

CALL OF THE WILDCAT

Pomerado
Elementary School



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Principal's Message, Lisa Danzer

We look forward to welcoming your children back to school in the fall for the first day of school on Tuesday, August 19, 2008. Our school hours will remain the same for all students grades 1-5 attending school M, T, Th, F from 8:15 A.M. to 2:35 P.M. and Wednesdays 8:15 A.M. to 12:55 P.M. Students may arrive on campus after 7:45 A.M.

Families are encouraged to begin making carpool and childcare arrangements now. Pomerado has childcare available on campus from 6:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. daily for a fee. Please contact Kimberlye Thalheimer, our ESS Coordinator, for more information at 858-679-8946, if have questions or would like to register for the summer and/or fall. Mark your calendars now and plan to stop by the campus on Friday, August 15, after 4:00 P.M. or anytime on Monday, August 18th. All of the classroom and teacher assignments will be posted on the wall in the lunch area for you to view.

All students grades K, 1, 2, and 3 and their parents are invited to "Meet and Greet" their new teachers on Monday, August 18, from 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. This is an excellent opportunity for kindergartners to get acquainted with their new classroom, teacher, and school. Students who come for this sneak peek generally say goodbye with greater ease on the first day of class.

I wish you all a safe and enriching summer vacation. Remember to keep up school skills with fun reading and writing activities at home. Visit the public library and sign up for their summer reading incentive program, write letters to relatives, and enjoy new experiences as you travel near or far.

School Remodel Update

Pomerado is scheduled for remodeling this coming fall. Highlights include renovating all classrooms, MPR, cafeteria, and playgrounds. The main office will be demolished and a new building will house administration, health office, teacher's lounge, separate workroom, and a brand new library. We will even be getting a covered lunch area! This summer a new access ramp from the upper parking lot will be built that extends all the way down to our main campus next to ESS.

Our theme for the coming year will be "Building a Better Tomorrow for our Students and Community." Be prepared for some temporary inconvenience as we reroute pedestrian traffic depending upon where there is active construction. Please know that our main focus will be safety and learning as we enter the construction phase. Everyone will be notified of ongoing changes throughout the school year. Thank you in advance for your flexibility and patience. Projected timelines and more detailed information will be available at the start of school. It promises to be an exciting year of new beginnings at Pomerado.

Enroll Your Child in ESS for Summer

ESS has a fun, exciting and educational Cultural Arts program planned for summer break. Planned for this summer are field trips to: Boomers, the Bowling Alley, The Wave, Julian Mining Company and Eagle Mines, Point Loma Lighthouse and Tide Pools, Pizza Hut, Coronado Ferry, Padres Game, Fillipi's Pizza Grotto and the Boardwalk in El Cajon. Also, a weekly trip to the movie theatre and swimming pool is planned. Every Monday is "special events" day and lunch by ESS. Tuesday is "water play" day and 7-11 walks. Thursday is bike day. Drop by the ESS building and check out our full calendar of events.



Summer Session begins June 16th and ends August 17th.

Sign up by June 6th in the ESS office.

Contact Ms. Kimberlye or Ms. Jennifer
at 858-679-8946 with questions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2** Gr. 3 Spelling Bee
8:30am MPR
- June 3** Gr. 5 Band Year End
Gala 7pm MPR
- June 5** Gr. 1 Field Day
Student Council
Speeches and Voting
Gr. 4 Gold Rush
6pm MPR
- June 6** Gr. 2 Field Day
Gr. 5 to Biz Town
Rocket into Reading
2:00pm MPR
- June 9** Gr. 5 to Pool
Gr. 3 Field Day
- June 11** Fifth Grade Promotion
8:30am MPR
- June 12** **Last Day of School
(minimum day)
Have a Great
Summer!**

Save These Dates

- Aug 6** **IMPORTANT**
Continuing Student
Registration
7am-5pm
- Aug 15** 4pm Classroom
Assignments Posted
- Aug 18** Meet and Greet
Teachers
10-11am Grades K-3
- Aug 19** **First Day of School**
- Sept 4** Back to School Night
for All
- Sept 11** Back to School Night
in Spanish

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This Newsletter is Prepared by:
Pomerado Elementary PTA
Palomar Council, Ninth District

PTA President's Message

Rosie Bell

Thank you to everyone who supported and attended the various PTA functions this past month: Brock Edwards Magic Show, our Spring Book Fair with Muffins with Mom, the Art Docent Art Show at Back to School Night and the Pomerado Carnival! It was great to see so many families enjoying these PTA sponsored programs. Also, a big thank you goes out to our wonderful Running Club volunteers. Running Club ended at the end of May, with more than 75% of Pomerado students participating in the program at some time this year.

