

# The Preuss School UCSD Insight Newsletter

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## **A Message from the Principal-Director Scott Barton**

Dear Parents:

The 2016-2017 school year has been a productive and exciting year for the students, parents, faculty and staff.

On April 25, 2017, **U.S. News & World Report** published their Best High Schools in the nation by collecting data from 22,000 public high schools throughout the nation. They ranked Preuss as the 54<sup>th</sup> Best High School in the Nation, #1 in San Diego County, #5 in California, the 15<sup>th</sup> Best Charter School in the Nation. Preuss also received a Gold Award designation, based on performance on state assessments, graduation rates and college preparation.

On May 5, 2017, **The Washington Post's Education Columnist** Jay Matthews released his annual rankings of how well the nation's top high schools challenge their students. Preuss is again ranked as one of the top high schools in the nation, state, county and city. We were ranked #1 in San Diego County, #7 in California, and #65 in the Nation.

The **National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) 2017** named Preuss a redesignated Breakthrough School. We first received this designation in 2012. Preuss was reevaluated this year, and had been found to continue to excel in the areas of collaborative leadership, personalization, and curriculum, instruction and assessment. This program recognizes middle and high schools that serve large numbers of students in poverty and are high achieving or demonstrate dramatically improving student achievement. Preuss is a high achieving Breakthrough School.

In March, we had our WASC Accreditation visit. The WASC Visiting Team spent three and a half days at Preuss reviewing documents and visiting classrooms. They also spoke with students, parents, teachers, volunteers and Board members. I would like to thank all of the parents who attended our special PTA meeting on Sunday, March 15. The meeting was moved to Sunday afternoon so that we could welcome the WASC Visiting Team. What a wonderful show of support from our Preuss parents. The parents shared our strengths and areas of concern with the Visiting Team.

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## **Congratulations Class of 2017**

High School Graduation  
June 23<sup>th</sup> -4:00 PM  
Preuss Manchester Field

We're so proud of you on  
your graduation day and  
every day.



**FIRST DAY OF  
SCHOOL YEAR  
2017-2018  
MONDAY  
AUGUST 14,  
2017**



## Message from Mr. Barton continued

I am so proud of our Preuss parents! Thank you! The ACS WASC has granted Preuss a Six-Year Accreditation Status through June 2023. This is the longest accreditation granted by WASC. We are so proud of this accreditation. I would like to especially thank Ms. Gabay, our WASC Self-Study Coordinator, for her excellent work on our WASC document. Our faculty, staff, Board members, students, parents, volunteers, donors and community members were instrumental in achieving all of the above accolades. Congratulations to you all and thank you for all of your hard work, dedication and belief in the core values of The Preuss School's model.

In addition to our wonderful accolades Preuss was featured on *Inside California Education*. This PBS television series explores California public education, the challenges, issues, and stories. The sister station of KPBS, KVIE visited our campus and interviewed parents, students and teachers for a segment of the series. We felt privileged to participate in this program and share the incredible work that happens at our school. Take a moment to watch the Preuss segment online at INSIDE California Education a public television series, <http://insidecaled.org/videogallery/video/the-preuss-school-0611/>

Preuss students continue to earn scholarships, recognitions, and awards. This year four Seniors were awarded the \$1,000 Ford Salute of Education Scholarship: Yareli Cervantes, Kathy Doan, Christina Le, Natalie Ruybal. Yareli Cervantes is a 2017 Recognized Carson Scholar. Yareli Cervantes was also awarded \$2,000 by The Sunflower Scholarship Fund. Jorge Castaneda is a 2017 National Hispanic Scholar; He scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers in our region. More scholarship winners will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony on June 13, 2017, from 6:30-8:30pm.

The Class of 2017 is looking forward to graduation and the future. As of May 1, 2017, seniors self-reported that 96 out of 102 (94%) of them have been admitted to a four-year college or university. 51 were admitted to at least one UC school, 26 were admitted to at least one CSU Campus and nine were admitted to at least one private college or university. 16 seniors will attend San Diego Community Colleges with plans to transfer to a four-year university. 29 seniors will receive the Chancellors Associate Scholarship and will attend UC San Diego. The Class of 2017 has worked hard to achieve their goals and we are excited for our seniors.

