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## PV's Holiday Cheer Shines Bright



Above: Students join Jaime Arze during the Secret Pal Gift Exchange the day after the Winter Show. Right Top: Lily B. gets into character as Scrooge's employee Bob Cratchet. Below: Santa never misses a chance after the show to give toys to all the children.

Students and staff usually have weeks to prepare for the Winter Show, but this year, they only had a few days. Because his arrival was delayed, Director Jaime Arze of Stagekids! phoned in his plans for the show from his home town of Los Angeles. Lily B., an 11th grade student, took the lead and set Jaime's plans in motion.

Preparations for a humorous version of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens were underway. Art teacher Dave A. spent the weekend painting murals for the stage backdrops. Lily B., Gail Ch., and Ellen H. practiced songs and jokes with students. Preparations for the PTO bake sale and the community dinner were also in full swing.

Once Jaime arrived, details started falling into place. After three days of intense practice, it was showtime. Following a delicious community dinner of Fall Harvest soup, friends and family gathered in the Big Sur Little Theatre to enjoy the much anticipated unique and entertaining moments that the PV Winter Show always delivers.

The show included songs performed by students Athena and Lily B. (Lily wrote her own song). The entire cast sang and dissected an informative version of The Twelve Days of

Christmas. Did you know "five golden rings" may not refer to jewelry but is also a type of bird?

The main act, A Christmas Carol, was funny and well done. The costumes reflected the time period perfectly. Students fully embraced their characters such as, Scrooge, the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future, Bob Cratchet, family members and friends. Fifth grader Emma, who played Tiny Tim's sister, gave a performance that made some audience members cry. Santa made an early and exciting appearance.

The next day at school was like the day after Thanksgiving at your family's house with a bit of Christmas. Everyone talked about how much fun they had the night before, what worked and what didn't. Students and staff opened their presents during the Secret Pal gift exchange and a final lunch was enjoyed together before everyone said goodbye until the new year.

There are many things that make this time of year special at Pacific Valley School; teamwork & cooperation, the spirit of the season, the anticipation of a well deserved holiday vacation, and the simple joy of celebrating together. PV's holiday cheer always shines bright.

## Pacific Valley School participates in the Just Run Program

**Just Run** is a youth fitness program developed by the Big Sur International Marathon (BSIM) that promotes exercise and fitness at home and at school. During PE, students are asked to run a total of 2 miles a week. Students will win certificates when their walking & running mileage totals up to a marathon distance of 26 miles. In conjunction with Just Run, the **Just Deeds** program awards good citizenship once students have performed 26 acts of kindness (without being asked). Staff members keep track of students' good deeds. Additionally, the **Just Taste** program encourages healthy eating. PV's Nutrition Program is offering 100 foods at breakfast and lunch throughout December, January and February that are on the Just Taste program's food list. Students who try all 100 foods will receive a Just Taste Superstar Certificate of Achievement. For more information visit [justrun.org](http://justrun.org). Pacific Valley School would like to sincerely thank the BSIM for their generous donation grants every year.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**TUESDAY 1/3**

School resumes. Welcome back.

**MONDAY 1/16**

No School!

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**TUESDAY 1/17**

Birthday Celebrations 3:40 pm.

Lisa G., Gail D., & Lily B.

**FRIDAY 1/20**

School Day.

**MONDAY 1/23**

BSUSD Board Meeting 4:30 pm.

**ALL MONTH**

Just Taste, Just Run & Just Deeds.

Thank you to all who supported the PTO bake sale. Every year the PTO donates proceeds from the bake sale to an honorable foundation, one needy local family and to one other good cause of the students' choice.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

When deciding on your New Year's Resolution, remember this.

**"If Plan 'A' doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters."**



Bunny's Pineapple Upside-down Cake

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