



PALMDALE LEARNING PLAZA MONTHLY CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2019

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

The school hours for the Palmdale Learning Plaza are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:45 AM – 3:23 PM (first bell rings at 8:35 AM)
Wednesday: 8:45 AM – 2:23 PM (every Wednesday will be a shortened day)

HOLIDAYS & MINIMUM DAYS

Monday, 9/2/19 HOLIDAY – Labor Day

IMPORTANT DATES

All month PTA Membership drive – please join the PTA. The cost is only \$8 per family.
Friday, 9/6 ASB World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser ends – please support our grade level field trips.
Wednesday, 9/11 “Granola for Grandparents” provided by the PLP PTA – 7:45-8:30 AM - Library
Wednesday, 9/11 Patriots’ Day - wear Red, White and Blue to honor American heroes (“Free-Dress” Friday dress-code applies)
Wednesday, 9/11 PTA Popcorn fundraiser begins
Friday, 9/20 ELAC Meeting – 9:15 AM – Library - Junta del Comite Consultivo de Estudiantes de Ingles (ELAC)
Nutrition workshop presented by Bobbie Bodie
Friday, 9/20 ASB Fall Dance – 3:30-5:30 PM - all eligible 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are invited - \$5.00.
Snacks available for purchase.
Thursday, 9/26 Color Run Day!! (weather permitting) – 2:00 PM. Students are running so that otherwise disadvantaged children can enjoy a healthy lifestyle, and a quality education, like we get at the Plaza! Color Run proceeds will be used by PLP students to purchase home and school supplies for our friends at the NPH orphanage in the Dominican Republic. Please help us to make a positive difference in the world through healthful living and education! Parents, please note that you are welcome to join us, but that you will be asked to watch our Color Run from the hill near our field. Only PLP students with permission slips, and PLP staff, will be invited onto the field for our Color Run.
Thursday, 9/26 AAPAC Meeting – 3:45 PM – Library – African-American Parent Advisory Council
Friday, 9/27 Coffee with the Principals – 9:00-10:00 AM – Library – parents, please come enjoy a beverage and conversation with Dr. Wright and Mr. Gilpin
Friday, 9/27 PTA Meeting and Movie Night – 5:00-8:00 PM – Cafeteria – the movie is free (name to be determined later) and snacks are available for purchase. The movie will start promptly at 6:00 PM.
Monday, 9/30 School Site Council Meeting – 3:45 PM – Conference Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 10/2 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, 10/2 (when your child’s picture is taken) or you can purchase on-line at www.oconnorphotography.net
Wednesday, 10/2 International Baccalaureate Family Night for MYP (6th – 8th grade) students and parents – 5:30-6:30 – Café
Wednesday, 10/9 “Muffins with Mom” provided by the PLP PTA – 7:30-8:30 AM - Library
Wednesday, 10/9 International Baccalaureate Family Night for PYP (K. – 5th grade) students and parents – 5:30-6:30 – Café
Friday, 10/11 STUDENT HOLIDAY – Parent/Teacher Conference Day
Wednesday, 10/31 Storybook Characters Costume Parade – 2:40 PM – blacktop area.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW & ON REVERSE SIDE

BIRTHDAY PARTIES! Please be aware of the PSD Wellness Policy. Foods not meeting the criteria are not permitted. We encourage birthday parties to be held at home. However, if you wish to have your child handout prize bags that include healthy snacks/ prizes at the last 5 minutes of class, please check with your child’s teacher first. For the safety of all students, store bought items only and no balloons please. Thank you for your understanding & cooperation in this matter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW

PARKING ISSUES – PLEASE HELP OUR NOON DUTY SUPERVISORS! Follow the rules of the road, do not park in the Loading Zones and use the “designated crosswalks or red brick path” only! **The Division entrance is for pick-up & drop/off only.** Please drive carefully through the parking lot, following the flow of traffic and follow the directions of our supervisors. If you would like to park, please enter on Rayburn. **Please do not leave your car parked and unattended in a non-designated parking spot in the lot. Lastly, please do not double park on the streets. Many drivers have recently received tickets for motor vehicle code violations.**

CAMPUS SUPERVISION! The Plaza campus will not open until 8:15AM. Please DO NOT allow your child to arrive before 8:15 AM as there is no supervision prior to that time. Children need to be picked up no later than 4:00 PM. The Learning Plaza School office will close at 4:15 PM. Please make arrangements for pick-up prior to sending your student to school.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH CHANGES! We are excited to announce that Breakfast and Lunch will be provided for each student this year at no cost. We ask that each family complete the Community Education Provision form to help the District continue to fund this opportunity. This form is available online at palmdalesd.org > Departments > Child Nutrition > (purple button) Education Benefit Form. You can also use this same link to obtain information about the menu for the current month. Breakfast in the classroom will continue for students in grades K-5; breakfast will be available in the cafeteria for students in grades 6-8 beginning at 8:35 AM.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS! Dear parents - we appreciate your volunteering in the classroom, and we want you to feel welcome when you come to the school. We ask that you please let the teacher know when you plan on volunteering/visiting so that the teacher and the office staff can be expecting you. All volunteers/visitors must check in at the office so that we can account for you in the event of an emergency. Your photo ID (driver’s license, government ID, etc.) will be scanned using the PSD Raptor Visitor Management System and a badge printed. Please be sure to check out through the office later. Thank you for your help!

ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR 2019/20! 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. **Strive for Less Than 5!**

LUNCH/RECESS/K-5 PE 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, lunch or PE times. Just a reminder, the student may not have access to their backpack/other items in the classroom, if picked up during these times. 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 | PE | | | | |
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| Kindergarten-Campfield | 12:20-1:05 | 10:15-10:29 | 11:30-12:15 * | 3 rd grade | 11:00-11:45 | 1:48-2:02 | 1:02-1:47 * |
| Kindergarten-Link | 12:20-1:05 | 10:15-10:29 | 11:30-12:15 * | 4 th grade | 12:00-12:45 | 10:31-10:45 | 2:34-3:19 * |
| Kindergarten-Stuen | 12:20-1:05 | 10:00-10:14 | 11:30-12:15 * | 5 th grade | 11:20-12:05 | 10:16-10:30 | 1:48-2:33 * |
| 1 st grade | 10:45-11:25 | 12:46-1:00 | 9:58-10:43 * | 6 th grade | 1:07-1:42 * | | |
| 2 nd grade | 11:40-12:25 | 12:30-12:44 | 10:44-11:29 * | 7 th grade | 1:07-1:42 * | | |
| | | | | 8 th grade | 1:07-1:42 * | | |

IB CORNER!



What is an IB education?

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! For those new to PLP, the International Baccalaureate programs have gained a reputation for their high academic standards, for preparing students for life in a globalized 21st century and for helping to develop the future citizens who will create a better, more peaceful world. The Primary Years Program (PYP), for grades K-5th, and the Middle Years Program (MYP), for grades 6th-8th, focus on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside; preparing students to be successful in school and to be active, lifelong learners.

What is the mission of an IB World School?

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end, the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

If you would like to access more information about the IB program, you may visit www.ibo.org or you may find helpful parent links on our school website:

1. Log into www.palmdalesd.org
2. Click schools
3. Click Palmdale Learning Plaza
4. Click About Us
5. Click International Baccalaureate
6. Explore the different links. IB Links contain videos, Parent Guides, and a description of an IB Education.

