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Principal's Notes by Rita Matthews

November and December of this year were two of the most difficult months of my life. After much thought and consternation, I made the decision to leave Prospect and retire from education. It was not an easy decision. I started my career in January of 1973 in the CUHSD, taught English for 17 years at Campbell and Blackford High Schools and served as an administrator at Blackford, Branham and Prospect High Schools. Almost half of my career has been at Prospect. I'm retiring to spend more time with my husband, travel and pursue other interests. All good reasons, but they don't make it any easier to say good-bye.

Prospect has been a huge part of my life for almost 18 years. I have grown to love the community, the students, staff and parents that I have worked with all these years. I am blessed by the friendship and support that you have given me. I have been very fortunate to work along side amazing educators with great talent, caring hearts and avid minds. And always, the students are my pride and joy. I've cherished their accomplishments as if they were my own kids. As Prospect moves into a new era, I know that the fiber of this community is strong and recognizes the importance of good programs, good teachers and quality educational opportunities for all students. The future is in good hands. My thanks and best wishes to all of you.

May Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Event
05/01	Special schedule	STAR testing
05/02 and 05/05	Minimum Day	12 week grades
05/07	7:30 p.m.	Panther Paws, Athletic Booster Mtg., Lounge
05/10		Junior/Senior Prom, Los Gatos Opera House
05/13	7:00 p.m.	PTSA Meeting, Lounge
05/14	7:00 p.m.	Music Boosters meeting, Band Room
05/15	3:00 p.m.	School site leadership council, Room 43
05/15 and 05/16		International Week Celebrations
05/17		Flea market
05/20	6:30 p.m.	Spring Sports Banquet
05/20 and 05/21	Late Start	Collaboration Days
05/26	No School	Memorial Day Holiday
05/29	6:30 p.m.	Grand Awards
05/30 – 06/01		CUHSD Art Show, Prospect Gym

PHS Alumni News

Leo Sowers (PHS, 2005) will return to Ft. Riley, KS in April 2008 after a 15 month deployment in Iraq. Before returning stateside, Leo will receive his Sargeant stripes on April 1. Leo joined the Army while still a student at Prospect by signing up for the Delayed Entry Program.

Ali Mattu ('01) is in the PhD program in clinical psychology at the Catholic U. of America in Washington, DC.

Tim Slaughterbeck ('86) is an HR manager for a Bay Area computer software company.

Jen Levin ('01) majored in theater arts at Loyola U. in L.A. ; among her recent acting roles was that of "Pizza Woman" on the new Fox show "Unhitched."

Nhu-An Tran ('01), having received her B.S. in biomedical engineering at Brown U. last year, is now a project manager at a biotech company.

Lowen Baumgarten ('01), a graduate of Georgetown U. in Washington, DC, is an assistant account executive in the public affairs firm Fleishman-Hillard in DC. In this position he will have the opportunity to use the Chinese he learned in college and in Beijing.

Janna Layton ('02) published poetry while an undergraduate at Sonoma State. Her more recent poems have appeared in the Dana Literary Society's Journal, Blue Unicorn, and Mimesis.

Congratulations Go to...

Paige Flores who has been selected as a finalist for the 2008 Bank of America Achievement Awards in Applied Arts. Paige will now move on to the final competition which takes place on Monday, April 14th. Be sure to congratulate a very deserving student.

English 3 Honors student, **Renee Johnson**, entered the 2008 Gilroy Library/Silicon Valley Reads writing contest on "Forgiveness." Renee's non-fiction piece won an Honorable Mention Award! Her name will appear on the website and will include a brief biography. This is a terrific honor! Way to go, Renee!

Congratulations to **Sylvia Smith** and **Michael Bricker** for placing in the very competitive Olympiad of the Arts photo competition. Sylvia placed second with her beautiful "Spring's First Bloom" still life photograph and won \$250 for her effort. Michael Bricker received an honorable mention and \$150 prize money with his photograph "Solitude." Great job!

English teacher, **John Manning**, was recently awarded the San Jose State University Dorothy Wright Award for Outstanding High School Teachers. This award recognizes high school teachers who have given excellent teaching and inspirational guidance to their students. SJSU will honor Mr. Manning with a special reception at the university.

Anna Tchenakina was selected by the Country Woman's Club of Campbell to receive a \$500 scholarship in their annual scholarship competition. Anna competed against many students in the area and we are very proud of her.

Prospect parent and PTSA President, **Liz James**, has been selected as Prospect's nominee for the Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education Award. Mrs. James' contributions to PHS are innumerable and we honor her with this nomination.

