

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6

*Petaluma Junior High
(PJH) Open House*
6:30 P.M. PJH

May 7

Crazy Hat Day

May 7

Skate Night
5:30, CalSkate

May 10 — 14

Staff Appreciation Week
For details, see *Briefs*

May 11

Westside Relays
Petaluma High

May 13

Pasta Feed, 4:45 P.M.
Open House, 6:00 P.M.
*The Drama Club's
Wizard of Oz, 7:00 P.M.*

May 14

Spring Music Concert
7:00 P.M., Multi

May 20

PTA Meeting
7:00 P.M., Library



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THREE TIMES THE FUN

Pasta, Open House and a Play, Oh My!

Next Thursday, May 13th, Penngrove is having a whiz-bang of an *Open House*. Before you visit classrooms, meet teachers and admire your children's school work, you'll have an opportunity to purchase a delicious *Pasta King* penne pasta meal. Enjoy piquant pesto or mouth watering marinara sauce with a green salad, garlic bread and a drink, \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids at the door. If you place your order by this Friday, May 7th, you'll save \$2 on each adult meal (order forms are in the office). Doors open at 4:45 and there will be tasty dessert treats to buy as well.

Each year the *Pasta Feed* benefits 6th Grade Outdoor Ed. The baton has just passed from this year's 6th Graders — so come support

next year's campers!

Following the food fest, attend *Open House* from 6 — 7 P.M. You'll want to zip through your kids' classrooms and admire their work; but take time to scope out next year's classrooms too! And, be sure to admire all the artwork and writing samples in the main hall.

After *Open House*, rest your feet at 7:00 P.M. in the Multi. to be treated to the Drama Club's presentation of a very unique *Wizard of Oz* (see sidebar); re-written as only Mr. Z. can. Hmmm, do I smell a Tony?

Don't miss the entertainment next week. Remember, it all starts at 4:45. ■

Everything Oz is New Again

Dear Penngrove Panthers:

We are doing *The Wizard of Oz*, But it has some interesting twists such as: Glenda the Good Witch is wicked, and the Wicked Witch is good! Dorothy is played by 3 different people. You can see the play at the Multi on May 13th after the Pasta Feed at 6 P.M.

We are doing the play for the entertainment of others. Mr. Z. re-wrote and changed the play *The Wizard of Oz*. He makes it a fun and exciting play that people of all ages will enjoy.

Thanks,

— Madison Andersen and Sallie Hollingshead

BRIEFS

Crazy Hat Day

Wear your favorite lid
Make sure your eccentric hat has a home on your dome this **Friday!**

Skate Night

Don your wheels, too!
What goes better with a crazy hat than roller skates? You tell us. See you at CalSkate this **Friday at 5:30**. It's not just for fun, it's for the school. A percentage of CalSkate proceeds comes right back to Penngrove.

Staff Appreciation

Here's the schedule
Tue., 5/11: Bring a flower;
Wed., 5/12: Coffee and pastries for teachers in the Teacher's Lounge;
Thurs., 5/13: Make a card;
Fri., 5/14: Staff luncheon.
We do need some volunteers to help donate items and help out with Wednesday's coffee and Friday's luncheon. If you're able to help out, please contact Sheila Moore, 792-7953, sltsmoore@comcast.net.

It's SHOWTIME

Spring Concert showpiece
Our upper grade instrumental and vocal musicians have been working hard this Spring to perfect selections for the 2010 Spring Music Concert, **Friday, May 14th at 7:00 P.M.** at Penngrove School in the Multi. The school community, parents

and family members are invited to attend.

New eScrip Provider

Oliver's Market joins in
Oliver's Markets now supports *eScrip*! Penngrove School can earn up to 5% of your purchase amount every time you shop with

a registered credit or debit card at Oliver's. If you're new to *eScrip*, you can sign up at www.escrip.com. Penngrove's Group ID is 150239639.

Just RUN!

Put on your track shoes
Be sure to turn in your

laps for *RUN* to the office before the iPod shuffle drawing. Used up your card? Get a new one and *RUN!*

PTA Meeting Date

Mark your Calendar
The next meeting is **Thursday, May 20th.** ■

Penngrove is Distinguished!

Mrs. Larsen announced at last Wednesday's assembly that Penngrove School has been awarded the *California Distinguished School* honor by the State Department of Education. We last received this award in 1998. As you know, several of our staff members will be traveling to Anaheim to personally receive this honor. You may wonder how this came to be.

THE STUDENTS ARE THE STARS

Only schools making good progress with STAR testing scores are eligible for the *Distinguished School Award*. So, in a way, every student at Penngrove helped get our "foot in the door" for this honor.

To apply, we needed to highlight two of our school programs. Our application focused on our *Recess Renaissance* and our writing program (see sidebar).

Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. Cheal worked for several weeks to fill out the extensive application. We were then informed we would have a site visit to validate our application.

Our site visit occurred in late February, after which we found out that we were, in fact, one of ten *California Distinguished Schools* in Sonoma County!

WHOM DO WE THANK?

Thank yourselves! The students' STAR scores got us started; and dedicated and creative educators and staff poured their extra time and creativity into these programs. As you know, our educators don't

have a lot of extra time. Thus, every parent who took a moment to help a child, who offered to grade papers, who cleaned up after a project, who drove for a Field Trip; every parent who aided in the classroom helped Penngrove earn this honor. Our students are STARS, but our parents are engaged. That is what distinguishes this school the most; with or without an award.

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

It just underscores what you've known all along: Penngrove is a wonderful community for your child's learning. And, as you know, it takes a village to raise a child! ■

Recess and Writing

Recess Renaissance is the incredibly popular recess program for 1st through 3rd Grades. It provides inclusive activities encouraging kids to engage in all sorts of play while being mentored by older students. Our writing program begins in Kindergarten using *Thinking Maps* and continues throughout 6th grade. Another program associated with *Thinking Maps*, *Write from the Beginning*, uses grade-level skills to ensure that students gain in proficiency as they move through all grades. (If you are interested in how this works, visit the main hallway at *Open House* and look at the 4th Grade bulletin board.)