

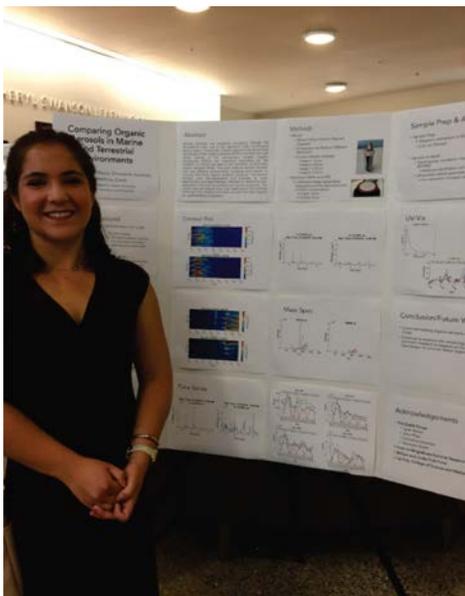
# The Vine

September 7, 2018

From the desk of Superintendent Chris Williams

## Back to School Night

All elementary Back to School Nights are complete for this year, but please be reminded that parent and community partnership is always appreciated and welcomed at our school sites. The best way to communicate with our sites and teachers is through email or by making an appointment. You can find all teacher emails on their school site websites. Paso Robles High School (5:30pm), Liberty High School, Independence and Paso Robles Independent Study (5:00pm) will be having the last of our Back to School Nights on September 19, 2018.



## Field Studies Collaborative - University Research Experience

As part of the FSC University Research Experience, Paso Robles High School partnered with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry to place four PRHS Bearcats alongside Undergraduate Student Mentors (USM) and Cal Poly Professors to complete unique and original research.

Paso High students worked with Dr. Eric Sapper and his teams in the area of polymers and coatings, using computer modeling and Volatile Organic Compound analysis. They learned how chemical structures are modeled using computers and completed computational chemistry simulations to be compared to those results being found in the laboratory. Our Bearcats were also able to attend several workshops where they heard from experts in their field of research from around the country.

## Bearkitten Preschool Begins 2018-19 in their New Location!

Welcome Back to our Bearkitten's Preschool at PRHS! We are so proud of our Career Technical Education Industry Sector: Early Childhood Education, led by Brenda Matthyse, partnered with our psychology classes taught by Jenny Martinez and supported by our site and district leadership and school board. Our high school students are serving our community and future bearcats, while preparing for success in college, career and community. The Education pathway is designed to prepare students for professional or learning support positions in education, prekindergarten through grade twelve. Students study human development; standards, regulations, and codes; positive guidance and counseling techniques; age-appropriate and grade-appropriate learning strategies; learning theories; and standards-based curriculum and instructional design. For more information please follow this link to our overview video.



### Link Crew

Thank you to our awesome Link Crew Leaders and Mr. Ewing for delivering the year's first "applause" to students! Teachers nominated students for various reasons such as working hard, helping others, and showing initiative.

Way to go, Bearcats!

## Subscribe to the National Award Winning Crimson Newsmagazine

This year's staff is full of talented young students working hard to publish the Crimson Newsmagazine. In 2018, Crimson won the Online Pacemaker at the National Journalism Convention in San Francisco. This is a top award in the U.S. for digital media and our staff was honored by this incredible recognition! Click the image below for your monthly subscription of Crimson Newsmagazine!





## One Cool Earth

Wednesday was the first week of lunchtime garden club at Virginia Peterson Elementary School. Students can opt into garden club instead of going to recess every Wednesday. Students helped Miss Danica save flower seeds, spread worm castings into the garden from their school wide compost program, make rosemary bundles and plant spinach seeds!

At Back to School Night, Miss Danica passed out herb bundles, grapes, tomatoes, peaches, dried flower seeds, lemon and Armenian cucumbers, eggplant....All for FREE and from the school Panda Garden! Looking forward to a great year full of learning and growing.

## Lunch with Your Kid

On Thursday parents were invited to enjoy lunch with their students at Flamson Middle School. Some parents brought food from home while others purchased lunch through the cafeteria. The lawn was filled with blankets and chairs on a beautiful afternoon in Cougar Country.



## PRO Academy

Paso Robles Online Academy is a free, online public school program for students 6-12 who are seeking a personalized alternative to the traditional classroom setting. Students are offered flexible scheduling, online foreign language courses, hands-on college preparatory science labs, daily tutoring, and 1:1 weekly meetings with a highly qualified, credentialed teacher from PRJUSD.



## Lewis Middle School

Lewis leaders spent lunch today checking in with their 6th grade WEB groups. Connecting is key to success!

#whereeveryonebelongs

WEB, which stands for “Where Everybody Belongs” is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to be WEB Leaders. WEB also acts as an anti-bullying program for our schools by providing a cadre of student leaders who look for bullying behavior and help to stop it.



## Pat Butler Elementary

The Bears are lacing up for the first annual APEX Fun Run on September 10th! APEX is an organization designed to help develop leaders in elementary students. Grades Kindergarten-5th raise money through sponsors who can pledge per lap or a flat rate. Pat Butler’s Parent Teacher Association (PTA) has chosen two areas to focus the funds raised: classroom enhancement and funding field trips. All students will receive a t-shirt, wristband and are encouraged to participate regardless of pledges raised.



## Technology

It is the goal of our district to increase student achievement and student success through the use of 21st Century Skills. Technology provides students the opportunity to dig deeper, think critically, and gain a global perspective. Every certificated teacher is provided a mobile device: iPads are provided for preschool, transitional kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade teachers. Chromebooks are provided for all other certificated staff as well as 1:1 devices provided to students grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.



## Animal Anatomy

In the Animal Science pathway, students study large, small, and specialty animals. Students explore the necessary elements, such as diet, genetics, habitat, and behavior, to create humane, ecologically, and economically sustainable animal production systems. The pathway includes the study of animal anatomy and physiology, nutrition, reproduction, genetics, health and welfare, animal production, technology, and the management and processing of animal products and by-products.



**September 12 - Georgia Brown**  
**The Arts Academy at Bauer Speck**  
**September 13 - Kermit King**  
**Virginia Peterson**  
**Winifred Pifer**  
**September 19 - Flamson Middle School**  
**Lewis Middle School**  
**September 26 - Paso Robles High School**

## ELAC

The English Learner Advisory Committee will hold their meetings at our school sites throughout the month of September. ELAC is a committee comprised of parents, staff, and community members specifically designated to advise school officials on English Learner program services. For more information, contact Stacy Summers, District ELD Coordinator at 805-769-1000 ext. 30420.



## Studios on the Park

Mrs. Holman's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class visited Studios on the Park this Friday!

A school field trip to Studios gives students the chance to experience the art of creation. Through artist-centered guided discussions, Studios encourages students to develop critical thinking skills and foster an appreciation for works of art and the creation process. Students learn to look carefully at works of art, speak with resident artists, and share their ideas.

All of our elementary students are given an opportunity to participate through a rotating schedule. PRJUSD appreciates this strong partnership with Studios on the Park and the opportunities it creates for our students.