

## TA grading privileges revoked

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Based on his concerns related to student privacy and potential violation of California Ed. Code 49066, Principal Brent Kline has reinstated the expectation that student TAs cannot grade or evaluate other students' work.

While his directive has upset some teachers and TAs, Kline said he is merely following an agreement that the school's Ed Council agreed to a few years ago.

"Last year, we didn't have teacher assistants grading because it was difficult to share (assignments) electronically," Kline said. "There was an assumption that this would continue when we came back on campus, so it was me trying to reach back to what I thought we had agreed upon."

Kline said the school has to follow state policy when it comes to ensuring the teacher is the one grading and providing feedback. Ed Code 49066 says teachers determine students' final grades.

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## Students, staff frustrated by parking policy

Tickets, permit system continue to hinder, delay students



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Cars line up in the Embarcadero lot at the end of the school day. Parking enforcement began on Sept. 15.

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Students like senior Natalia Cossio are frustrated with traffic in the parking lots and the parking permit system.

Ever since the parking enforcement system was implemented on Sept. 15, students say they have been met with tickets and an unfair appeal policy. Cossio experienced this first hand when she forgot her permit sticker one day.

"I went to the office to get a temporary permit for the day, but the person who issues them wasn't there, so I had to go to class," Cossio said. "I got a ticket before the end of first period. It felt like there wasn't really anything else I could've done."

Cossio said she plans to appeal the ticket but is not sure how much good it will do. She's not the only one with complaints — Senior Sebastian Bonnard said he's against the permit system's implementation.

"I usually don't drive to school, but now I have to take my brother to school every day for a medical reason," Bonnard said. "I didn't have a permit and got ticketed. There was no way to fix that, and the ticket was finalized even though I had no other way of taking my brother to school."

Bonnard also takes issue with the fact that permits are required at all.

"I'm not sure I'm in favor of requiring students to pay to park at their own school, especially since some students need to drive to school," Bonnard said. "There are so many vacant spots in the Embarcadero lot every day."

However, Senior class president Mathew Signorello-Katz said parking permits are one of the largest

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Students cause property damage in annual Egg Wars, face community backlash, consequences

The unofficial annual Egg Wars caused thousands of dollars of damages to the community on Oct. 13, sparking community debate over the ethics behind the event. Usually taking place during Spirit Week, Egg Wars is a long-standing yearly tradition where Paly seniors and juniors throw eggs at each other in predetermined locations.

Because Egg Wars is a student-organized event, Assistant Principal Jerry Berkson said Paly has no easy way to punish participants.

"It's tough because it's out of our jurisdiction," Berkson said. "So we can only inform the community that it could be going on. We can inform the police. Hopefully, they could do something about it. It's a tough thing that we'll have to look into to prevent in the future."

At the start of the rally on Thursday of Spirit Week, Activities Director Steve Gallagher asked students to better represent the Paly community following Wednesday night's Egg Wars.

At the same rally, Associated Student Body Sports Commissioner Tony Jeon and Treasurer Vivian Trach asked students to help clean up eggs left at Peers Park due to Egg Wars in exchange for more float building time.

"I would love it if you guys showed what Paly is really about," Gallagher said at the Thursday rally. "Because last night — I'm embarrassed."

Many Palo Alto residents expressed their disapproval of Egg Wars on the social networking app Nextdoor, including community member Elaine Meyer who called for change.

"Just because someone calls (Egg Wars) a tradition doesn't make it OK," Meyer wrote in a comment. "Some traditions are ignored or discarded if people think it is destructive, wasteful, and pointless."

An anonymous senior, who showed up to help with the cleanup effort at Peers Park after school and also participated in Egg Wars, said she was surprised at the lack of activity she found when she got there.

"I'm kind of shocked that there's nothing here — at all," she said. "It's completely spotless, and there's a bunch of kids playing on the playground. And there's a soccer team playing. It's like Egg Wars never even happened."

She said she wanted to help because she thinks cleaning up after herself and other participants was the right thing to do.

"Most of the juniors and seniors do (participate) but never vandalize cars or houses," the senior said. "There should not be any violence whatsoever; we try to keep it as safe as possible, and it's just a fun thing to do."

Senior Robert Gindoyan said he disagrees. He said Egg Wars should not be an upperclassmen tradition.

"It sounds fun as a concept, but when you start considering the people around the park and the park itself, you start to realize how horrible of an idea it is to be buying eggs and throwing them around frantically without control of the whole situation," he said.

Gindoyan said he originally came to Pardee Park during his 4th period prep because he was curious about the extent of the damage Egg Wars had caused to the community.

But when he got there, he found people cleaning up hundreds of egg remnants scattered throughout the park, so he decided to help them even though he had not participated in Egg Wars.

"I was angry because the locals there weren't involved; they had no understanding of it, but

they were just caught in the crossfire of this idiotic fight between the juniors and seniors," Gindoyan said. "And I felt saddened because of the amount of eggs that were wasted pointlessly and the fact that the locals had to deal with this themselves after the whole incident was over."

Although most of the cleanup happened during 3rd and 4th periods on Thursday — before the end of the school day when ASB planned for the cleanup — the anonymous senior said she thinks ASB's decision to encourage students to clean up after themselves at Egg Wars was a good one.

"I'm really happy that they stepped up and did that," the senior said. "And I think it was really much needed because kids sometimes might not listen to adults or staff members, but we always listen to our peers, and it is really nice that that happened."

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## District faces substitute teacher shortage

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Health concerns, unfavorable working conditions and low pay are causing a substitute teacher shortage for school districts nationwide, including PAUSD.

Lisa Hickey, Director of Certificated Human Resources, said many substitutes who worked for PAUSD before the pandemic either relocated from Palo Alto or decided not to return to subbing because of the health concerns of in-person school.

"After a whole 18 months of the pandemic, some people have looked at reexamining priorities — some of them have moved out since the Bay Area is an expensive place to live — so there's less (substitutes)," Hickey said.

English teacher and Palo Alto Educators Association negotiation team member Mimi Park said she thinks part of the reason for the shortage is the difficulty of being a substitute teacher, having been a substitute in the past.

"It's hard to step into a classroom that you don't know and to execute lesson plans, and sometimes there needs to be actual activities going on," Park said.

Park also said the substitute shortage is challenging for teachers.

"It's just adding an extra layer of stress and anxiety to what is already a stressful year, because teachers want to leave their classroom in good hands during the times when they, unfortunately, have to be out," Park said. "Not knowing what's going to happen really makes it harder for teachers to plan for that."

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