

## DECEMBER/JANUARY PREZ LETTER

Remember this December, that love weighs more than gold!

-- Josephine Dodge Baskam Bacon

Mr. Bowles and the Executive Board and I are concerned parents aren't finding it convenient to read this fine publication, The WAVE, now that it is only available on line. As communicated in the September & October WAVES, the board and membership voted not to print and mail the newsletter this year because it would result in an \$18,000 savings to the PTSA budget. It has also allowed us to include color photos and keep the newsletter more timely by not having to cut off submissions in order to accommodate the long lead time of a bulk mailing house.

One of the core goals of PTSA is to communicate ways to be involved in your student's school life and to participate in PTSA enrichment such as *Reflections*, *Red Ribbon Week*, *Yellow Ribbon Week*, *Disaster Preparedness*, *Drug & Alcohol Awareness programs*, *Capitol Convoy* and *parent education*. It has long been our goal at PVHS to ensure you feel connected to the school through the WAVE and other communications.

PLEASE visit [www.pvhigh.com](http://www.pvhigh.com) and click on the top right hand button Parents, PTSA to browse the website, read the past issues of The WAVE, and most important, email me to let me know your vote on whether to re-establish the mailed version of this newsletter. I can be reached at the email address below, and value any and all comments.

Mark your calendars for the next PTSA meeting, **Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:15am, MPR** to hear from **Principal Bowles, Kristen Huber**, activities director, **Adam Genovese**, counselor, and **Teri Kuwahara** from the fine College & Career Center, as well as an update from **Peninsula Education Foundation** regarding progress toward the increased funding commitment to the district to fill the ever widening budget gap. Remember: your donations have Saved A Teacher and many vital programs. Our guest speaker is **Walker Williams**, superintendent, and he will give an update on the state of the state vis a vis PVPUSD.

The **February 23<sup>rd</sup> PTSA meeting features Catherine Davis, policy director at Yahoo, Inc.**, visiting from Northern California to bring her words of wisdom on Internet safety. She gives an overview of the current media space, the risks, and how schools and parents can mitigate these risks. Once again, we will extend an invitation to all three PV middle schools to attend, since this topic is so timely to 'tweens as well.

I continue my deepest gratitude to the fine women and men of the PVHS PTSA board and chair positions for all the dedicated, talented work you give the school. You and your students are the reason our school is so very fine and continually rates so high in such a wide range of academic achievement markers.

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and the happiest of holidays to all in this most blessed season!

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