The Annual Parent Dinner Dance was held on Saturday, April 22. The event successfully raised \$1,766 for our transportation needs. A big thank you to parents Aimee Leal, Diane Villalvazo, and Rosa Penamoya for the outstanding job they did coordinating the event and making the beautiful baskets with donated items for the silent auction. The Puente family donated and cooked the entire meal again this year, which consisted of salad, chicken parmesan or lasagna. Many thanks go out to the Puente Family for their continued support and help to make the dinner dance a success. Thanks to all of the parents who helped organize the event, those who set up and cleaned up, and to all of you who support the event by donating money and attended the event.

Transportation donations have been collected throughout the school year. Parents have contributed weekly, monthly, and in one full amount. Please be reminded that Preuss spends more than \$1million a year to transport our students to and from school. If you have not donated, please consider contributions to our transportation fund. Transportation donations will be collected next year also. Donations make buses for all students possible. Without donations, busing may be cancelled. Please submit your donations to the front office.

The month of May is very important testing time for The Preuss School. Our high school students have taken their Advanced Placement (AP) Exams. All students, except seniors and ninth graders will be taking Standardized Tests (CAASPP) on May 24, May 25, May 31 and June 1. These tests are extremely important for your student and our school. I encourage you to speak with your son/daughter about taking these tests very seriously. It is also important that students are not absent or tardy during tests dates and they get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Parent support and student attendance is vital and will continue to assist our students in preparing them to be at the top of their game. Thank you for your support.

June is almost here and the excitement around all of the upcoming events is in the air. The events begin with Senior Exhibitions, which are on Wednesday and Thursday, June 7 & 8. The Spring Learning Showcase will be held on Thursday, June 8. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are expected to attend the Spring Learning Showcase which opens with a PTA dinner at 6:00 p.m. and exhibitions begin at 7:00 p.m. Parking will be free to families in Lot P703 and P704. A map of the parking lots are in this newsletter.

### Message from Mr. Barton continued

Parents should check with their students for the dates of all the activities. The monthly events calendar will be sent home early in June with a complete list of activities. Take a moment to review the daily bulletin and the monthly calendar on The Preuss School website <http://preuss.ucsd.edu/>.

Summer School will be the following dates: June 27-30, July 3, 5-7 and July 10-13 from 9:00am-3:30pm. The classes will meet four days a week. History, English, Biology and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade support class will be offered. This opportunity is important to keep students on track to be UC/CSU eligible. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Transportation will be available and the stops will be the same as SEA Saturdays. There will be a summer school meeting held June 13, 2017, from 4:00-5:00pm. If your child has been assigned to Summer School, you and your student must attend this meeting.

With summer around the corner, it is important for students to work hard until the last day of school. With your support and encouragement for your child to attend school every day, we can keep our students on track.

Have a wonderful, safe and restful summer! We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday, August 14, 2017. Remember, all students must return on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Picture day will be August 17 and 18. Please plan your vacations so that students do not miss any school. Your support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Scott Barton  
Principal/Director

During the celebration of Spring Learning Showcase and Graduations, **free parking** will be available in Lot P703 and Lot P 704. Please, see map below or view the revised area map: <http://go.ucsd.edu/2qGwtgu>



## NEWS FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

### Yesenia Valdelamar



Dear Preuss Parents:

The 2016-2017 school year is almost at its end, and I am sure you all are looking forward to a wonderful restful summer. I want to thank you for all of your continued support. The key to the success of your student is parent involvement, and we were very fortunate to count on your participation at our school programs and events. Thanks to your support, PTA will give back all your contributions to our students. Thank you again for your help and involvement!

- Membership: Last year we had 170 paid PTA members, as reported to council. This year we have 103.
- Parent Dinner Dance. We netted \$1,766.00 for our kids!
- Spring Learning Showcase is Thursday, June 8, 2017. We will need parents to help sell pizza and nachos that night.
- End of the Year Housekeeping: Year end Audit Historian Report, Secretary's book to be completed, and Treasure's book. PTA Training on June 3, 2017.
- Do you have Facebook? Please "like" The Preuss School UCSD PTA.

