

# Pacific Pawprints

Panther Bi-Monthly Pawblication

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## Next Issues of Pawprints

- 🐾 Look for wonderful Pawtastic information shared with us from our Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> Graders in our next issue of Pawprints due out November 9<sup>th</sup>. This will be a FALL themed issue.
- 🐾 The November 30<sup>th</sup> is dedicated to 4<sup>th</sup> graders. All submissions are due November 5<sup>th</sup> via 'Submit News' on our web-site.

Dear Pacific Families,

Welcome to the first student edition of Pawprints. I extend compliments to the new 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade "student staff members" for their dedication, commitment to journalism, and their quest to develop new skills beyond the classroom. The Pacific School community is proud of your efforts and we look forward to enjoying the written works of student writers throughout the school year. Pacific students can and do make a difference in our school community!

Panthers yearn to make a difference in their school, greater community and world. At the end of last year, we embarked on a "Pennies for Peace" campaign and our students were able to make a positive impact in another part of the world...with just pennies. We collected \$500.00 and our students quickly recognized that pennies open the door to literacy throughout the country and world. I know that we will continue to serve others during the school year through service learning and community service projects.

I am honored to support, collaborate with, and lead the exceptional students at Pacific School. As a school, we build capacity in our students so they become thinking, caring and respectful members of society.

Again, congratulations to the Pawprints "student staff members". Happy writing!

Debbie Mabry  
Principal

*Principal's Corner*  
Read the latest update  
from Pacific's principal,  
Debbie Mabry.



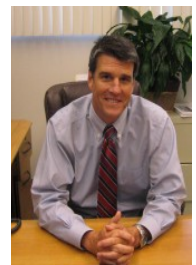
## A Message from our Superintendent of Schools



Welcome to all Pacific students and parents!

I hope that the first few weeks of the school year have been everything you hoped for. As the new Superintendent of our district, I can say with great pride that the first few months of my job have been everything I hoped for - and more! I have toured your beautiful school and seen your classrooms in action, and it is clear that Pacific Elementary is an outstanding school where great things happen. I look forward to learning more about what makes Pacific great, and I will be counting on Pacific students to let me know all about life at Pacific Elementary.

Have a great year,  
Dr. Michael Matthews  
Superintendent



## Thank You Paw's

### Everyone Screamed for Dippin' Dots!

A huge thank you to Staci Trief for organizing an amazing Ice Cream Social! Everyone turned out for Dippin' dots, music and fun for a chance to win a date with their teacher! Congratulations to all and THANK YOU to Staci for such a fun Friday afternoon!



### Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Ice Cream Social a HUGE success! The Dippin'Dots were dot-a-riffic and DJ Casey & Matt helped us get our groove on! Who knew Pacific had soooo many singers and dancers!



Thank you to my dot crew: Tracey Chaney, Marni Foy, Ann Powell, Jill Bell, Layla Kiffin, Karla Kelly, Stephanie Siddons, Kelly Kelley, and all the terrific parents who jumped in at the last minute to get those dots out faster! I would also like to thank Nicole Hirshberg who blew up and donated the fabulous polka dot balloons, Sean Chaney for donating the raffle boxes, Theresa Wood for the endless phone calls setting up the website, Linda Kupiec for staying up late to send me reports, Louise DuMont and Kelly Kelley for answering my endless emails and questions...

A special thank you to our fabulous teachers and principal for donating their time for our exciting date with a teacher raffle. Everyone was so excited to find out who won!

Last but not least a big thanks to all of you patient Panther parents who endured the craziness all so your kiddies can get dippin' dots!

Until next year!  
Staci Trief

### PTA Membership Drive Ends!! WOW!!

The PTA would like to say a huge Thank You to our wonderful Membership Chairs - Carol Bernstein, Erin Shippey, Shannon Nicholson and Jenny Sampson! They were able to get Pacific to 98% participation and close to \$100,000 in donations which will be used to provide field trips, assemblies, classroom supplies and so much more!



## MBEF Update

### Our kids count on us!

You helped save 1 in 5 elementary teachers (small class sizes), reading specialist, music teachers and kept libraries, computer and science labs open. In all 66 educators district-wide. Let's make it happen again by MBEF Pledge Day, November 4<sup>th</sup> ! You can make your tax-deductible donation by credit card, check, cash, stocks or pledge now and pay later. The campaign goal is to raise \$1,250 per student. Please give every child every chance at [www.mbef.org](http://www.mbef.org).

