

CALL OF THE WILDCAT

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Elementary School



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Principal's Message, Lisa Danzer

Happy New Year to all! This is the time of year when many of us set new goals and make resolutions. As you speak with your children about new beginnings and goal setting I recommend discussing school goals. All of our teachers have worked with their classes on both classroom goals and individualized goals for growth in math, reading, or writing. Research shows that students who set and work towards their own personal goals make greater academic gains and enjoy taking ownership of their education.

As we begin a new year, calendars can capture children's language. If your child is a beginning reader here is an idea you may want to try. Buy a calendar you can leave in your child's room. The calendar needs to have spaces large enough to write on each day. Sometime during the day (bedtime is suggested) ask your child what was her favorite part of the day. Then print the comments in the square for that date. This is done daily with comments like, "Today I made cookies with mommy," or "I played tag with my friends." There are several good reasons for doing this.

1. You and your child are focusing on something special each day in the child's life.
2. You are putting those special thoughts into written words. This can create excitement and relevance regarding the written word.
3. You and your child will have a wonderful source of interesting material for nighttime reading – one's own calendar.

Later in the year you and your child will enjoy remembering all the exciting events chronicled in the calendar. Older children can write in their own special events and experiences and begin organizing their busy schedules by including sports practices, scout meetings, and more.

Our annual PTA Father Daughter Dance is January 24th in the MPR. All fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and family friends are encouraged to bring their favorite young lady. Look for the PTA flyer with details. It will be an unforgettable evening. I hope to see you on campus in 2008.



Calling all Fathers and Daughters to Rock Around the Clock!

We're turning back the date to 1958.

Get your poodle skirt and bobby socks on,
and come to the Pomerado soda shop.
There's a sock hop going on!

January 24th, 6:30 p.m.

Pomerado Soda Shop (AKA MPR)

SO GRAB YOUR DATE AND DON'T BE LATE!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 7	Classes Resume
Jan 9	8am Wildcat Wednesday Talent Show Permission Slips Available in Office
Jan 10	Rocket into Reading 2:15pm Foundation Meeting 6:30pm Library
Jan 11	PTA Association Meeting 1:15pm Library
Jan 18	1 st Grade Parents to Lunch 12:05pm
Jan 21	No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 23	Talent Show MC Tryouts
Jan 24	Father Daughter Dance MPR 6:30pm
Jan 25	Wacky Tacky Dress Up Day Talent Show Permission Slips Due
Jan 29	Site Council Meeting 2:45pm Room 10
Jan 30	Spotlight Assembly K-2, 8:15am Grade 1 to Perform 1:00pm Talent Show Tryouts
Feb 1	PTA Meeting 1:15pm Library

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PTA NEWS

PTA President's Message, Rosie Bell

Welcome to 2008 from your PTA! The time has sure flown since the beginning of the school year! I would like to thank all of you who participated in our Caring Coins and Adopt-A-Family programs in December. You helped to make the holidays happier for a few families in need from our community.

As you write your New Year's resolutions, I encourage you to resolve to be more involved in your child's education. Your child will only benefit from your time and efforts! It is never too late to become a member of PTA. Membership forms are available in the office. You can also contact your child's teacher for opportunities to volunteer in the classroom, or join your child at a school activity.

This month PTA is sponsoring the Father/Daughter Dance on January 24th. Be sure to save the date and dust off those dancing shoes!

Parent New Year Resolutions

- Reinforce or remind your child that school is very important and that you expect she/he will do her/his best.
- Help your child set New Year's Resolutions or goals for improving his/her school performance... like bringing a math grade up or doing all homework on time.
- Make a new schedule for after-school activities. Include adequate time for homework.
- Restock your child's study area with the necessary school supplies.
- Help your child clean out his/her backpack and school notebook. Sort and file old papers.
- Reset limits on TV.
- Revive family reading time.
- Reestablish a reasonable school-night bedtime.
- Get your child back into the habit of getting ready the night before, for school. Set out clothes, pack lunch, get papers signed, and put the backpack by the front door.
- If you have questions or concerns, call your child's teacher or guidance counselor.

Q: When is the Pomerado Talent Show?

A: The annual Pomerado Talent Show is scheduled for February 15th. Permission slips will be available January 9th, and are due on Friday, January 25th. This is a fun event that the students look forward to each year. All Pomerado students are encouraged to share their talents! Tryouts for the Master of Ceremony will be at 1pm January 23rd in the MPR, and tryouts for the performers will be at 1pm January 30th in the MPR. Please contact Mrs. Bulda in Room 22 if you have any questions.



It is Cold and Flu Season!
**“Remember to Wash Your
 Hands Today...
 to Keep the Germs Away!”**



PTA PROGRAM UPDATES

Recycling Programs Continue

Bring in your used printer cartridges, cell phones and plastic bags to school for recycling. Collection bins are located outside the school office.

Visit School Website For All the Latest School News

Have you visited our school website lately? It contains more detailed information on school news, groups and events than we could ever fit in this newsletter. It is updated frequently, so you can stay informed about the latest school activities. Want to know what is for lunch...check out the “Cafeteria News”. Can't find a teacher's email address...you can find it on the website. We also have parenting and homework resources on the Links Page. So bookmark the schools website and check it often for the latest school news.

www.powayusd.com/pusdpoes

PTA Association Meeting

Please mark your calendars for PTA's Association Meeting on January 11th at 1:15pm in the library. This is for all members of PTA and others interested in our school. Important business will be conducted and your attendance is needed.