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

For Teacher and Staff appreciation Breakfast  
**May 26, 2017, 8:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. in the Walton Center**

We want to invite you to join the PTA in putting together a breakfast to honor the teachers and staff at Preuss for all the hard work they do throughout the year. We know many of you are wonderful cooks and we invite you to bring in a special dish to share. Help with donation or to serve breakfast. Donations requested include: breakfast foods, pastries, and homemade dishes.

#### **Opportunity for Students during the summer**

2017 Summer Mentoring Program

What: High School and College Student Aged Youth have the opportunity to connect with a career professional and be exposed to the diverse opportunities in various City of San Diego Departments.

Group Interviews:

June 5<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm Balboa Park Majorca Room, Casa del Prado

June 8<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm Mission Valley Library

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am-11:30am Carmel Valley Library

For more information and/or to apply visit: <https://www.sandiego.gov/volunteer-program>

#### **Opportunity for Parents**

Leadership opportunity for Parents

What: PTA Summer Leadership Conference 2017

Workshop for different PTA positions

When: June 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00am-4:00pm

Where: Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110

To learn more and/or sign up visit: <http://www.sdcouncilpta.org/>

**HAVE A GREAT**



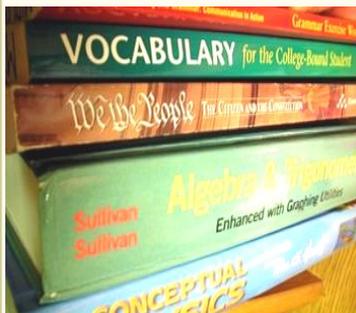
# Whispers from the Copley Media Center

## Whispers from the Copley Media Center

We are nearing the end of a very busy and successful school year. We hosted our first ever Rubik's Cube Competition, with the help of Mr. Garner, on April 27. Our winners were:

Group 1:	Alejandro Macias	(average time 18 seconds)
	Jimmy Nguyen	(average time 30 seconds)
Group 2:	Angela Perez	(average time 52 seconds)
	Adrian Ramos	(average time 53 seconds)

On May 15, we celebrated 10 years of Jeff Kinney's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* with highlights from the actual event in New York's Carnegie Hall and with fun and games. The cover of book 12 was revealed and will be available for purchase November 7, 2017.



The last two years we have had many parents help go through each textbook to make sure markings were erased, pages were taped and the covers were cleaned. At the beginning of this year, we announced to all students if there was any damage in their textbooks to bring it to our attention, so we could mark it down or else they would be held responsible for the damage. **We will be charging students at least \$5.00 if the damage is beyond the normal wear and tear.** Encourage your sons and daughters to go through and remove any papers/post-its, erase any pencil markings or pictures and white out any ink markings that should not be there. It is important that every student treat all their textbooks with care and respect so that future classes will have access to good quality books.

All 12th and 8th grade students must turn in all library and textbook materials and pay all fines before they will be allowed to walk for graduation, receive their diploma or participate in "Celebration of Learning" ceremonies. Any student not able to pay may volunteer hours in the library to clear their account. If you have any questions about lost textbooks or library books, please call us (858-822-2150). We can let you know how to take care of this matter. Thank you for your cooperation.

**All library materials (does not include textbooks) are due by June 16. No book checkouts allowed after this date. Summer Reading books will not be checked out until student's account is clear.**

Do not forget we have eBooks available through Overdrive to all our students through the library page on The Preuss School UCSD website. All the students will need is their student ID, a computer, tablet device, smartphone or MP3 player. A great way to pass the summer and not worry about incurring any fines! Additionally, we have free access to eBooks through <http://openebooks.net/index.html>. Please ask the librarian for a sign up code for first time users. Finally, AudioFile presents SYNC: Young Adult Literature for your Earbuds. For alerts on free audiobooks text syncYA to 25827. Each week two audiobooks are given away for free all summer long. Visit AudiobookSync.com for more information.

We have one last event for the school year. We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair here in the library. It will run from June 5 through June 9. It is a BUY ONE GET ONE FREE EXTRAVAGANZA. The Fair will be open the night of Spring Learning Showcase. A great time to get some good summer reads. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Parent Square.