 **MBEF Pledge Day is Thursday, November 4th!**



- Donate, or pledge to donate, by Thursday, November 4th.
- Early donations give MBEF and the MBUSD School Board information for fiscal planning.
- Avoid phone calls, flyers and email reminders by donating early.
- All donors are invited to put their handprint on a banner during Pledge Week.

Thank you for continuing to support MBEF, your schools, your community and your children!

 **Join us for an Informative Evening About Mira Costa, November 1<sup>st</sup>**


Did you know...? [Mira Costa High School ranks](#) within the top 1.3% high schools in the state in academics. ESPN ranks MCHS the No. 15 Athletics Program in the Nation! Don't Miss this Opportunity to find out about all that Mira Costa has to offer!

Join us at the 6th Annual Mira Costa Night  
Monday, November 1, 2010  
7:00-9:00 pm  
@ MBMS 1501 N Redondo Ave, Manhattan Beach

Talk to current MCHS administrators, faculty, students, and parents. Get all your questions answered! Collect information about [course offerings](#), the music programs, drama, journalism, [Model United Nations](#), athletics, the College and [Career Center](#) ... and so much more!

MCHS Night is made possible by a generous donation from the MCHS PTSA.  
Questions? Contact Jaime Mancilla at [310-318-7337](tel:310-318-7337) ext. 5006

*Paw Interviews*

 **Mrs. Krzmarzick, the Gourmet Teacher,**  
**By: Trever V. & Katie P./5<sup>th</sup> Graders**



It is a beautiful Sunday afternoon. After spending all day at the beach with my family ... the last day of summer... we rush to Pacific as we do every year to see who our teacher is and what friends will be in our class. I push myself to the front. My eyes wide open with excitement to see what friends will be in my class for my last year at Pacific as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Who will be my seat partner? Will I know everyone? Will there be new students in my class? All of the questions are answered clearly in a nice bold Helvetica font.

However, there is just one thing missing. Who is my 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher?

So, it was I, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader here at Pacific, new to the PAWPRINTS Staff that was given the first assignment. That assignment was to interview the newest member of the Pacific Panther Teaching Staff, Mrs. Michelle Krzmarzick . Not only is Mrs. Krzmarzick the newest member of the teaching staff but, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Krzmarzick is my 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

*Interviews cont.*



Mrs. Krzmarzick, Katie and I sat down during lunch to have a 411 conversation.

*Trever:* "What was your fondest memory of 5<sup>th</sup> grade?"

*Mrs. Krzmarzick:* "My fondest memory was the Halloween play with my sister and also, my trip with my family when we traveled to Washington, D.C.."

*Katie:* "What was the most difficult thing that happened to you when you were in 5<sup>th</sup> grade?"

*Mrs. Krzmarzick:* "I had to transfer to a new school."

*Trever:* "What is the best advice that you received from either your parents or teacher when you were in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade?"

*Mrs. Krzmarzick:* "The best advice that I ever received was don't ever get behind on your work. Always stay on task and don't procrastinate."

*Katie:* "What was the most important event that you remember when you were growing up?"

*Mrs. Krzmarzick:* "I remember when my younger sister was born the most because I got to be there."

*Trever:* "If you could be in any other profession, what would it be and why?"

*Mrs. Krzmarzick:* "If I could be in any other profession other than a Teacher, I would choose to be a Chef because I love to cook."

Pacific School is very lucky to have such a kind, friendly, wonderful mom, wife, teacher, and cook at heart --- join our great team of 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. Tomorrow is another great day at Pacific School. I will go to class. Sit in my chair at my desk. My desk in Mrs. Krzmarzick's classroom. All of my classmates and I will anxiously await what exciting new and interesting things. Mrs. Krzmarzick will cook up for us today.



## Pacific's Fall Book Fair is right around the corner!

Pawprints staff writers *Sofie K., Sabrina S. and Olivia W. (4<sup>th</sup> Graders)* asked Kelly Kelley and Susan Lynch to provide Pacific Panthers with exciting details about this upcoming Event. Below are their answers to some very interesting questions:



1. What is the theme of Pacific's Book Fair?

"Falling for books!"

2. About how many books are sold at the book fair?

"We sell about 5000 books per fair".

3. How much work does it take to put on the book fair?

"It does take a lot of volunteers. We need a lot of people to do everything. We are open from 8AM-3:30PM, which is 37.5 hours in total".

4. Does the book fair make a lot of money for the school?

"It makes a good amount of money. A portion of the money goes to the school. Promoting books is the main reason we have the book fair".

