

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Calendar of Events!

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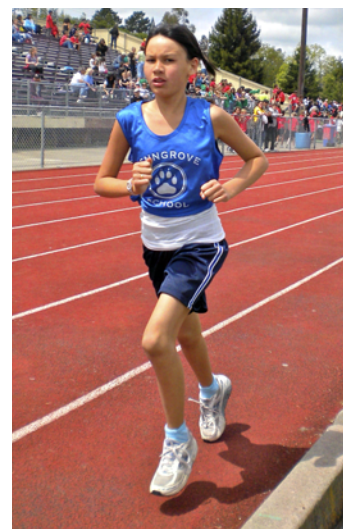
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Panther Pride at Westside Relays



Petaluma High School, April 12. Petaluma 5th and 6th graders met to compete at the West Side Relays, a 30-year Petaluma School District tradition. Our Panthers came to defend their first place win in 2010 with great individual efforts in the Track and Field events. Unofficial results show that, in the 6th Grade, Joe Breeden, Niki Conrad and Jesus Guillen swept the top 3 spots in boys' discus, while Sarah Meza and DeAnne DeMarco made a great showing in discus and shot put. Sprinter Renée Yerion won both her 70m and 100m races, and Kail Gibson placed in high jump for her second year in a row. In the 5th grade, Vanessa Miller won the high jump, as well as the 70 m and 100m sprints. 5th grade runners, Bryan Sonato and Sam Baeza won both the 70m and 100m races; and Sam threw in a win in the 300m as well. In a nail-biting finish, Hayden Dennis came from behind in the last 400m of the Sprint Medley, bringing the 5th grade boys to 2nd place. At the end of the day, it wasn't quite enough to trump Grant Elementary. Penngrove made a terrific showing with 2nd places for 6th grade boys and girls, and 5th grade boys. The 5th grade girls pulled out a respectable 3rd place. Overall, the Panthers came away with 2nd place out of 6 teams — a great effort on a great day! ■



What's coming this Spring?

At this time of the school year, we are all parsing our time out as best we can — trying to plan summer vacations and activities, help our kids with school projects and attend as many school functions as time allows. Here's a quick guide to Penngrove's end of year activities to help you sort out your schedule:

TODAY! Promotion Meeting 7 P.M. in the library.

WHO: 6th grade parents.

WHY: To sign up for Promotion committees: program, refreshments, decorations, and gift to the school. More parent involvement makes a richer experiences for the students!

FRIDAY, APRIL 29: Pajama Day. **WHO:** All students.

WHY: Just for fun!

FRIDAY, APRIL 29: Skate Night at Cal Skate, 5:30 — 7:00 P.M. **WHO:** Everyone.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30: Science Olympiad.

WHO: 4th, 5th and 6th Graders. **WHY:** Team members compete each year with other schools racing the clock to solve scientific challenges.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4:

Ramp Rats Demo 9 A.M. on the playground. **WHO:** All students; parents invited, too (Sponsored by PTA). **WHY:** Ramp Rats will bring in their

big ramp for a BMX bike and skateboard demo.

THURSDAY, MAY 5: Author Peter Stein Visits.

WHO: First and second graders. **WHY:** Stein visits to discuss his picture book *Cars Galore*.

THURSDAY, MAY 5: Volunteer Tea.

WHO: Volunteers for the school in any way, in or out of the classroom. **WHY:** To thank our volunteers. Childcare will be provided in the K yard.

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MAY 9 — 13: 6th Grade Outdoor Ed. **WHO:** 6th Graders.

MAY 10 — 12: Scholastic Book Fair, before school, at lunch recess and after school until 4 P.M. in the school library. **WHO:** Everyone. **WHY:** Buy one get one free on all Scholastic Books. Contact Laurie Lutz, Librarian, if you can help.

MAY 12: Last PTA meeting of the year, 7 P.M. in the library. **WHO:** Everyone.

FRIDAY, MAY 13: Library closes for the year.

TUESDAY, MAY 16: Open House (7:00 — 8:00P.M.),

and **Pasta Feed** (5:30 — 7:00 P.M.) **WHO:** Everyone. **WHY:** Visit your child's classroom; check out next year's classrooms; and, eat some yummy pasta by *Pasta King*. (Proceeds benefit 2012 outdoor ed.)

FRIDAY MAY 20: Music Concert, 7 P.M. (Dress rehearsal, 1:50 P.M.) **WHO:** Everyone. **WHY:** Listen to how hard the 5th and 6th graders have worked this spring in their music program.

MAY 23 — 27: Last week of school, early dismissal (1:30 and 1:50 P.M.)

TUESDAY, MAY 24: Upper Grade Field Day. **WHO:** Grades 4 — 6. **WHY:** Fun and games.

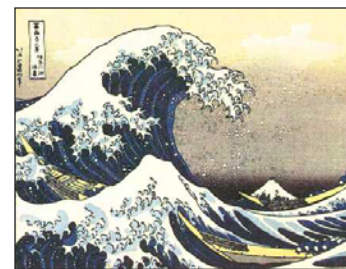
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25: 6th Grade Promotion. **WHO:** 6th graders and their families. **WHY:** This is a graduation ceremony for the 6th graders — to review their Penngrove years.

THURSDAY, MAY 26: Primary Field Day. **WHO:** Grades K — 3. **WHY:** Fun and games.

THURSDAY, MAY 26: 6th Graders at KOA. **WHO:** 6th Graders. **WHY:** Fun and games.

FRIDAY, MAY 27: Crazy Day and Last Day of School. Release at 12:30 P.M. ■

BRIEFS



Write to Japan

by Emiri Nomura

As many of you know, there was a tsunami and an earthquake in Japan last month. That's why I am asking you to draw or write an easy, cheerful letter to the children of Japan. Most of them haven't learned English yet, so a drawing, picture, or postcard in bright pleasant colors should be fine. Please write one! If you do, please give it to the office or Emiri Nomura, 6th grade room 16, by **May 13**. I will send it to the organization that will bring your letters to the school children in the area of the disaster in eastern Japan! Thank you!!

“Free” and easy donation *Mama Baretta's gives back* Parent Deb Rogers, creative baker behind *Mama Baretta's gluten-, soy- and egg-free foods* is donating 10% of her profits to Penngrove PTA. To be a part of the deal, go to *Mamabaretta.com* and select “Penngrove School” as your pick-up location. She'll thank you, and PTA will, too! ■