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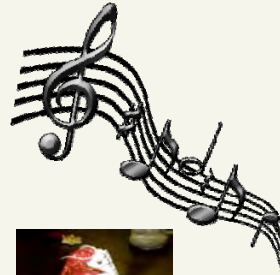
*PCS students SPARKLE!*

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 PCS students, under the direction of music teacher Eliza Hardee, combined their voices with those of Plumas Christian School, and the result was a joyful sound that opened the 2011 Quincy Sparkle celebration on Friday, December 2.
 

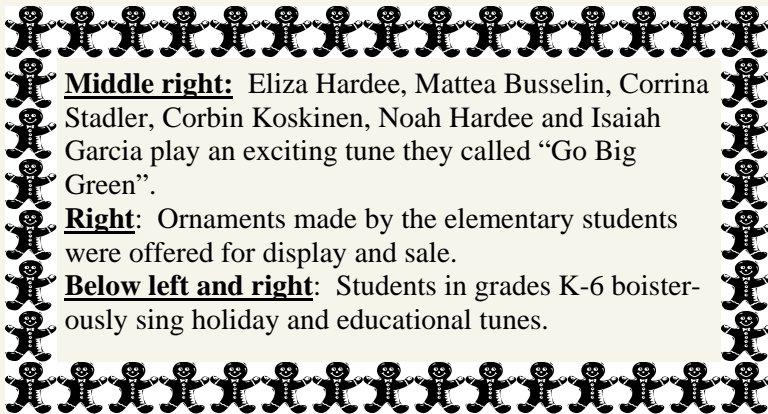




On Wednesday, December 14, the PCS Quincy Elementary program held their first annual holiday open house. This pleasant and festive evening included singing, dancing and instrumentals lead by our Music/Dance teacher extraordinaire Eliz Hardee.

**Above Left:** Kylie Anderson, Garrett Cunningham and Aubrey Terpko demonstrate their recorder playing skills.

**Above Right:** Malachite Nelson, Lillian Davis and Gaia Nelson demonstrate folk line dancing.



**Middle right:** Eliza Hardee, Mattea Busselin, Corrina Stadler, Corbin Koskinen, Noah Hardee and Isaiah Garcia play an exciting tune they called "Go Big Green".

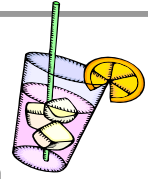
**Right:** Ornaments made by the elementary students were offered for display and sale.

**Below left and right:** Students in grades K-6 boisterously sing holiday and educational tunes.



# Make Lemonade

by Virginia Euwer Wolff



Meet LaVaughn, a young teen trying to get through her high school years as best she can. Surrounded by poverty, crime, and dangerous neighborhoods, LaVaughn aspires to make something of herself by getting into college so that she can obtain a well-paying, meaningful career. LaVaughn gets a job as a babysitter for a 16 year-old high school drop-out with two young babies. The ensuing friendship and bonding that LaVaughn experiences are important growth factors in her life.

Written in an easy to read, engaging style, this is a book that will captivate the reader's interest and keep the pages turning. And for students who don't usually enjoy reading, this may be the launch pad to inspire a love of books. *Make Lemonade* is the first in a series of three novels, all focusing on LaVaughn as she works her way through her high school years. This is an excellent story, and I recommend it for anyone interested in, or living, the life of a teenager.

~Reviewed by Laura Beaton



## Quincy Students of the Month

Left from top:  
Tyler Caballero and  
Levi Kinateder.  
Right from top:  
Emily Fullerton  
and Dylan Gray.