5. What type of books do you think we are going to have?

"There will be books for all ages, including chapter and picture books".

6. Do you think people are going to buy a lot more things than last year?

"We hope so!"

The Book Fair will be open from 8AM-3:30PM starting Monday, November 1st through Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, October 29th, the Fair will be open for a Kindergarten Reception from 11AM-1PM. This will give the Kindergarten students a chance to preview the Fair with their parents. Hope to see everyone at Pacific's Book Fair!



## **A Pawtastic Thing To Do - Forneris Farms**

**By: Bella N. / 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**



It's October and you're looking for the perfect Halloween jack-o'-lantern. You've seen many different options and you want to give up! Hit the road to Forneris Farms! Besides pumpkins, this farm has many other attractions for all ages. For those who love a great challenge, try the amazing maize maze! This maze's walls are 14-foot-high corn stalks as far as the eye can see. Along the way, stop at "cornundrums", corny riddles sure to rattle your mind! Find all twelve and get a chance at the \$100 prize! For the younger ones, get tickets to the "Farm Frolic" play area. From climbing a hay pyramid to bouncing on a pumpkin jumpy, Farm Frolic has everything a young child could want. There is also a fresh produce area where you can buy blue, white or orange pumpkins in all sizes, veggies, Indian and regular corn, and more! On your way out, guess how many pounds Max the mega-pumpkin weighs for a chance to take it and a cash prize home! Go see Forneris Farms! <http://www.fornerisfarms.com/>

## **Ice Cream Social Report,**

**By: Scott K. - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**



Did you go to the Ice Cream Social? If you didn't, I bet you would like to hear about it! The DJ was rockin' the house and playing some awesome songs. There was a long line, but trust me, it was worth the wait. The ice cream was delicious! I preferred Rainbow, but most people liked Cookies and Cream. The two other flavors, Birthday Cake and Banana Split, were also tasty. They sold raffle tickets for \$5 each. They were selling like crazy! The tickets were used to win a special event with your teacher, specialists, and of course one for our principal, Mrs. Mabry. There were a lot of tickets in their boxes because our teachers are the best in the State of California in my opinion. Overall, I had a great time. I listened to some awesome music, watched our teacher's raffle boxes fill up, and had some great ice cream with my friends. The Ice Cream Social was fantastic!

## **Trick or Treating Safety Tips,**

**By: Anna M. - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Happy Halloween!!!



Halloween is one of the most fun nights of the year! But to make it very fun, you have got to be safe. Here are a few tips to make this spectacular night extra fun:

1. Always have a parent or guardian to supervise you while you are out.
2. Make sure you have a bag to store all your candy and parts of your costume you no longer want to wear.
3. Bring a flashlight with new batteries to guide you through the streets in the black of night.
4. If possible, have a bell or whistle in your bag to signal your parents if you get lost (the flashlight could also be used for this).
5. To keep safe, don't eat too much candy before you go to bed. No sugar rush!
6. To show spirit, make sure you wear your costume.
7. Have fun!

*Pawtastic Cont...*



## Halloween Parade – Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>!

Halloween is right around the corner. The dedicated *Pawprints Staff* (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders) asked fellow students what Halloween costumes would be lurking around at our annual Halloween Parade. Here are some of the most popular choices:



1. Cheerleader
2. Bumble Bee
3. Cupcake
4. Justin Bieber
5. Ghost

A few honorable mentions were: a deviled egg, a sumo wrestler, grass and an ostrich rider!

We can't wait to see all the other creative costumes! See you at the Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>!

## The History of Halloween,

*By Victoria M./5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Have you ever thought why people do trick or treating? Well, let's find out!!

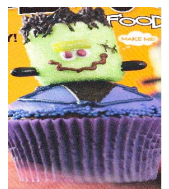
The culture of trick or treat came from Ireland. Hundreds of years ago, Irish farmers went from house to house begging for food in the names of their old gods that were used at villages that celebrated Halloween locally. People promised to others that they could have good luck if the others gave them food and other items. But if the others didn't give anything, people would threaten the others--but not to harm them. The people would tell the others to either give a treat or else the others would be tricked.