Sincerely,

Karen Nance and Maria Gonzalez

## Healthy Ideas from your school nurse



End of the year tasks:

The end of the school year will be here soon. If your child has medication at school, the medication needs to be picked up at the end of this school year. Please pick up a new doctors school order form for the next school year. (A new doctor's order form is required for each school year). This applies to inhalers, prescribed medications, Epi-Pens and over the counter medications, (A yearly health exchange form with OTC permission will be sent out and needs parental signature in order for your student to receive OTC medication such as Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Tums, etc.)

By being prepared for any medical needs your child's health, safety, attendance and success at school can be at its optimal level. Did you know that approximately 25% of initial anaphylactic allergic reaction happen at school, it is extra important to have an allergy plan and medication at school to be prepared for emergencies? See the nurse for "school anaphylaxis action plan".

The month of May is asthma awareness month, having an asthma action plan along with medication at school can be lifesaving and promote good school attendance. Knowing and avoiding asthma triggers and having knowledge about asthma is critical. See the nurse if you would like more information or support.

### Health promotion: "Healthy children perform better at school"

Parents can promote good health habits and preventive health practices by setting up their teen yearly physical and or sports physicals for the summer break (appointments fill up fast). The yearly physical exam is great as a screening tool for any medical concerns as well as screening for any vision/hearing deficits and dental needs. The doctor can promote health by referring to the appropriate services your child may require as well as managing any significant health conditions to keep your child healthy. Certain communicable disease can be prevented by following immunization recommendations and requirements. These vaccines can be administered at the yearly check up or through the local health department.

Please see the nurse if you would like additional resources or information. Call 1-800 675-2229 to find a physician participating in the free CHDP physical program. Please note the toll free line 211 has resources r/e health and disaster services ([includes information on nutrition, diabetes, healthy weight and physical activity](#)) and many other resources such as food, housing and financial assistance, employment services and many more services for your child and family. If you need assistance in obtaining insurance for your child please see the nurse.

The following are vaccine recommendations for 11 and 12 year olds (AICP federal advisory):

\*MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE: protects against meningitis & other related infection

\*\*\*\*TETANUS BOOSTER (Tdap): protects against tetanus, diphtheria & whooping cough (**state requirement for 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry**)

\*HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS Vaccine (HPV) 3 dose series that helps protect girls & boys against the types of HPV that most commonly cause cervical cancer.

\*SECOND DOSE OF CHICKEN POX VACCINE (if your child hasn't had the chicken pox disease)

\*REGULAR SEASONAL FLU AND H1N1 VACCINE to protect from influenza and its complications

Please note that the meningococcal vaccine is recommended for ages 11 to 18 years, college freshman who will be living in dormitories and for those with certain medical conditions. You and your child can check out the interactive website for teens/preteens: [WWW.MyBestShot.com](http://WWW.MyBestShot.com)

### Maintaining a healthy weight: What families can do:

Obesity can lead to various health issues. Diabetes, high blood pressure, stress on the heart and joints are some of the health problems seen in many overweight children today. The following steps are suggestions on ways to help your child stay at a healthy weight.

The following suggested interventions are adapted from the Coalition on Children and Weight San Diego:

- ◆ Love and accept your child. Give love attention, praise, support and respect. Comfort your child with love not food. Encourage your child to talk about their feelings and plan to talk to your child every day.
- ◆ Enjoy regular meals as a family. Sit together and use the time to share happy events with each other. Try to make meal times fun and include the whole family in planning, preparation and clean up of a healthy homemade meal. Listen to your body and eat when hungry, stop when full. Serve smaller portions and let your child ask for more.
- ◆ When eating at a restaurant, choose meals carefully. Drink milk (reduced fat or non-fat, whole milk should only be served to children less than 2 years of age), juice or water instead of soda. Tap water is safe and is calorie free. Choose baked or broiled meats instead of fried. Share dessert or larger combo meals.
- ◆ Offer healthy foods, snacks and beverages. Growing children need 3 meals and 2-3 snacks per day. Pre-portion your child's snacks to grab on the go. Save money by planning ahead for shopping by making a list of items that are healthy food choices. Cut up fruits and vegetables ahead for quick snacks. Make sure to eat 5 servings of fruits or vegetables per day. Save ice cream, cookies or candy for special times.
- ◆ Find ways to get the whole family moving. Plan exercise or active play each day-move at least 60 minutes daily. Plan fun family activities. Go to parks, recreation centers and playgrounds. Play with balls, Frisbees, jump ropes and kites. Be active; walk, run, cycle or hike. Take a walk after meal time. Encourage your child to join sports teams, to play at recess, to walk to school or bus. Limit TV watching and video games to 1-2 hours a day. Always keep in mind safety-wear a helmet when cycling or skating, sunscreen when out in the sun, practice safe pool behaviors and follow all traffic laws when riding a bike on the street. Be a good example to your children by observing traffic laws, avoiding cigarette smoking and being active yourself.
- ◆ Balance rest and activity. Teens need more sleep time than adults especially during growth spurts. Avoid big shifts in sleep routines during weekends, school breaks and school hours.
- ◆ For further information feel free to call our nurse, Christine Richter RN at 858-822-2291