*Congratulations!!!*



## Equine Leadership Program at FRC

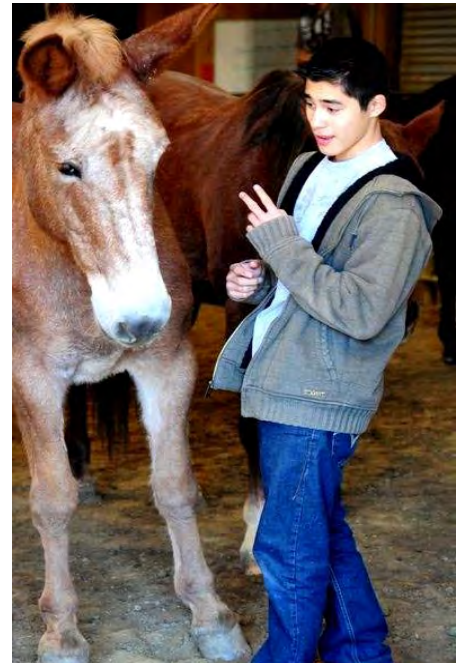


In October, Plumas Charter School Students from Quincy, Portola and Greenville participated in a 5-week equine-guided leadership class held at Feather River College. Students learned about horses, leadership styles, interpersonal dynamics, and themselves in this course taught by Dr. Lisa Kelly, Tina Mulligan, Jeannie, assisted by PCS staff members, and students from the FRC Equine Program. This collaboration resulted in a fun and interesting course of study that was a combination of observing horses, recording observations in student journals, participating in hands-on activities with the horses, and reading and homework assignments from Chris Irwin's book, *Horses Don't Lie*. Students earned up to 2.5 credits for their participation, and plans are in the works for a trail ride for successful students after the snow melts in the spring.

**Top Right:** Cameron Ramirez and mule

**Below Right:** Steven Griffin and Clayton Short

**Below:** Ren Johnson ties a makeshift halter during an exercise in the FRC Equine Indoor Arena.





# Greenville Students of the Month

Leann Smith, Grade 11

Dawn Linn Thomas, Grade 12

Leann is a leader at school this year with her exemplary work ethic and thoughtful class participation. Leann is strong in critical thinking skills and challenges herself to understand difficult subject matter.



Dawn Linn is demonstrating the utmost maturity this year as a senior. She has completed all her work on time, and is doing very well in her two Feather River College classes. Her strong work ethic is opening the doors to a successful future. As of now, Dawn Linn plans to attend community college next year in Sacramento before transferring to Sac State.



## Whose Bike?

Please contact Shannon, 283.3851, if you know whose bike this is.



### Portola PCS News

Another Riverwalk cleanup along the beautiful and scenic Feather River netted several bags of trash, recycling, and a rusty wire fence. Students and parent volunteers joined ES Laura Beaton and took advantage of a gorgeous fall day to clean up the environment and save the riverbanks and pathways from unsightly and potentially toxic litter.



October 25 Riverwalk Cleanup participants: Cogan Stark, Melissa DeBernardi and son Kayden, Ezra Russi, Korah Simmons, Clayton Short (standing) and Laura Beaton (not pictured)

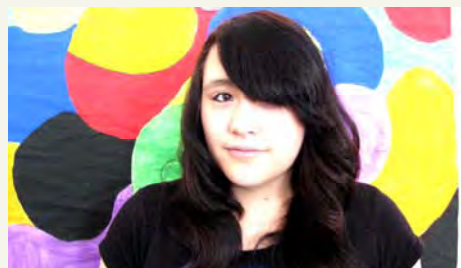


Darla Rodriguez, 1st grade

Ezra Russi, 6th grade



PORTOLA  
STUDENTS  
OF THE MONTH



Kelsey Sison, 11th grade



## November 5 Hike to Gold Lake

On a brisk and sunny fall day, students and staff drove up to Silver Lake Campground in Meadow Valley and hiked through the snow up to Gold Lake. The beautiful, snow-dusted peaks glittered magically as we climbed the trail and hiked to our destination. The going was a little tricky as we made our way across slippery granite rocks. But we made it up to a magnificent lookout point, high above Gold Lake, surrounded by jagged, rocky outcroppings in the shadow of Spanish Peak. **Below, Aiden Cunningham look out across Gold Lake towards Spanish Peak.**



Join the PCS Hiking Club on its next hike.