## Monster Cupcake Recipe,

*By: Sophie K./4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

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| Pretzel sticks  | Large marshmallows                   |
| Corn Syrup  | 1 can (16 ounces) vanilla frosting   |
| Green colored sugar                                     | Purple & black paste food coloring   |
| Cupcakes of your choice                                 | Purple nonpareils                    |
| Candy coated licorice, spearmint leaves & nerds candies | 1 can (16 ounces) chocolate frosting |



1. Insert a pretzel stick into a flat end of each marshmallow. Using a clean paint brush, lightly coat marshmallows with corn syrup. Immediately roll top and sides in green colored sugar; allow to dry for 20 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, set aside 1/4 cup vanilla frosting. Tint remaining vanilla frosting purple and spread over cupcakes. Roll edge of cupcakes in nonpareils; set aside.
3. To decorate face, press candy coated licorice bolts into each side. Cut a small piece of spearmint leaf into an eyebrow, press cut side onto face. Using remaining vanilla frosting, pipe eyes; add Nerds candies for eyeballs. Pipe chocolate frosting onto faces for mouths and stitches as desired.
4. Carefully insert pretzel stick into the center of each cupcake. Tint remaining chocolate frosting black. Using pastry tip 233, add black hair.
5. If desired, use black frosting to pipe the collar of a suit jacket outline. Fill in the center with black.



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## Paw Review...



### “The Lost Hero” book review,

By: *Bella N./5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Rick Riordan has done it again! His newest release, *The Lost Hero*, takes place a few months after *The Last Olympian*. Camp Half-Blood is nearly overflowing with demigods. Meanwhile a boy named Jason wakes up in the back of a bus holding hands with a girl he doesn't know. The students of The Wilderness School think they know him. His "best friend", Leo, and "girlfriend", Piper, don't know what to do. During their field trip to the Grand Canyon Skywalk, Jason senses that something is wrong. Although it is a sunny day, a circle of clouds has gathered right above the Skywalk. Leo, Piper and Jason don't know what's happening until it's too late. Now they must embark on a dangerous quest to save the queen of the heavens, Hera. Meanwhile, a much bigger threat is lurking... *The Lost Hero* is an exciting book with so many different twists that you won't want to put it down! I'd recommend it to anyone who loves adventure, mystery, and sort-of funny chapter books.



## Paw Poetry



By: *Olivia D./5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

# halloween

Ghosts prowl and haunt the night,  
 Weary children scream in fright,  
 Candy scattered everywhere,  
 Witches cackling causes scares,  
 Ghastly creatures still in store,  
 But it's a dream and nothing more.

## “All Hallow's Eve”

I wait in hope for Halloween  
 I've watched for many months now  
 I really love All Hallow's Eve  
 Full of candy, chocolate - wow!  
 I settle on a vampire  
 Then slip my costume on  
 I grab my bag, when that is done  
 I slip into the night beyond  
 As I creep along the dark streets  
 Three join me- 2 ghouls and a witch and soon  
 We slither down the misty streets  
 Under the glare of the full moon!



By: *A Friendly Ghost Writer*



## Pawprints verses E-Blast...what's going on?

### *Pawprints*

Pawprints offers Pacific students an unique opportunity to participate in each publication through website submissions or participation in the Panther Staff Program. Each issue has a grade assignment where students in that grade will be able to submit articles, reviews, poetry, opinions, special features and more. To help with continuity, themes have been designated for students to follow. Please click here for the schedule of grade assignments, themes and submission due dates.

Pawprints also will strive to broaden the information provided to our families to include the community around us and may include a message from our Superintendent of Schools Mike Matthews, updates from MBMS and MCHS.

### *E-Blasts*

E-Blasts will provide information in a quick, clean, no graphic format so that blackberry, iphone and other handheld device users can see the Who, What, When and Where on featured announcements and events ("featured activities"). Featured activities are those occurring within the next 3 weeks. The 'Home' page of [pacificschool.com](http://pacificschool.com) will also list the 'featured' activities. So, in essence, the e-blast is a clean version of the 'Home' page

Pawprints and E-blasts will be distributed on alternate weeks with the exceptions of holidays.

Please see the schedule of Pawprints and E-blast publications at [www.pacificschool.com](http://www.pacificschool.com) on the Pawprints page.



The next issue of Pawprints will be out November 9<sup>th</sup>.



Calling all 4<sup>th</sup> graders, the November 30<sup>th</sup> issue is dedicated to you. Pawprints will contain articles, interviews, poetry, tips, information and fun facts submitted by the student body. The Pawprints Staff will review all submissions and the selection will be made for publication. Submit your piece via the web-site under the 'submit news' option, selection 'Pawprints' by November 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure in to include your name, grade and teacher's name with your submission.

For questions, please contact Kim Noonan or Jodie Kase.