## RESOURCES AND SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILY

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have attended the parenting classes this year. I hope you are finding the information beneficial for you and your children to build a stronger relationship. Our last class of the year will be May 20<sup>st</sup> in the library after the PTA meeting (11am). We will be discussing the topic of family fun and self-esteem. I look forward to seeing many of you there for our last class of the year.

May is mental health awareness month. Did you know that about 20% of youth ages 12-18 experiences a mental health condition in their life while 18.5% of adults experience mental illness in a given year? Many times children and adults do not receive treatment related to mental health due to stigma, financial hardship, and lack of education. Mental illness is REAL and has very detrimental effects on a person's well-being just as physical illness does, which is why here at Preuss we want to make sure you can access the treatment you and/or your child need. Please do not hesitate to email me at [a6esquivel@ucsd.edu](mailto:a6esquivel@ucsd.edu) or call me at 858-822-1484 if you would like me to provide you will resources and referrals for mental health services. Here are some questions to consider when deciding to seek professional help:

- Are you or child experiencing prolonged and intense discomfort?
- Are you or child noticing the problem affecting other areas of personal development?
- Are you or child noticing the problem spread to other areas of daily functioning (i.e. school, job, relationships, etc.)?
- Is the family being affected by the problem?

\*\*Some common risk factors that lead to mental health concerns include: trauma, divorce/separation, violence, abuse, death, substance use, physical illness, etc.

As we approach the end of the school year I want to provide resources regarding summer food services for children 18 years and under. There is no enrollment, no paperwork, and no income qualifications, all you need to do is visit your nearest location. For a list of locations, please call 1-866-348-6479 or go to [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks) . Also, if you are needing additional food for your whole family there are various food pantries/food distribution centers throughout San Diego. For a list of these locations please call 211 or visit their website at [www.211sandiego.org](http://www.211sandiego.org) . You can also contact me for assistance getting connected to these food pantry/food distribution centers.

Amanda Esquivel, MFT 88617  
Family Support Specialist  
Preuss School UCSD  
Office Phone: 858-822-1484

Please remember I am here to assist Preuss families with any resources in the community that may be needed such as food, shelter, mental health services, insurance, clothing, etc. Do not hesitate to contact me at [a6esquivel@ucsd.edu](mailto:a6esquivel@ucsd.edu) or 858-822-1484. Thank you and I look forward to working with you.

## Integrated Math I

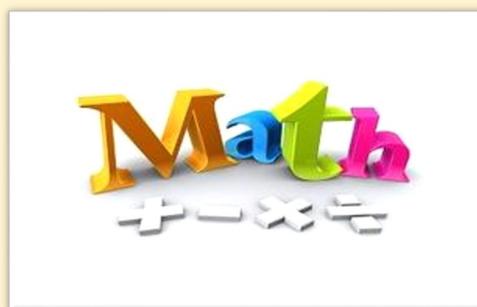
### The Kandinsky Art Gallery Show!

My Integrated Math 1 students and I are excited to be having our Kandinsky Art Gallery Walk. It will be held on **June 5 in D103** during

- ◆ **Block 1 (9:05 - 10:05am)**
- ◆ **Block 2 (10:50 - 11:55am)**
- ◆ **Block 3 (1pm - 2pm)**

And **on June 6 in D103** during

- ◆ **Block 8 (2:40 - 3:40pm).**



All parents, family, and community members are welcome to join to support our Integrated Math 1 kiddos who have created their own abstract masterpiece using geometric constructions that reflects their culture and history. If you are an 8th grade parent, you might have had your children come up to you to ask you about what symbolizes your culture best. If you can stay for 10 minutes or if you can stay for a whole hour, please come by. Our students have been working hard and some have put in their heart in this project. Hope to see you there!