Summer Jobs

Youth Employment Opportunities will present a job search program for students at PHS on May 23rd at lunch in room 30. This program helps students to write resumes, prepare for interviews and apply for work. Pizza will be served at this first meeting. Representatives will bring lists of summer jobs opportunities. See you there!

PHS Athlete Receives National Attention

Senior, **Kelly Kusamoto** put an end to her Prospect wrestling career in an amazing fashion in Detroit last month by taking 3rd at the National Tournament. Some highlights of Kelly's career include: Nor-Cal Regional Champion, 2 time State finalists, State Champion, 2 time All-American (4th and 3rd), 2 time San Jose Mercury News athlete of the week, CBS highlight story, and a career record of 97-5 against female wrestlers.

Widely recognized as one of the most outstanding female wrestlers in the nation, Kelly's talents go far beyond athletics. Kelly is an excellent student, artist and musician. She is getting quite a bit of interest from colleges but has yet to make her college commitment. Please be sure to congratulate this young woman; she is so humble and sweet that she thinks her victory is "no big deal." Kelly has put Prospect on the national map, and we are all very proud of her.

Congratulations to Students of the Month

Most of us find that it is difficult to focus on schoolwork and sports with lots of distracting activities occurring at the same time, especially in the month of March. The following students have managed to keep up their grades and leadership skills. They are all hard-working individuals who meet and exceed what is expected of them.

Once again, ASB would like to congratulate and recognize eight outstanding students who have been chosen to receive the Student of the Month for March. Great work!

Commendation in the month of March goes out to:

- **Michael Wang**
- **Mari Mar Moreno Avelino**
- **Christopher Henderson**
- **Milica Cekovski**
- **Fahrenheit Lozano**
- **Omar Medrano**
- **Angelina Canepa**
- **Devin Cannon**

Senior Photo Students Take Home 15 Awards!

Congratulations to Prospect senior photo students on their outstanding work and awards in the Campbell Country Women's Club. Prospect photo students competed against other high schools in the CUHSD and won 15 out of 24 possible ribbons! Nice job!

Black and White

- 1st "Intrigue" by **Samantha Reiss**
- 2nd "Graceful Descent" by **Mario Retana**
- 3rd "Grateful Stranger" by **Mario Retana**
- HM "Casey" by **Samantha Reiss**

Open

- 1st "Presidents week" by **Eric Pinard**
- 3rd "Grapes" by **Kimberly Nguyen**
- HM "Butterfly Eye" by **Samantha Reiss**
- Portraits/lighting techniques
- 2nd "Gin" by **Samantha Reiss**
- HM "Portrait" by **Emma Salo**
- HM "Orange" by **Mario Retana**

Color

- 1st "Stick in Water" by **Brittany Jones**
- 2nd "Humming Bird" by **Mario Retana**
- 3rd "Night Santa Clara" by **Tonye Doukpolagha**
- HM "Reflection" by **Angelina Canepa**
- HM "Leaf Droplet" by **Samantha Reiss**

34th Annual Campbell Union High School District Art Show

All are welcome to attend this free event. Many of the Art 1, Art 2, Art 3, Art 4, 3D1, 3D2 and Photography students' artwork will be featured and provide an amazing amount of excellent student work to be viewed.

This year the art show will be held at Prospect High School in the Gym.

The **Opening Reception is Friday, May 30th from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.** Work will also be on display Saturday, May 31st from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 1st from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Don't miss it!

Grad Night Excitement!

Congratulations to **Candice Simpson** for winning a \$50 Nordstrom Gift Card from our first Grad Night Drawing! If you didn't win, or haven't bought your ticket yet, there's still a chance for more prizes! Everyone who has purchased a Grad Night ticket by May 1 will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 Target Gift Card.

Senior Parents: It's almost here....Grad Night 08. Our Grad Night celebration will be held at a location off-campus on **Thursday, June 12th, from 9:45 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.** Once your child arrives, they cannot leave until 5:00 a.m. The cost of the ticket is \$75. This can be paid in installments, if necessary. The ticket price covers everything. There will be activities, music, entertainment, food and prizes, lasting all night. This is a safe way to spend the last night with all their high school friends before they head off to the life's adventures! The planning committee is working on the final details and need your help to make the night happen.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Attend the Grad Night meetings on May 1, 15, 29 and June 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room.
- Watch for a mailing the beginning of May and sign up to work a shift during the Grad Night party.
- Make sure your child has purchased his/her ticket.
- Donate a gift card as a prize. Can you donate a gift card for a prize? How about Starbucks, Target or any restaurant or store kids like? Send it to PHS, attention: Grad Night.
- Watch for updates in the daily bulletin.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Claus at 255-6677 or KathySC7@aol.com or Ann Murphy at 248-2518 or hardworkinmum@yahoo.com. Mrs. Hays is selling tickets in Room 53.