Enjoy the great outdoors, earn PE credit, and have fun! Call Laura @ 283-3851 for more info.

**Right:** Hikers take a break along the Gold Lake trail near Meadow Valley. The trail was covered with 3-8 inches of fresh powder. From left—Aiden Cunningham, Alex Mierlot, Steven Griffin, Ren Johnson, (back) Karissa and Garrett Cunningham, Karen Oglesby. Photo by Laura Beaton.



# Indian Valley Academy: "Think Hard, Work Harder."

Whew! We have been busy at Indian Valley Academy. Our Halloween Party was a great success. Thanks to John and Melissa Banks for the community party. Thanks also goes out to the California Highway Patrol and Plumas County Sheriff's Department for the highlight of the evening, the Mad Dash. Paul, an eighth grade student, organized a Thanksgiving Feast for all the students here at IVA and he organized the collection of food baskets for two families. Great job, Paul and all who donated!



Our highly anticipated Book Pig order arrived and our students were delighted to receive their books. Book Pig is a program much like Netflix but with books in-



Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science class created egg parachutes and tested them. Sadly, none survived the drop!!



In October, we studied about volcanoes, wrote our reports and presented to a panel of judges.



Our Knex/  
engineering  
class finished  
their bridges,  
and they are  
now on display  
in the hall  
of IVA.



# Senior Sonnets

Be true to thy self as thy self be true  
 To share the love and cherish on  
 Those who cherish to be loved by  
 Family or friends that honor their  
 Loyalty and trust that they  
 Give to prosper our life till death  
 Due to our pain and suffering for  
 Those who we are and what we  
 Accomplish in life even if we aren't  
 Thy smartest of all the people we try to  
 Step on the gas to pass life real fast  
 But mistakes happen that we can't  
 Go back in time to fix our mistake  
 That humans make.

*By Thomas Hernandez*

## Sonnet

Why sonnets suck  
 They make no since  
 You can't understand them  
 Might as well burn them  
 Why waste time  
 On a stupid rhyme  
 This isn't educational  
 It's not vocational  
 So please! Stop this  
 madness  
 It causes so much sadness  
 It makes people crazy  
 But it makes me plain lazy  
 I can't understand it  
 So here's my master plan  
 I don't want to learn it  
 So I'm going to burn it

*By Serrina Thornton*

## My Sonnet

Blissful ambiance  
 Images of the soul  
 Personified upon the sky  
 The balance of night and day  
 Snow and summer  
 Bud to bloom  
 Littered by belligerent intention  
 Mother nature weeps  
 And the rain will fall  
 Cleansing the land  
 To be stained once more  
 Yet souls may find solace  
 Within the anomaly of chaos  
 In the sky, never ending galaxy  
 Life is at peace

*By Sierra Ashley*

## Sonnet

Life's flower forever sheds its  
 blooms,  
 As seasons change too quickly.  
 Adapting to the winter air  
 Remaining petals sit lonely.  
 Frigid tempers pull them down,  
 And wilting feelings remain  
 complexed.  
 The stem that holds leans to  
 break.  
 Frozen water drips as tears,  
 Sleeping until spring.  
 Blossoms may take themselves,  
 With icy blades before.  
 Ruthless wind rips the buds;  
 It tears the plant in two.  
 Lost in woe the stem breaks,  
 Color leaks from its frozen body.

*By Desirae Adame*

## Love Sonnet

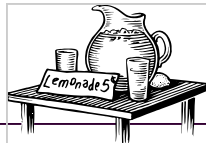
More of a hunter, her goal was my  
 spirit  
 Feigning as the weaker of the pack  
 That's how you started your game  
 She knew every pleasure and lost it  
 herself  
 As I am part of the world  
 To his dreams, vengeance on it  
 Then came the day you struck first  
 So confused, love drunk, wrong way to  
 act  
 Make the un-able work an able-bodied  
 job  
 Throw it away...even stars die away  
 But what if I'm served right where I  
 want, still confused  
 Throw away again? Struck again?  
 Nope, no more

