

# What's all the BUZZ about?

A newsletter from  
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## Buzz Worthy Updates

### Monthly Reminders

- 6th Daylight Savings Ends
- 8th Election Day
- 11th Veteran's Day - No School
- 16th CAC Coffee at 8:20am
  
- 22nd First Trimester Progress Reports available on Infinite Campus
  
- 23rd-25th Thanksgiving Vacation
  
- 28th-Dec. 2nd PTA Book Fair in MP Room
  
- Dec. 2nd PTA Meeting in Staffroom 8:20

Daylight  
Savings Ends  
Sunday

Don't forget  
to Set Your  
Clocks Back  
One Hour!!

## Fabulous Halloween Parade



Thank you to everyone who came out to our Halloween Parade on Monday. We were so lucky to have the rain hold off for our parade. I enjoyed seeing all the smiling and excited faces on Monday. Thank you to Mr. Larry Wong and the student council who helped organize and run the parade. Our student council officers did a fabulous job. I hope you all had a wonderful evening out with your ghosts, goblins, fairies, ninjas etc. on Halloween night. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the various classroom activities and parties. It was such a fun day!





## Barron Park Students Vote For President Of The United States

As the entire nation anxiously watches the ongoing presidential race, millions of elementary school students all around the country, were able to cast a vote a week early for the next U.S. president.

Every Kid Votes, a nation-wide mock election program among elementary school students, took place on Tuesday, November 1st, at thousands of participating schools through out the country.

During the last Every Kid Votes event in 2014, over 6 million students participated in the vote, which accurately predicted the next president.

The mock election program was organized by American Legacy Publishing—the publishers of Studies Weekly Publications. Studies Weekly publications specialize in social studies and science curriculum for grades K-6 in all 50 states.

“The main purpose of education is to produce a self-governing citizenry,” said Ed Rickers, president of Studies Weekly. “This is meaningful civic activity for our students to practice informed voting—the most basic and essential act of citizenry, and now we are inviting all elementary schools nationwide to participate.”

Students were given a choice of four candidates, Green, Libertarian, Republican and Democratic parties.

The online election materials we had access to included information about candidates from the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green parties. The online student and teacher materials list many additional resources (both books and websites) for learning more about political parties.

The results for the country were not ready at the time I wrote this newsletter, but our school results were as follows.

Your District	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Jill Stein	Gary Johnson	Total Votes	Current Leader
Palo Alto Unified School Dist	175	14	15	10	214	Hillary Clinton
Schools In District	Hillary Clinton	Donald Trump	Jill Stein	Gary Johnson	Total Votes	Current Leader
Barron Park Elementary School	175	14	15	10	214	Hillary Clinton

## Only 9 Families Short of Reaching our PiE Donation Goal! Thank You to Everyone Who Donated!

I want to express my personal gratitude for all the Barron Park families who have already given and continue to support all the enriching programs and student services that PiE helps fund. Your thoughtful, kind and generous support, directly benefits all of our children. As you know, your PiE donations allow us to offer Spectra Art lessons, instructional aides, school-based counseling, performing arts and science support through the Palo Alto Junior Museum. We were only nine families short of reaching our goal. Way to go Barron Park Families! Thank you to Greta Olbrich for heading the PiE efforts at Barron Park over the last few years. Greta graduates this year as her son heads to Terman. If you get a chance, make sure to thank Greta for all her efforts.

## Principal's coffee for parents of students with IEPs and 504s

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

8:30-9:30 am  
Staff Lounge



Please join Principal Anne Brown and other special education parents for coffee in the staff lounge. This event is sponsored by the Palo Alto CAC for Special Education and the Barron Park PTA. Come chat with other parents! Coffee and snacks provided.

### Questions?

Contact your PAUSD CAC representatives at Barron Park:  
Tina Chow ([chow\\_tina@yahoo.com](mailto:chow_tina@yahoo.com))  
Vanessa Schreve ([vschreve@gmail.com](mailto:vschreve@gmail.com))

Palo Alto CAC website:  
<http://cacpaloaalto.org/>

## Happy Thanksgiving From the Entire Barron Park Staff

November is the time to be thankful, a time to remember and to embrace those who enrich our lives. We are thankful for a lot of things, but mostly thankful for our Barron Park families. We hope that you're surrounded with the love of your dear ones on this festive season.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours



## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences have begun and may continue through December. Please make it a priority to attend your child's conference to get informed about how your child is progressing this year.

### What Should You Expect At Your Parent-Teacher Conference?

- The teacher will review your child's strengths and areas for continuing development.
- Samples of your child's work and the results of various assessments will be shared.
- The teacher may refer to the progress report and indicate your child's progress to  ward meeting the standards that we expect students to achieve by the end of the school year. Is s/he making expected progress? Is s/he making limited progress? If so, is there a need to put increased attention on a particular skill or concept? Has s/he already met or exceeded the standard?
- Conference topics will include academic growth and performance, as well as study skills and social/emotional development.
- The teacher may suggest ways in which you can assist and support your child's progress at home.
- The teacher will give you an opportunity to ask questions and share reflections about your child's growth and achievement.

It is our common goal, as parents and teachers, to work together in the best interest of all our children.