Spring Sports Banquet

We are excited to put on a banquet to honor the spring sports at Prospect. The banquet will be held on **Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m.** in the quad. There will be a catered dinner and the presentation of general awards. Following that, the sports will have the opportunity to break off into their own rooms to celebrate further with team awards.

We hope parents and family will join the school in honoring the athletes during our sports banquet. Invitations have gone out to the players and we will ask for an **RSVP by May 7th** so we can prepare for the evening. If you are a parent of a spring athlete, look for the invitation from your athlete.

This promises to be another great celebration of our athletes!

A.S.B. Leadership Update

Prospect ASB has been keeping busy this month. We had our first annual Spring Fling week and the week went smoothly. Rally Board was able to kick off Spring Fling week with an obstacle course. On Tuesday it was "Family Feud" hosted by the Seniors, followed by the Sophomores on Wednesday with "So You Think You Can Dance." On Thursday the Freshmen held "Prospect Idol" and finally, to end the week, the Juniors ended with their version of "Made". For our first Spring Fling, it seemed to go nicely.

As for our semester committees at Prospect, the Building Relations Committee held a Spring Luncheon for the teachers. The teachers really appreciated the lunch. The Diversity Committee is trying to plan a date when they can go to Moreland Middle to have a clean up day, while the Celebrating Success Committee is keeping up with the Student of the Month awards and also helped out with the Straight "A" breakfast. Rally Board continues to plan more rallies to show that we appreciate everyone at Prospect.

The Senior class had their Prospect Pride Day to clean the school and are now focusing on graduation activities. The Juniors are planning a Junior movie night and also flag football, which will be held in the middle of May. The Sophomores are trying to plan a meeting to help the sophomores know what to expect their Junior year and the Freshmen are still resting from March Madness and Spring Fling week.

Elections were held for the ASB Executive Board positions and we would like to congratulate **Courtney Gipson** (Pres), **Katie Brennan** (VP), **Lauren Inouye** (Sec), **Katie Kinder** (Tres.) and **CJ Mejarito** (Rally Board) on their new positions. Look for class election results in the next *Parent Page* update.

Algebra 1 Recovery - Summer School

Algebra 1 Recovery Workshops will be held at Prospect from **June 16th through June 27th, M-F from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** each day. Prospect students requiring extra study on Algebra benchmarks can work with Prospect teachers to "recover" these Algebra units.

Students should sign up for Recovery Summer School in the Guidance Office to insure a placement.

Please remember, students must finish all six units of Algebra I to move on to Geometry in the fall. Call your student's math teacher or counselor for more information.

Tech Donations Help Dancers Perform Like Stars

Thank you, PHS PTSA and Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF)!

The Dance Performance class has recently acquired technology that will greatly assist the efforts of PHS budding choreographers. Two valuable equipment pieces have been funded by the PHS PTSA and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation.

The Sony Handycam digital video camera/recorder is a result of the PTSA mini-grant and will be used for dancers to review, assess and document their performance techniques and dance compositions. The Silicon Valley Education Foundation has granted the dance program a \$500 award which has been used for the purchase of an iSymphony M2 - DVD Micro Music System. This music system will support the varied music formats that are used in class including, iPods, mp3, MPEG 4, USB, SD & MMC compatible, memory stick, plus CD/ DVD audio/video. SVEF grant will also go toward the purchase or construction of a cabinet to securely house the new equipment.

These state-of-the-art items will allow for greater versatility in preparation and performances. Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming **June 5th and 6th dance concert**. The Dance Program would very much appreciate your assistance and support. If you would like to donate your time and/or services in any way, please feel free to contact Cheryl McDavid at Extension 8182.

Seniors: New Student & Parent Night @ DeAnza College

Wednesday, May 14 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium (PE2). Get a feel of the De Anza campus and learn more about:

- Admissions & Enrollment Process
- Placement Testing, Counseling & Advising
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Academic Programs, Student Support Services
- Tutorial & Skills Centers
- Faculty Perspectives
- Student Life and Activities

Sign up for Counseling 100: College Orientation and get **EARLY FALL REGISTRATION** on this night! Receive a free schedule of classes and there is free parking (in the Stelling Parking Structure).