Please make sure to pay and park in lots P703 & P704 and sign in for volunteer hours.

See you soon,

The Integrated Math 1 students and Ms. Tan



## A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC CLASS BY DR. MERCY HWONG

The San Diego Youth Symphony (SDYS) is the sixth largest youth symphony in the nation. The Preuss School UCSD and the San Diego Youth Symphony have collaborated for the past 10 years. Students from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra audition to participate in the Youth Symphony every spring. Students from the Preuss School who pass the audition will receive a music scholarship to participate in the SDYS. The donors of the Preuss School UCSD will offer instrument scholarships for students who are in the SDYS so that students will have an instrument to take home and practice until the student graduate from the Preuss School.

Students who participated in the San Diego Youth Symphony for the 2016-2017 season are Oscar Garcia Huante (cello), Kristopher Garcia Raudales (violin), Julieta Ornelas (violin), Aris Arroyo (viola), Joyce Lynh Chan (cello), Heaven Dawit (violin), Alexis Pena Casas (violin), Jackelyn Sandoval Cortez (viola), Andrea Tercero Lucas (violin), and Isabella Rose Fuller (cello.)

The San Diego Youth symphony also offers complimentary tickets for the Preuss families to attend the concerts. The High School orchestra, the Instrumental Ensemble, the Honors Orchestra, and the eighth Grade Orchestra who are members of the SDYS Audience Development Booster Club have been promoting the SDYS concerts. If you and your family are interested in attending the SDYS concerts in June, please come to the music room in T102 for more information.

After SDYS Winter Inspiration & Showcase concert, Sunday, March 12, at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts  
From left to right: Kristopher Garcia Raudales, Oscar Garcia Huante, Aris Arroyo, Heaven Dawit and at center Julieta Ornelas.



# Parent News

By Sandra Gutierrez, Volunteer Programs Coordinator

## Parent Participation

A big thank you to our PTA for sponsoring the Dinner and Dance on April 22. A special thanks to Aimee Leal, Diane Villalvazo, and Rosa Penamoya for coordinating this special fundraiser.

Mr. Puente donated a wonderful dinner and we appreciate that you do this every school year.

## Girls Academy

Sponsored by Kappa Kappa Gamma

We have collaborated with Kappa Kappa Gamma, a sorority on The UCSD Campus that holds a leadership retreat for middle school girls on The Preuss School Campus. There are small group discussions, journaling and reflection, and a community service project.

The local chapter collegiate women are trained and supervised by volunteer Kappa alumnae, and serve as role models and small-group facilitators for this program. Students learn leadership concepts, evaluate personal leadership styles, and explore how values affects behavior in a group and as a leader. This overnight event is free and sponsored by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority. Forty-eight middle school girls participated in the event this school year. A post evaluation was provided to parents and its essential piece to provide continued support and create retreats such as the Girls Academy to all girls. A shout out to all the girls that took the opportunity to participate and enrich their lives by participating in this retreat.



## Mentor Appreciation Event



Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
4:00pm-5:30pm

Mentors are caring members of the community that volunteer their time to guide a student with their personal and academic goals. We hold an annual appreciation event to thank them for their time. Seniors have the opportunity to say goodbye to their mentor during the event. Dinner, music, certificates, and prizes take place. Parents if your student has a mentor and you want to volunteer to decorate, serve dinner, or send a thank you card please do so with your student.



## Parent Appreciation Event

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>  
10:00am-11:00am

Please join us for this special event to celebrate parent participation this school year.

Questions? Call Ms. Gutierrez, 858-822-0020

## June 2017

6<sup>th</sup> - PTA Executive Board Dinner, 5:30-7:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> - Parent Appreciation Event, 9:30-11:00am -No general meeting

23<sup>rd</sup> - Last day of school, Minimum Day

23<sup>rd</sup> - High School Graduation starts at 4:00pm



## Student Support Services End of School Year

May is Each Mind Matters Month!