Health and Wellness Chair Needed

Our PTA is in need of a Health and Wellness Chair. If you are interested, please contact Rosie Bell directly or at pomeradonews@sbcglobal.net. This important position will emphasize health education of students and parents at school and home. A great opportunity to get involved and make a meaningful contribution!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Referrals for GATE Testing due March 28 for Test on May 1

PUSD is accepting referrals for students in grades 2-5 for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) evaluation. There are three GATE tests given throughout the school year, and the third one is on May 1st. If you believe that your child may require GATE services, please go to the school office for more information and to complete a parent questionnaire. More information can be found at the PUSD website:

www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate



Yearbook Prices to go up in March

Yearbook order forms are available in the school office. Order your yearbook by February 29th and the price is \$20 for PTA members and \$22 for non-members (personalization is \$4.50). After February 29th the price will increase to \$25 for PTA members and \$27 for non-members. Turn in orders to the office with cash or a check payable to Pomerado PTA.

Video Game Information

Video games have a rating system to assist parents in purchasing appropriate games for their children. For more information on ratings and helpful tips in selecting video games, visit: www.pta.org/videogames and www.esrb.org/about/resources.jsp

Fifth Grade Student Store Now Open
 After School on Fridays
 Near the Lunch Tables

**Bring in 10 Box Tops
 and Receive a Special Treat!**

**Counselor's Message, Victoria Cull, MA MS
 A Little Humor to Begin 2008**

Let's start out on the right foot by enjoying some light-hearted quotes from *The Unofficial Survival Guide to Parenthood*:

- People who say they sleep like a baby usually don't have one.
- Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children; now I have six children and no theories.
- Why can't life's problems hit us when we're 17 and know everything?



And on a more serious note:

In bringing up children, a good rule to follow is...spend on them half as much money and twice as much time.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and productive New Year!

PARENT'S CORNER

**CHARACTER COUNTS!
 Trait of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE RESPONSIBLE?

HAVE INTEGRITY

DO: Stand up for your beliefs • Follow your conscience • Be honorable and upright • Live by your principles no matter what others say • Have the courage to do what is right and to try new things even when it is hard or costly • Build and guard your reputation

DON'T: Do anything wrong • Lose heart if you fail or don't get what you want

BE HONEST

DO: Tell the truth and nothing but the truth • Be sincere • Be forthright and candid

DON'T: Lie • Cheat • Steal • Be sneaky, tricky, or deceptive

BE RELIABLE

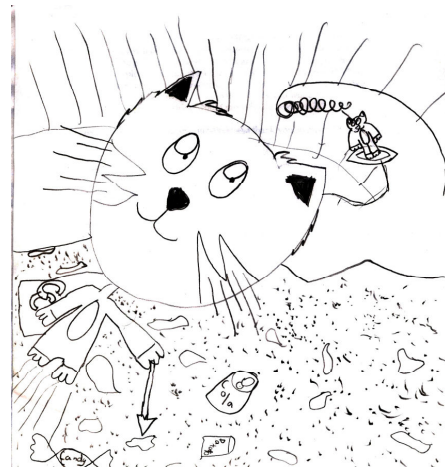
DO: Keep your promises • Honor your word and commitments • Be dependable • Do what you are supposed to do • Return what you borrow • Pay your debts • Be on time

BE LOYAL

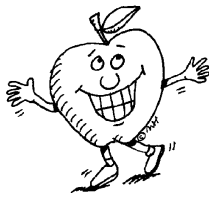
DO: Stand by and protect your family, friends, school and country • Be a good friend • Look out for those who care about you • Keep secrets of those who trust you

DON'T: Betray a trust • Let your friends hurt themselves • Do anything just so others will like you • Ask a friend to do anything wrong or spread gossip that could hurt others

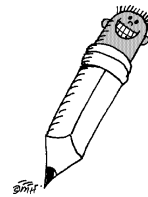
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**"Character Cat" shows RESPONSIBILITY by...
 picking up trash at the beach.
 Drawing by Noah Sims**



JANUARY 2008



Character Trait of the Month: Responsibility

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
No Classes – Winter Break						
6	7 Classes Resume	8	9 Wildcat Wednesday 8am Playground Talent Show Forms Distributed	10 Rocket Into Reading 2:15pm Foundation Meeting 6:30pm Library	11 PTA Association Meeting 1:15pm Library	12 Saturday Community Learning Center 8am-12pm
13	14	15	16	17	18 1st Grade Parents to Lunch 12:05pm	19 Saturday Community Learning Center 8am-12pm
20	21 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22	23 Talent Show Master of Ceremony Tryouts 1pm MPR	24 Father- Daughter Dance MPR 6:30pm	25 Talent Show Permission Slips Due Wacky Tacky Dress Up Day	26 Saturday Community Learning Center 8am-12pm
27	28	29 Site Council 2:45pm Rm 10	30 Spotlight Assembly 8:15am MPR 1st Grade Performs 1pm Talent Show Tryouts MPR	31	Feb 1 PTA Meeting 1:15pm Library	Feb 2 Saturday Community Learning Center 8am-12pm

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