*By Tyler Caballero*

## A Sonnet of Life

From the depths of my heart doth trod  
 No fear of death or pain attacking  
 But suffering and my blood clot  
 Death and need I am attracting  
 We humans so fear the death calling  
 But why criticize those who want  
 Death's knock on their very walling  
 Instead of a cruel life to flaunt?  
 The ones who wish to die  
 Are broken down and cannot fly  
 They're sad, alone, and probably hurting  
 Yet people name them selfish for their  
 yearning  
 For the train of "La Muerto's" arrive  
 Life is fleeting if you wish to end it  
 Though it may be full if you lend it

*By H. Silkwood*



**Thank you!!!**

In an effort to raise money for her school, Kylie Anderson, a PCS Quincy student, took the initiative to set up a lemonade stand and donate all the proceeds to her school. We appreciate you, too, Kylie!



**CASH FOR COLLEGE NIGHTS**

*Offered by Feather River College*

All workshops 6-8p.m.

Chester: 1/24/12

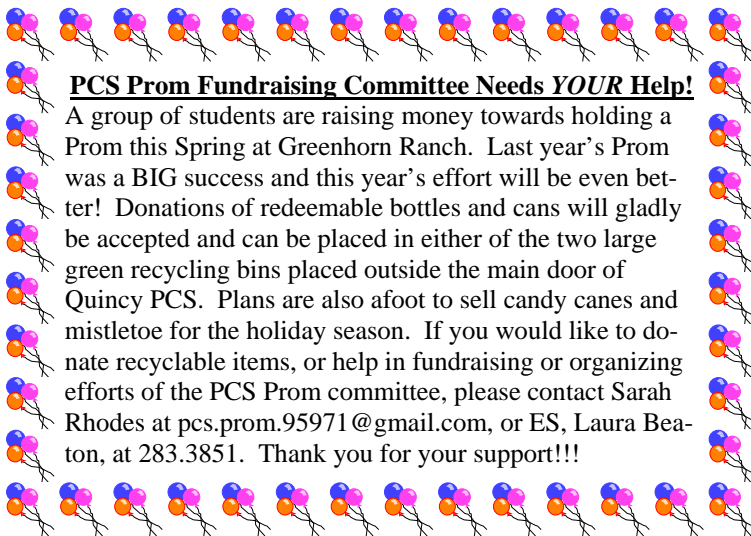
Greenville: 1/11/12

Quincy: 1/30/12

Portola: 1/25/12



**Plan to attend on one of these informational evenings to get help with your FAFSA and get your financial aid questions answered! Call Taletha for more information.**



**PCS Prom Fundraising Committee Needs YOUR Help!**

A group of students are raising money towards holding a Prom this Spring at Greenhorn Ranch. Last year's Prom was a BIG success and this year's effort will be even better! Donations of redeemable bottles and cans will gladly be accepted and can be placed in either of the two large green recycling bins placed outside the main door of Quincy PCS. Plans are also afoot to sell candy canes and mistletoe for the holiday season. If you would like to donate recyclable items, or help in fundraising or organizing efforts of the PCS Prom committee, please contact Sarah Rhodes at pcs.prom.95971@gmail.com, or ES, Laura Beaton, at 283.3851. Thank you for your support!!!

PCS once again thanks the **MOHAWK VALLEY ARTISTS' GUILD** for their generosity in presenting us another gift of \$450 in support of our arts programs. We have gratefully channeled the money into our visual arts classes.

**Thank You!**

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## California High School Exit Exam

<b>English Language Arts</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>Who is Eligible?</b>
Tuesday	Wednesday	
October 4, 2011	October 5, 2011	11th, 12th and Adult
February 7, 2012	February 8, 2012	11th, 12th and Adult
March 13, 2012	March 14, 2012	10th grade census, 11th, 12th and Adult
May 8, 2012	May 9, 2012	10th grade make-up, 11th, 12th and Adult