Student Support Services will be hosting events throughout the end of May to help honor Mental Health Matters Month by bringing awareness to the reality of mental health issues. We hope to help reduce the stigma surrounding this important issue, as well as spark conversations surrounding what mental wellness is, and why it's vital to all of us.

Parents can find some helpful resources here:

<http://www.eachmindmatters.org/mental-health/children-families/>

One of the events that we are taking part in is The Kindness Rocks Project. Students and staff are painting positive and supportive messages on rocks to display around our campus and community.

<http://thekindnessrocksproject.com/check-out-some-rocks>

Final Exams are June 19-22.

Student Services will be hosting Stress Down Week during Middle School and High School Lunch by the Walton Center. Activities include board games, coloring, mindfulness practices, calming music and Therapy Fluffies.

Every Tuesday during MS and HS lunch, students can join Student Services staff in the Walton Center for **Stretch** and Breathe (deep breathing, stretches, focusing).

### California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress - CAASPP Testing 2017

Students in all grades-except 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, will be taking the CAASPP tests starting on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will also take a pull-out Science Pilot test during Block 1 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Students will test first thing in the morning with their Advisory teachers. Parents, please encourage your student to either not bring a phone to school during testing, or allow enough time to *finish your breakfast and check-in your cell phone at your Advisory classroom prior to the start of testing each morning.*

Students should get plenty of rest the night before testing and try not to stress out; we know they will do great!

**Testing Dates:**  
**May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>,  
June 1<sup>st</sup>**

***University Prep  
Testing Block  
8:55 – 11:30 AM***



## Student Support Services End of School Year

### SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2017

As in the past, Preuss will be offering High School Summer School through the APEX program. Current high school students will have the opportunity to “make up” courses, in which they have earned a D or F in one or more semesters. The following courses will be offered this summer: Advanced English 9, 10, & 11, Western Civilization, European History, US History, and Biology.

There is a Summer School Parent Orientation by invitation on **Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** from **4:00p.m** to **5:00p.m** in the Walton Center at The Preuss School. Student Support Services staff will join Mr. Barton and the Summer School teachers who will go over their policies and curriculum. Students will be expected to attend the meeting with the parent, as paperwork will be completed and a summer school contract will be signed.

This year, we will also be offering an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Bridge program for those 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students who require additional skill support prior to starting high school. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Bridge program is *by invitation only*, and those parents of included students will be receiving invitation letters in the next few weeks.

All Summer School programs will be held **4 days a week** June 27-July 13.

Here are some important facts about the Summer School programs:

- Summer School is **June 27, 28, 29, 30 & July 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13**
- Students must provide their own transportation or pay a total of **\$20** for bus transportation.
- Students will be in school for 6 1/2 hours (**9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**).
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.
- Students must wear their Preuss polo each day.

Failure to complete summer school will make the student ineligible to complete the A-G requirements for admission to UC or CSU universities and/or possibly graduating on to the next grade level.

### Student Award Ceremonies in June

Preuss students have worked arduously this year and we would like to celebrate their accomplishments with an Award Ceremony. Students will be recognized for Honor Roll, Academic Department Awards, Perfect Attendance, scholarships and other special awards received throughout the school year. Please note that many special awards are self-reported. If your student has received a special award, please notify the Advisory teacher or school counselor. Award Ceremony attendance is by invitation. Please remember that you must park in *Lot P703 and P704* and pay for parking.

#### **Middle School Awards Program:**

Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-4:00pm\*

#### **High School Awards Program:**

Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm-2:30pm\*

#### **Senior Awards Program:**

Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30pm\*

### The Preuss School UCSD & The Class of 2021

**Cordially Invite  
Families of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to Attend  
The Eighth Grade Exhibitions and  
Celebration of Learning**

*On June 23, 2017*

**Viewing of Exhibitions will be from  
9:15-10:00 AM**

<b>Ms. Davis's Advisory Class</b>	Room B103
<b>Ms. Greco's Advisory Class</b>	Room C102
<b>Mr. Meka's Advisory Class</b>	Room B102
<b>Ms. Zamora-Luna's Advisory Class</b>	Room B101

**The Celebration of Learning Ceremony  
will begin at 10:15 in the Walton Center**

- *On June 23, parking Lot P703 and P704 down the street from the school is free.*

**All award programs take place in the Walton Center**



## NEWS ABOUT THE Z PASS CARDS

### END OF YEAR TRANSPORTATION ID CARD PROCEDURES

Transportation Student ID Z Pass Cards have been issued to all Preuss students receiving transportation services and they will continue to use their existing ID card from year to year while attending Preuss school. For students that were not issued a card or need a replacement please contact Mrs. Villanueva. New and replacement cards will be generated through the end of May. This ID card will only be used for transportation services; your student will continue to use their current student ID for all school activities.