This school year has sped by in so many ways! PTA has had a wonderful year at Pomerado, which means wonderful things have happened for your kids. Almost 5,000 hours were volunteered at Pomerado this past year, all benefiting students. What a difference all that time has made!

Next year, we will all need to be patient and flexible as our school receives some much needed physical renovations and the budget picture remains unclear. PTA is always in need of parent volunteers and fresh ideas. Please contact me through the office if you have any suggestions or would like to participate in one of our programs. I wish you all a wonderful summer!

Budget Announcement

Thank you to over 300 parents from our school who signed letters about the education budget to our State Representatives. We have made a difference. Unfortunately, the Governor's new proposal still reflects a cut from this year's funding level and his proposal contains many hurdles. Please continue to stay informed and support PTA over the summer as we strive for the highest funding level possible.

PTA Announces 2007-2008 Volunteer Service Awards at Annual Volunteer Tea

Congratulations to the following individuals for their outstanding and meaningful service to our school:



Honorary Service Award – Ningrit Flud
Continuing Service Award – Tara Appling, Sharon DeLozier, Kim Norby
Very Special Person Award – Marty Avey, Mary Lugo, Linda Miller, Michele Russ

There were many nominations for service awards this year -- a real reflection on the wonderful volunteers we have at Pomerado doing so much. The above individuals are representative of a much larger group who give to our school on a continual basis without fanfare or expectation of recognition. We are grateful to all those who volunteer and make such a big difference for our children.

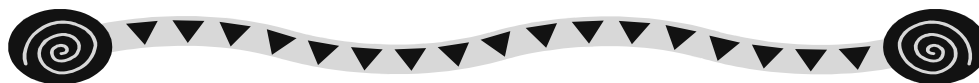
Thank You to the Following for Supporting:

Pomerado's 2008 Carnival

Cub Scout Pack 610
 Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Poway
 Faculty and Custodial Staff at Pomerado Elementary
 Poway National Little League
 Burger King
 Jack in the Box McDonalds

Muffins with Mom Event

Souplantation Starbucks Coffee



FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER!

- ◆ **Free Target Summer Concerts in the Park**
Sundays, June 22 – August 17 5:30pm-7pm
Lake Poway Schedule call: 858-668-4771
Old Poway Park Schedule call: 858-668-4576
- ◆ **Visit the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center**
(a 5-acre Indian Archaeological Reserve located at 13104 Silver Lake Drive in Poway).
Free tours Saturdays from 9am – 11:30am.
- ◆ **Poway Skate Park Kick'n It Wednesdays**
June 18 – August 13 5-8pm
Supervised skate time for kids 14 and under.
Info: 858-668-4674
- ◆ **Go Fishing at Lake Poway**
Discount Fishing Days June 7 and Sept 27.
Info: 858-668-4770
- ◆ **Join the Poway Library Children's Summer Reading Program**
Theme: Catch the Reading Bug @ Your Library
Info: Visit the Library or call 858-513-2900
- ◆ **Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program**
Read 8 books, and get a Free Book!
Visit the store in Carmel Mountain Ranch or goto
www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/
- ◆ **Great Outdoor Movie Night**
Saturday June 7th. "The Bee Movie" will be shown at Lake Poway just after sunset.
Info call: 858-668-4770
- ◆ **Visit Balboa Park**
Free Admission on Tuesdays to select Museums.
Info: 619-239-0512 or visit
www.balboapark.org/info/

ANNOUNCEMENTS**Pomerado PTA 2008-2009 Reflections
Theme is "WOW"**

Get creative and WOW us! Express yourself in any or all of six arts-formats and receive positive recognition for your personal interpretation of the 2008-2009 inspired theme: "WOW" (prizes will be awarded). Look for more information on this very exciting and rewarding program in the fall.

