## PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District is to educate and to support learners in reaching their highest potential. We prepare students to pursue successful futures and to make positive **contributions to the community and global society.** 



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## Saturday Academy expands learning opportunities through enriching and engaging programs for all PVUSD students

Watsonville, CA, February 19, 2020 – Pajaro Valley Unified School District is All In, Every Day when it comes to learning opportunities for our students. Enrichment programs are an important component of our students' educational journey and at PVSUD we are proud to have expanded access to learning focusing on science, technology, engineering, arts, and science (STEAM) activities through our established Saturday Academy.

Dr. Michelle Rodriguez, Superintendent of School, notes, "Saturday Academy allows all students to gain access to engaging activities, academic support and interventions that enrich our students' learning. The Academy is a safe and structured environment where hands-on instruction maximizes potential in each student and fosters a passion for lifelong learning."

Saturday Academy offers a venue for our community partners, parents, staff, and students to come together to participate in a variety of exciting educational activities that promote meaningful learning skills. The Academy's programs are designed to engage students in activities related to STEAM, reading and mathematics, sports, and 21st century skills, to name a few. These activities enhance the learning of educational standards in an environment that is relaxed and highly interactive.

Students attend from 8:00 AM until noon and they are provided a lunch and break time during the sessions. Students who attend and have a previous absence from school can get credit for making up the absence and allows students the opportunity to extend their learning. In the year 2018-19, PVUSD had over 229 sessions attended by over 20,000 students in the Academy.

Field trips are a wonderful way to learn and the Academy is organizing collaborating with our partners to ensure our students can experience them. On March 21, Calabasas will participate on a field trip to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, an excellent venue for our students to begin to think deeper about the richness of marine life in our own community and meet people who are passionate about ocean life.

We look forward to welcoming your student to Saturday Academy. For additional details, please visit PVUSD.net.