Last Call for Spring Cleaning: PHS Flea Market Sat. 5/17

April Showers rained us out, but the PHS Flea Market & Car Wash is on again Saturday May 17th 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

This is a great opportunity to sell all that good stuff that needs to go, or to shop for spring perk-ups (or necessities) for wardrobe, home or life in general (a good book?). From treasures to bargains, you never know what you'll find...

If you sell Tupperware, hand-crafts or collectibles, get a booth. Tell your friends, neighbors & family. Get your team or club or community organization to gather-up items to earn extra \$\$\$.

Let's make it big! This is the last Flea Market for this school year. Admission & parking are free. Call (408) 554-2999 to reserve a space. Proceeds benefit PHS athletic programs.

Got stuff but not a "seller"? Donate it to PHS athletes to sell. Parents, can you ask your students/athletes if they have anything (buried in their room) to donate!?!

The Panther Paws Athletic Boosters will set-up a space. Drop-off sell-able items @ the Snack Shack between 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Fri. May 16. You can also just bring them when you come to shop Sat. May 17.

If you can't make the 16th, call Laura Davis (408) 888-0479.

Volunteers Needed for Lunchtime Computer Lab

Volunteers are needed to check students in and out of the computer lab at lunch. We have had to restrict computer usage in the Library during lunch because of the limited number of adult supervisors available. If we can man the library with volunteers to oversee the computer usage from 12:00-12:35 p.m., we can open this opportunity up to students once again.

Volunteers will simply be there to check students in and out of the computer lab and monitor usage of equipment. We will take help any day and for as long as you can give it.

If you can help us out now, please contact Rita Matthews at rmatthew@cuhsd.org or 626-3408, ext. 8101.

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From the PHS Guidance Department

The Counseling Department has been working on finalizing Programming for 2008-2009. Most recently, the counselors met with all 12th graders to discuss financial aid, West Valley Early Admissions program and De Anza Placement testing.

SENIORS

Just a reminder to those seniors who have applied to 4-year colleges; beware of senioritis! It is important to keep-up your grades so that you are not risking your college admissions. If you received an acceptance letter(s), please remember that colleges may revoke your admissions if your grades have fallen.

The Guidance Advisors sent a letter home to those Seniors who are jeopardizing their graduation because of a specific class such as English or Government/Economics that they need for graduation. If you have questions, please contact your student's Guidance Advisor: Mrs. Aguiñiga (A-G), Ms. Lambert (H-N) or Mr. O'Malley (O-Z).

Transcript Requests: The Guidance Advisors will be visiting Seniors the week of May 19th in their Economics class. Students will be asked to fill out Senior Surveys and will also fill out a transcript request form. The transcript request form will indicate which schools the student would like his/her final transcripts to be sent to.

Summer Enrichment Programs: These programs can enhance a student's college application by attending a summer program at a community college, public or private college. There is a wide range of programs, come and see the different programs that are offered in the Student Services Office.

Summer School: Applications are available in the Student Services Office. Students who need to make-up graduation requirements should sign-up early to guarantee a space. Guidance Advisors must sign the summer school application for students who wish to attend summer school. Only two classes or a maximum of 10 units may be taken during summer school.

Algebra I Recovery Summer School will be held the first two weeks of summer ONLY at Prospect. To enroll for Recovery Summer School, sign up in the Guidance Office.

Programming for FALL 2008-2009: A course verification letter will be mailed home in May. If there is an error or a change that needs to be made, please email your student's Guidance Advisor directly to request a change. The deadline for making correction requests is Friday, June 23, 2008.

EARLY ADMISSIONS at WEST VALLEY COLLEGE

West Valley College will be hosting "Early Admissions" for those Seniors who are planning to attend West Valley College in the Fall 2008. The program consists of a 2-part orientation program. Seniors were given a handout in their Economic classes explaining the necessary steps.

- Part One: Placement Tests will be held at West Valley College **on Wednesday April 23rd from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** – WVC Campus ASS Building Room 10 or **Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** – WVC Campus ASS Building Room 10. Check www.westvalley.edu for additional dates. Students must provide their own transportation.
- Part Two: Orientation will be held at West Valley College. Students must select an orientation date and sign-up by emailing wvc_outreach@westvalley.edu.
 - **Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
 - **Friday, May 2nd at 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**
 - **Saturday, May 3rd at 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
 - **Friday, May 9th 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

Student check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. in the lobby of the AAS Building.