



# PALMDALE LEARNING PLAZA MONTHLY CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER 2016

### IMPORTANT INFO. !!!!! – SCHOOL HOURS !!!!!

The school hours for the Palmdale Learning Plaza are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:12 AM – 4:00 PM  
Wednesday: 9:12 AM – 3:00 PM (every Wednesday will be a shortened day)

### HOLIDAYS & MINIMUM DAYS

Monday, 9/5/16 HOLIDAY – Labor Day  
Monday, 9/26/16 STUDENT HOLIDAY – Teacher Staff Development Day

### IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, 9/2 Kiwanis Rubber Duck Race @ DryTown Water Park. PLP will be participating in the Kiwanis Rubber Duck Race. It costs \$5.00 to sponsor a duck and PLP will earn \$2.00 from each sponsored duck. You may be the lucky winner of one MILLION dollars! Parents, please support our school and community by sponsoring ducks. Payments may be sent to the PLP school office or you can go online at [www.duckrace.com/antelopevalley](http://www.duckrace.com/antelopevalley) to purchase. Admission tickets may be purchased online or from the main office until Friday - \$5.00 for admission to all wet areas from 6:00-9:00 PM (except the Lazy River.) Deadline for duck adoptions & admission tickets is Friday, 9/2 at noon – online adoptions close 9/1/16.

Tuesday, 9/13 School Site Council Meeting – 4:15-5:30 PM – Library.

Friday, 9/16 PTA Movie Night – 6:00 PM – Cafeteria – no admission charge – snacks available for purchase. The movie “The Jungle Book” will start promptly at 6:30 PM

Mon., 9/19 – Fri., 9/23 PTA sponsored Book Fair – please buy books before and after school in the Library and support the PLP!!

Monday, 9/26 **STUDENT HOLIDAY – Staff Development Day**

Wednesday, 9/28 Picture Day – Retakes. This is the last opportunity for your student to have his/her picture taken this school year for I.D. cards, yearbook, etc. If you do wish to order the picture packet(s), the money must be brought in on Wednesday, 9/28 (when your child’s picture is taken) or you can purchase on-line at [www.oconnorphotography.net](http://www.oconnorphotography.net)

Friday, 9/30 ELAC Meeting – 9:45 AM – Library - Junta del Comite Consultivo de Estudiantes de Ingles (ELAC)

Friday, 9/30 PTA Family Restaurant Night @ Vince’s Pizza – 5:00-9:00 PM – bring a flier, eat yummy pizza and support our PTA!

Saturday, 10/1 Palmdale School District “Tailgate Party” at AV College Homecoming game – 3:30-6:30 PM \$10/student – price includes food, AVC backpack filled with goodies and student tickets to all AVC football games. Parents can buy food at the party and receive a discounted rate for the game. Game starts at 7:00 PM and the PSD Honor Band (including some PLP students) will be playing the National anthem.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., 10/3 - Fri., 10/14 PTA fundraiser – “Right Response” First Aid Kits  
Thurs., 10/13 STUDENT HOLIDAY – Parent/Teacher Conference Day  
Mon., 10/24 PTA Reflections ends – this year’s theme is “What is your story?”  
Mon., 10/31 Storybook Characters Costume Parade – 3:20 PM – blacktop area.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW & ON REVERSE SIDE

**FREE/REDUCED LUNCH!** If your family qualifies for this program, please make sure that you fill out a new application the first week of school. Applications for free or reduced meals are available on-line at [www.palmdalesd.org](http://www.palmdalesd.org); forms are also available in the PLP school office. Remember, processing of these applications takes 10 days, so please send a lunch (or lunch money) with your child until you receive the approval notification from the District Office. If the completed application is not returned by Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> your child may be declined for free or reduced lunch or breakfast. Remember, you must fill out a new application every school year!

**ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR 2016/17!** Beginning in August, your child may be eligible to receive one of two attendance awards: the Attendance Award if they are at school every day, or the **Perfect Attendance Gold Award** if they are present at school for the entire semester with no tardies and no early dismissals.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW

**PARKING ISSUES – PLEASE HELP OUR NOON DUTY SUPERVISORS!** Do not park in the Loading Zones and use the Designated Crosswalks only! Please drive carefully through the parking lot, following the flow of traffic and follow the directions of our supervisors. They are directing traffic for the safety of your children. Also, please do not double park on the streets or in the parking lot. Many drivers have recently received tickets for motor vehicle code violations.

