PV Families,

I would like to wish all of our PV community a joyous, enjoyable, and relaxing holiday and vacation. If you are traveling, please be safe in your travels. Wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year!

Return to School, January 5th

Students will return for a regular school day on Wednesday, January 5th. Staff return on January 4th.

PTA Meeting, January 6th

We will have our monthly PTA meeting at 3:00 in the library on Thursday, January 6th.

Accountability Meeting, January 13th

We will have an off-cycle Accountability meeting on Thursday, January 13th at 3:00 in the library. All of our Accountability meetings are in-person.

The 1/13 agenda will be a continuation of our December meeting when we began the conversation about our community’s priorities for staffing and budget recommendations. Although district policy and procedures gives budgetary decision making to principals, I always like to survey the great school community to get a well-rounded perspective on what we value for our students. This information is very important for me as I formulate next school year’s budget and staffing in January and February. Please remember that Accountability is always open to anyone in our school community. The purpose of Accountability is to provide advice and guidance to me and the staff on many issues that impact our students and life at PV.

Collaborative Structures at PV

As I was writing the information about our Accountability Committee, it reminded that most of our families probably do not know about our other sources of collaborative decision making at Prospect Valley. We have three major staff committees at PV:

**ILT**

Our Instructional Leadership Team focuses on all things academic. They drive our professional learning and school-wide goal setting.

**BEST**

Our Behavioral Emotional Support Team focuses on everything that directly impacts the student experience at PV: social-emotional learning, behavioral supports, discipline practices, and our Positive Behavioral Incentive System.

**LAT**

Leadership Advisory Team is our climate and culture committee that addresses and problem solves staff-related issues as well as logistics such as scheduling and calendar.
Library News: Amy O’Neill

Looking for something the whole family can read together? Try becoming part of the Caldecott Club. Students are challenged to read as many of the Caldecott Gold books while at Prospect Valley so that they can become a bronze, silver or gold level member of the Caldecott Club. Take a look at the Caldecott Book List to see how many Caldecott gold medal winners you have already read or own. There’s a good chance you are closer than you think to the bronze level. If you have any questions, contact amy.oneill@jeffco.k12.co.us. Enjoy Winter Break and read lots of fantastic books!

Amy O'Neill
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Social Emotional Learning Team:

"When little people are overwhelmed by big emotions, it’s our job to share our calm, not to join their chaos."

– L.R. Knost
PTA News: Laura Clase & Katie Critchfield, Co-Presidents:

Yearbook

Prospect Valley parents and guardians we are nearly halfway through the school year and we need your help with getting pictures of the kiddos uploaded for the yearbook. We have an online upload system through LifeTouch with the instructions below, please let me know if you need any help.

The pictures are organized by Tags (so trendy), please pick Tags that are broad for example: First_Day_of_School, Special_Persons_Day, Walk_and_Bike_to_School_Day, Halloween… Please refrain from using specific tags like Ilas_friends_sledding_down_the_hill - maybe replace that with Winter_Fun. A good rule of thumb is start typing in a Tag and if a Tag populates then use it.

These yearbooks would be very boring without the support of all of you helping getting these memorial uploading, the Yearbook Chair Celeste Cardoso celesteconnelly@hotmail.com Co-Chair Serene Wardinsky serene.wardinsky@gmail.com

To Upload Pictures:
1. Go to https://schools.lifetouch.com/yearbooks/
2. In the top right corner of this website hover over Log In and Click Yearbooks
3. Username: prospectvalley@YB7HT8Z2 Password: PVupload2122
4. Once logged in, at the top of the website click the 3rd icon from the right (black square icon with 2 white mountains) and Upload Images
5. Drag and Drop pictures into the Upload Images box
6. Type in Tags for each Picture
7. Lastly click Begin Upload

Original Works: Aimee Hammer

Art Room Volunteer needed! If you could help a few hours a week with hanging art in the hallways and prepping materials, please email Aimee Hammer-Aimee.Hammer@jeffco.k12.co.us
Thank you!

“Original Works is taking late orders through December 30! Please see attachment for details.”

Aimee Hammer
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Art with Mrs. Hammer

Students in 2nd grade have been working on a collagraph project (which is a simple form of printmaking), using shapes and lines to help express and identify their emotions.

P.E. with Mrs. Squiers

Let’s play ball! All grade levels have been practicing their throwing and catching skills in a variety of games and activities. Some of the favorites have been Monster Ball, Hula Hoop Throw Down, Dice Bonk, Ultimate Ball, Perfect Pass and Decorate the Cookie!

Music with Ms. Jerman

***3rd -5th Graders will be starting Tinikling, a traditional Philippine folk dance. 3rd-5th grade students in music will combine with students in P.E. class. Please remember to wear safe shoes to jump in!