilizar nuestros recursos locales para ayudarnos aseguramos que enriquecimiento y servicios educativos de apoyo se quedan en Prestwood.

La rifa representa 2 Premios Grandes de 50 botellas de vino, inclusive selecciones apreciadas, las botellas dobles y objetos coleccionables clásicos de alrededor del globo. Allí también emocionan 2 y premios planos terceros. Los boletos son \$50 cada uno y pasarán la venta la semana próxima. El dibujo será tenido noviembre 18. Los vinos son seleccionados cuidadosamente y especial y serán una gran adición a las mesas de vacaciones de ganadores, los sótanos o aún como regalos de vacaciones. Los boletos irán rápidamente tan vanessagr3@yahoo.com correo electrónico reservar suyo. ¡Recuerde de decir sus amigos, las familias y los vecinos acerca de esta oportunidad asombrosa!

Estamos agradecidos a todas nuestros socios de la comunidad que han donado fabuloso vino y a Danielle Westfall de Invino y Tracy Geldert de Coppola para ponerlo todo juntos y rayar algunas botellas asombrosas. Mande un correo electrónico Vanessa en Vanessa-gr3@yahoo.com para conseguir sus boletos para venir Más en donde y para comprar Cuando boletos en la semana próxima.

**Estimado Distrito Escolar Unificado del Valle de Sonoma:**

La biblioteca en 755 West Napa St. está cerrada por las renovaciones. Nosotros planeamos reabrir en la primavera del 2012. Pueden seguir nuestro progreso enviando un texto al 996-5217, o visitando nuestra página web en: [www.sonomalibrary.org](http://www.sonomalibrary.org).

Ahora se encuentra abierta una biblioteca temporal en Burlingame Hall en la Iglesia First Congregational, 252 West Spain St. El horario es los martes, jueves y viernes de 10:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m.; los miércoles de 10:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.; y los sábados de 10:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. Estamos cerrados los domingos, lunes y en los días festivos oficiales.

Por favor vengan a visitarnos en persona a nuestro nuevo hogar.

Si ustedes desean tener acceso a nosotros a distancia, solicitar materiales de nuestra colección en la biblioteca o revisar cualquier número de guías, programas y recursos en línea, visite nuestra página web en [www.sonomalibrary.org](http://www.sonomalibrary.org), y busque en el Catálogo, los enlaces para las Herramientas de Búsqueda, página de Niños, página de Adolescentes, y Tarea. Además, puede sacar Revistas, Periódicos y más para su información electrónica y las cosas necesarias para sus reportes. Hay mucho para aprender.

¡Gracias por su paciencia durante este tiempo de transición y renovación!

Atentamente,

El Personal de la Biblioteca Regional del Valle de Sonoma