### **IB CORNER! What are Units of Study?**

Units of study in the IB are written by grade level teams of teachers who have had specific training in how to create them for your children. Here is a list of the units that are being taught right now in the PYP, and the central ideas and questions that guide the learning:

#### **Kindergarten:** Who We Are/Myself and Others

Central Idea: *My behavior impacts the environment where I am.*

Guiding Questions: Why do I behave the way I do? Why would what I do impact others?

#### **First Grade:** Who We Are/We are all in this together!

Central Idea: *All communities depend on the behaviors and actions of the individuals within them.*

Guiding Questions: What are our rights and responsibilities as citizens? Why is it important to work as a group?

#### **Second Grade:** Who We Are/Families – Past, Present and Future

Central Idea: *Our family history influences our present and future.*

Guiding Questions: Where did I come from and where am I going? How can my family preserve the past, capture the present, and impact the future?

#### **Third Grade:** Who We Are/Growing Strong

Central Idea: *Growth requires change over time.*

Guiding Questions: How can we support each other when we are presented with challenges? How do these challenges help us grow?

#### **Fourth Grade:** Sharing the Planet/I Will Survive!

Central Idea: *Structures serve different functions in growth and survival.*

Guiding Question: How are the structures of living things connected to their function and to their survival?

#### **Fifth Grade:** Where We are in Place and Time/Exploring Systems

Central Idea: *Change occurs when systems interact.*

Guiding Question: What happens when systems interact?

What can you do at home this month to support your child's learning? Ask the guiding questions around the dinner table and have an open ended/no right answers discussion!

**CAMPUS SUPERVISION!** The Plaza campus will not open until 8:50AM. Please DO NOT allow your child to arrive before 8:50 AM as there is no supervision prior to that time. Skateboards and scooters are not allowed on campus at any time. Students, in Grades 4-8, may ride a bicycle to school if they have a completed 2016-17 Bicycle Permit form on file in the office. Children need to be picked up no later than 4:20 PM. The Learning Plaza School office will close at 4:30 PM.

**UNIFORM SHIRTS NEEDED!** Do you have any "gently used" uniform shirts at home? Perhaps your child has outgrown them or, an older child no longer attends the Plaza. If so, please consider donating them to the school for other students who may have need. Thank you!

**EMERGENCY DRILLS!** Plaza Staff and Students periodically conduct unannounced Disaster/Emergency Drills to prepare in case of a real emergency. If you need to pick your child during one of these drills, or in case of a real emergency, please enter the parking lot through the Division Street entrance and proceed slowly through the loading zone. Staff members will greet you at the main entrance to check current identification and will have your child brought to your car.

### **LUNCH/RECESS TIMES**

Please be aware of your child's regularly scheduled recess and lunch times. If you need to sign your child out for a doctor's appointment, please call the office at least 5 minutes before the start of their recess or lunch. Please, also, send a note to your child's teacher in the morning so they may prepare any make-up work, if available. \* Times will change every Wednesday.

GRADE LEVEL	LUNCH	RECESS
Kinder – Ms. Campfield's class	11:15-12:00	2:00-2:14 *
Kinder – Mrs. Stuen's class	11:45-12:30	2:00-2:14 *
Kinder – Mrs. Link's class	12:15-1:00	2:00-2:14 *
1 <sup>st</sup> grade	11:25-12:10	2:11-2:25
2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	11:25-12:10	2:11-2:25

3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	12:25-1:10	3:15-3:29 *
4 <sup>th</sup> grade	12:25-1:10	3:15-3:29 *
5 <sup>th</sup> grade	11:55-12:40	3:46-4:00 *
6 <sup>th</sup> grade	11:55-12:40	3:01-3:15 *
7 <sup>th</sup> grade	12:48-1:23*	
8 <sup>th</sup> grade	12:48-1:23*	

