

Welcome Principal's Coffee

September 14, 2018

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Science Student Presentation - Balloon Car Lab
3. Student Connectedness and Supports
4. Technology
5. Prop AA - Construction
6. Q & A

What is NGSS?

- Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)
 - shifting the focus from the memorization of facts to greater student engagement in the processes of science.
- The NGSS emphasizes learning in three dimensions:
 - The Science and Engineering Practices
 - Crosscutting Concepts
 - Disciplinary Core Ideas.
- The shifts in instruction include:
 - the interconnected nature of science as practiced in the real world
 - the integration of science and engineering
 - the use of performance expectations
 - a focus on deeper understanding of content as well as application of content, and alignment to the Common Core State Standards.
- For more information and resources please visit the SDCOE NGSS Resource Center at www.ngss.sdcoe.net

More NGSS Parent Information. . .

NGSS Parent Information Nights

10/9/18 at Earl Warren Middle School

10/18/18 at Pacific Trails Middle School

10/24/18 at Oak Crest Middle School

All meetings begin at 6 pm and will help middle school families learn about the transition to the Next Generation Science Standards

Student Presentations - Balloon Car Lab

Group One (built the farthest and fastest car):

1. Lucas Chamberos
2. Tasman Wall
3. Dimitry Cheverdyuk
4. Amogh Sridhar

Group Two (2nd farthest car - design process and re-designs) :

1. Shawn Lee
2. Andrew Park
3. Bryan Yoo

Student Connectedness

First Quarter Wellness Focus: Social Wellness

Homeroom Activities - First week of school

Restorative Practices

Welcome Week & Kindness Rocks

First School Dance - October 4, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Homeroom Ambassadors

Lunch League w/ Coach Olson

More Student Connectedness. . .

Student Initiated Clubs: Reading, Garden, Ukulele, Board Games & Many More **Club Day 9/25 @ Lunch**

Science Olympiad

Math League

Speech & Debate (w/CCA Student Mentors)

Public Speaking - Friday Mornings

PTMS Trailblazers

Wolf Pals

Student Academic Support

Homework Club

Tuesday: 3- 3:30 p.m. in B221

Wednesday: 3- 3:30 p.m. in C118

Math Mornings

Tuesday and Wednesday 7:45- 8:15am in B224

Homeroom - See desired teacher ahead of time for pass

**Unsure what to do? Encourage your student to talk to the teacher or see his/her counselor

Technology

All students have access to technology at PTMS!

Chromebooks available for daily checkout (thank you PTSA)

Learning Commons open from 7:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Students may bring their own device

Assembly Bill 2246

- ◎ Any educational agency that serves pupils in grades seven through twelve, adopt a policy on pupil suicide *prevention, intervention and postvention*.
- ◎ Policy must specifically address the needs of *high-risk groups*.
- ◎ Policy must also include suicide awareness and prevention training for *all school employees*.

Prop AA

Another 2 story building!

Approximately 20 Classrooms

Maker - space for STEM

Science Labs

Various Classrooms

** Construction at PTMS is completed! Thank you for supporting Prop AA

Common Question: What about all the construction next to the school?

Important Upcoming Events

Next Late Start Days: Monday, September 17 and Monday, September 24 - School starts at 9:50 a.m.

First School Dance: October 4th at 5:30pm

Family Night: Monday, October 8, 2018

Next Principal's Coffee: Friday, November 9 at 8:45 a.m. - Topic: Vaping Prevention Education for Parents

It's going to be a GREAT year!

[Raising Successful Kids \(food for thought\)](#)