**Registration for Continuing Students
August 6th 7am-5pm**

All returning Pomerado families are encouraged to attend registration on Wednesday, August 6th, between 7:00AM and 5:00PM. Please come prepared to update information such as phone numbers and emergency contacts. Having all of the paperwork completed prior to the start of classes provides the teachers with up-to-date emergency information and helps us avoid paperwork hassles on the first day of school. You can also find the required forms and parent information on-line at the District website: www.powayusd.com (print out and bring in completed forms on registration day).

**School Office Open August 5-15th
8:00 AM-11:30 AM and 1:00 PM-3:00 PM****Cafeteria Account Update**

PUSD has a "No Charge" policy on all campuses. District School Lunch Program regulations do not allow for meal charges; therefore it is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to pay for cafeteria meals before they are served. Students that arrive in the cafeteria without lunch or money for lunch will be sent to the office to call home. Prepayment for meals is encouraged by using a pre-pay envelope available from your school office, or by making a credit card payment online at www.MyLunchMoney.com. Cafeteria balances will be carried over to the next school year or you can request a refund by contacting the Food and Nutrition Department at (858) 668-2570.

PARENT'S CORNER**CHARACTER COUNTS!
Trait of the Month: CITIZENSHIP**

CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of Character are service marks of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, a project of the Josephson Institute of Ethics. www.charactercounts.org

**Counselor's Message, Victoria Cull, MA MS
858-748-1320 x 2210****A Little Philosophy to End the School Year
(attributed to Charles Schultz)**

Take this quiz:

1. Name the three wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last three Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last three Miss Americas.
4. Name three people who have won the Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor.

6. Name the last six year's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do? The point is, we don't remember yesterday's headlines. Applause dies, awards tarnish.

Now take this quiz:

1. Name three teachers who helped you through your journey in school.
2. Name three friends who you love.
3. Name three people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Name three people who have made you feel loved and appreciated.
5. Name a half dozen people whose company you enjoy.
6. Name a half dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier? People who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the best credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

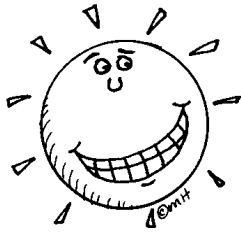
How can YOU make the world a better place for those closest to you? Thank you all for another wonderful year here at Pomerado. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you and your precious children.

**5TH GRADE BOOSTERS UPDATE: WE MADE IT!**

THANKS TO ALL THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS who supported our various fundraising efforts throughout the year. The fifth grade has officially raised enough money to cover our expenses! The money raised was primarily used towards funding our big field trip to Riley's Farm (www.rileysfarm.com) on May 29th, and the remainder will go towards our various end-of-the-year activities. We couldn't have made our goal without all the support from our wonderful Pomerado community, and we appreciate all of you who helped by purchasing Boo-Grams, See's Candy, SCRIP cards, and items from the fifth grade store throughout the school year. The teachers would also like to offer a special thanks to those parents of fifth-graders who worked so hard to raise the money. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

TO THE PARENTS OF (CURRENT) FOURTH GRADERS: We will need your help for next year! If you have any ideas for great fundraisers, or if you'd just like to sign up as someone willing to help, please stop by room 9 and chat with Mrs. Panagakis before the year ends.


We hope that next year will be just as successful as this one has been!



JUNE 2008

Character Trait of the Month: Citizenship



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♦ We are still collecting BoxTops for Fifth Grade Boosters in the school office...save them up this summer!						
1	2 Grade 3 Spelling Bee 8:30am MPR 	3 5th Grade Band Year End Gala 7pm MPR	4 PTA Old Board/New Board Meeting	5 - Gr. 1 Field Day - Student Council Speeches and Voting - 4th Grade Gold Rush 6pm MPR	6 - Gr. 2 Field Day - Grade 5 to Biz Town - Rocket into Reading 2:00pm MPR	7
8	9 Gr. 5 to Pool Gr. 3 Field Day	10	11 5th Grade Promotion 8:30am MPR 	12 Last Day of School (minimum day) Have a Great Summer!	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	Thank you for bringing in your ink cartridges for recycling. Collection of ink cartridges is over for this school year.				

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