

GRIZZLY BIZZ

April 13, 2018

Dear Grizzly Families,

We hope you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Spring Break. Next week we will begin CAASPP [State Testing](#) in our 3rd and 4th grades. While this testing does yield so much information for us regarding student progress, it is only one indicator of achievement toward college and career readiness and does not define our students. From a parent perspective, we ask that all upper grade families support the students in limiting any anxiety or stress around these next few weeks of assessment.

We have so much to look forward to in these last few months of the school year. The spring months always bring so much excitement to a school campus! We appreciate all your enthusiasm with our upcoming events.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Megan Bricker, Principal

Portola Springs Elementary

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UPCOMING DATES

- **Friday, April 20th 6:00-8:00pm-** PTA Mother/Son BBQ
- **Monday, April 16th-Friday, April 27th-** CAASPP Testing 3rd/4th grade
- **Wednesday, April 25th 8:15-8:30-** Grizzly Nation (all families welcome)
- **Monday, April 30th- Friday, May 11th-** CAASPP Testing 5th/6th grade

- **Friday, May 4th 1:00-** Golf Tournament and Dinner (adults only)
- **Saturday, May 5th-** Kids Run the OC (OC Marathon)
- **Sunday, May 6th-** Irvine Junior Games (4th-6th Grade students)
- **Thursday, May 10th 5:00-7:00pm-** Multi-Cultural Event

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Parking Lot

Thank you for your continued patience and commitment to safety in our parking lot. Upper grade families, we ask that you please not wait in the valet lines before primary dismissal (2:15 and 1:20 on Wednesdays) as it is challenging to keep traffic flowing. We are working with IPD on traffic patterns and general safety improvements (permanent cones in both lots, additional speedbump) to keep our students safe. Thank you!

ELPAC Testing

In April and May, students that are designated as English Language Learners will participate in the English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC). You can find additional information [here](#).

GATE Parent Night

Our guest speaker, Paul Kanarek, the Founder of The Princeton Review in California, will share more than 30 years of experience with the college admission process. He brings genuine insight, mixed with humor, and has been well-received on many occasions with our IUSD families.

PLEASE NOTE: Our speaker is intended for an adult audience only. Childcare will not be provided. Please plan accordingly.

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 23, 6:00-7:30PM

WHERE: NORTHWOOD High School Theater, 4515 Portola Parkway

Parent Education Classes

Parent education courses begin April 23rd. This series focuses on helping your child succeed in school. They run Mondays 9:00-11:00am for 6 weeks. [Click here](#) for more details.

IPSF Summer Enrichment Academy

Portola Springs will be hosting two sessions of IPSF Summer Enrichment Academy. If you would like to see the courses offered, please visit the website at <http://www.ipsfacademy.org/index.php?pro=5>. Registration begins Monday!

PTA INFORMATION

Mother/Son Backyard BBQ

Tickets are now on sale for the Mother/Son Backyard BBQ. We will have an In-n-Out truck and inflatable mazes. Buy your tickets on the [PTA Website](#).

Portola Springs Golf Tournament

The First Annual Portola Springs Golf Tournament will take place at Tustin Ranch Golf Course on Friday, May 4th at 1:00. Register on the [PTA Website](#). We need 36 more participants by next Friday to secure this tournament. Please sign up this week so we can make this a reality!

IPSF INFORMATION

For the April Edition of IPSF Impact Newsletter, [click here](#).