- ◆ **The San Diego Unified School District Transportation Department will continue enforcing the use of the Z Pass until June 9.**
- ◆ **Students must return their Z pass Cards to their School Advisory Teacher on Monday, June 12.**
- ◆ **We would like to have all the Z Pass Cards collected and returned to Transportation by June 16, 2017.**
- ◆ **Notify the school immediately if Card is lost or stolen.**
- ◆ **Z Pass ID Cards will be returned to students when we come back to school in August.**

Parents should encourage their students to take care of their Transportation Student ID Card as they will function for many years and should not need to be replaced.

For further information, please contact Mrs. Villanueva at 858-822-1738 or if you have a new address and your child may need a different bus route.

## Upcoming School Events

May 24-26; May 31-June 1 - California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress CAASPP -Standardized Testing  
May 25- Mentor Appreciation Event- Walton Center; 4:00p.m-5:30p.m  
May 26- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Breakfast- Walton Center; 8:30a.m-10:00a.m  
May 29- Memorial Day- School Closed  
June 3- Enrollment Day for New Students- Walton Center, 8:30a.m.-12:00p.m.  
June 3- Prom 2017- Hazard Center Double Tree Hotel in Mission Valley; 7:00p.m.-11:00p.m.  
June 5-9- Scholastic BOGO Book Fair: Copley Library Media Center, 8:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.  
June 7 & 8 -Seniors Exhibitions- Classrooms  
June 8- Spring Learning Showcase: Grades 6, 7, 9, 10, 11; 6:00p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Free Parking in Lot P703 & P704  
June 9- Middle School Social- Walton Center, 1:45p.m.-4:00p.m.  
June 10- SEA: Classroom- 9:00a.m.-11:00 a.m.  
June 10- Parent Appreciation Event: Walton Center, 9:30a.m. —11:00a.m.  
June 12- Middle School Awards Program: Walton Center, 2:30p.m.—4:00 p.m.  
June 13-High School Awards Program- Walton Center, 1:00p.m.-2:30p.m.  
June 13- Summer School Parent Orientation: Walton Center, 4:00p.m.—5:00p.m.  
June 13- Senior Award Program: Walton Center, 6:30p.m. -8:30p.m.  
June 19-22- Second Semester Final Exams  
June 23- Last Day of Student Attendance- Minimum Day for Grades 6-11; 12:15 p.m. dismissal  
June 23- 8th Grade Exhibitions: Walton Center, View Exhibitions 9:15a.m.-10:15a.m.; Presentation of Certificates 10:30a.m.-Noon  
June 23- Senior Class Graduation- 4:00p.m. Manchester Field.  
June 26- Final Report Cards mailed home



## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our school.

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Visit us on the web:  
<http://preuss.ucsd.edu>

(858) 822-0311 Reporting a student absence or picking up your child early

(858) 496-8460- SDUSD Transportation Department Emergency number to call when a bus is late or did not pick up students.

We're on the web  
[www.preuss.ucsd.edu](http://www.preuss.ucsd.edu)

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## YEARBOOK SALES!!!

The end of the year is finally here! This year' yearbook is one of our absolute best. Our book will be sold for \$65 during the last week of school. Save up to buy your 2017 yearbook, June 20-23! Cash only. No bills greater than \$20 please.

*¡El final del año está finalmente aquí! El Anuario de este año es uno de nuestros mejores. Nuestro libro se venderá por \$ 65 en la última semana del año. Usted puede comprar el suyo ahora, directamente en frente del Walton Center durante el almuerzos de la escuela secundaria y preparatoria. ¡Venga listo para pedir su anuario 2017! Solamente efectivo. No billete más grande de \$20.*

\*Cash ONLY: No bills greater than \$20.\*