



## Spring & Summer 2018 Newsletter

### Program Spotlight: PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS (CAMINOS)

Caminos is a 3-6 month diversion program for first time offender youth that seeks to prevent further juvenile justice involvement. Students are offered an opportunity to participate in the Caminos program and complete their individualized diversion plan instead of being placed on juvenile probation. Diversion plans are developed in collaboration with the student, the student's parents and case management team. [Visit our Facebook page to view a special video created by the Watsonville Police Department and Digital Nest!](#)



### "In Praise Of School Counselors": Register Pajaronian Editorial

"PVPSA and the school district, longtime partners in mental health services for families, provide direct support to any student referred for suspension or expulsion. This partnership also allows the District to have a Kids Korner program at each elementary school to provide counseling services to our youngest students who may need additional emotional support. The current preventative services offered by our District and PVPSA are fundamental in keeping students safe and learning in our classrooms. In the last several years, this partnership has led to a more than 50 percent decrease in expulsions..."

*Thank you to PVUSD Board President Leslie DeRose, Board Vice President Maria Orozco and Board Trustee Kimberly DeSerpa for this amazing Letter to the Editor in the Register Pajaronian!*

[You can read the entire editorial on our website.](#)

### Did you know that you can take a tour of our future home?

This May and June, we were honored to be able to offer tours of the future site of our new home! Thank you to all of the community leaders and members that came out and viewed the site of the new facility. It has been amazing to see the outpour of support for our vision.

We are still scheduling tours throughout the summer! If you are interested in participating please give us a call at 831-728-6445 today!



## Parents Successfully Complete PVPSA Parenting Series

We had a successful group of parents that completed our parenting series this past April. It was amazing to see the emotion shared between these families as they received their certificates. With a total of 23 parents successfully completing the program, we are proud to say that **together, we change lives!**



"Pajaro Valley Unified School District relies on the expertise and collaboration of PVPSA on a daily basis. Our partnership allows us to work together to assist and support the many needs of the families in our District."



*Suzanne Smith*  
*Director of Student Services, PVUSD*

## PVPSA Joins Forces With Watsonville Community Bike Ride

PVPSA, as part of our partnership with Salud Para La Gente and Nuestras Voces, participated in and promoted activities which support a healthy, tobacco free lifestyle.

Our Community Bike Ride on May 6, in collaboration with Bike Santa Cruz and Ecology Action, was a great way to kick off Bike Week! We also hosted a breakfast site for cyclists at Watsonville High School for Bike to Work & School Day, on Thursday, May 10.



## PVPSA Is Embarking On Their Kids Corner Plus! Capital Campaign

Soon we will be able to serve the children and families waiting for help at a new developing home! Our new home will be located at 411 East Lake Avenue and we invite you to join us! We need your leadership, ideas, and generosity to complete this exciting project.

To date PVPSA has raised 86% of what we need - \$2.7 Million of this \$3.1 Million dollar project! **WE NEED \$436,841 TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL!** [Visit our website to find out more.](#)

## PVPSA Joins With Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust For Their Community Health Fair

PVPSA joined forces with Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust for their Community Health Fair this May. This fun, family-oriented, free event promoted public awareness of diabetes while also providing health education, screening and resources to anyone who attended. It also features face painting, music, Zumba, games and raffle prizes!

