

PCR Families Enjoy an Evening Under the Stars

Under clear skies and a bright, nearly-full moon, about forty Palm Crest students and their families came star gazing Tuesday evening, December 6th. Mr. Tom Traeger, Astronomy teacher at La Canada High School, guided the crowd in a celestial exploration.

As volunteer Mrs. Jain and Principal Mrs. Hurley helped stargazers peer through a telescope aimed at the waxing gibbous Moon, Mr. Traeger focused another telescope on Jupiter, with its Galilean moons Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto; a gibbous Venus setting in the west; Pleiades (the seven sisters) star cluster; and the star Fomalhaut. Mr. Traeger also led a discussion about the reason we call Earth the “third rock from the Sun”. While the Palm Crest kids asked plenty of star related questions, one in particular left asking his parents when the rocket to the Moon would be available to take a ride!