

CALL OF THE WILDCAT

Pomerado
Elementary School



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Principal's Message, Lisa Danzer

Progress Notices will be sent home with students on Friday, March 6th. Please take the time to discuss with your child what the progress notice measures, how they are working to meet their academic goals, and what the scores and comments mean.

**Progress Notices
Come Home
March 6th.**

**Please contact your
child's Teacher with
any questions.**



Before the report comes home, invite your child to tell you how he thinks he is doing in school. Ask your children what areas they would like your support with such as learning math facts or practicing nightly reading. When you take the time each day to discuss what your child is doing in school, report cards results are less of a surprise.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's achievement please contact your child's teacher immediately to schedule an appointment. Use the information shared to praise your child's strengths and work together to help him in the areas where he needs to improve. With a strong parent teacher support system and ongoing communication we can do great things for our students.

Our Foundation Fun Run will be held on Wednesday, March 11th. You are invited to come to school and volunteer to help mark laps or simply cheer for all of our students. Please check "Stuff You Should Know" for specific running times for your child's grade level. We are encouraging all students to practice by participating in Running Club every Tuesday and Thursday to prepare for the event.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our PTA Family Night on March 19th at the Poway UltraStar Cinema.

Pomerado is celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week beginning March 30 to April 3rd. I encourage all students and families to take the time to acknowledge their dedicated teachers with a kind word or special note this week letting them know they are appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar 4 | 8am Wildcat
Wednesday
K Conferences |
| Mar 5 | Rocket into Reading
2:15pm
K Conferences
Minimum Day for all
Kinder Classes |
| Mar 6 | PTA Meeting 1:15pm
Library
College Day
Progress Notices
Sent Home |
| Mar 11 | Foundation Fun Run |
| Mar 12 | Grade 2 "How Does
Your Garden Grow?"
Performance
6:30pm MPR |
| Mar 13 | Spring Pictures |
| Mar 19 | Family Movie Night
Featuring the movie
Wall-E at the
UltraStar Cinema
6pm |
| Mar 20 | 3rd Grade Parents to
Lunch 11:50am
Foundation Meeting
1:30pm Library |
| Mar 24 | Site Council Meeting
2:45pm |
| Mar 28 | GATE Testing |
| Mar 30 -
April 3 | Teacher Appreciation
Week |

**Pomerado PTA is Sponsoring a
Family Movie Night Featuring Wall-E
Thursday March 19, 6 p.m.
UltraStar Cinema in Poway**



This FREE event is for Pomerado students
and their immediate families only.
Children may NOT attend without an adult.

A flyer with details will be coming home soon.

**Support Pomerado PTA by having dinner at one of our
fundraising restaurants before this event.**

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

PTA NEWS

PTA President's Message, Rosie Bell

This month PTA is sponsoring a Family Movie Night at Ultra Star Cinema. The event is FREE for all Pomerado families (refreshments not included). Watch for flyers coming home about this event and get your tickets right away as space is limited. I hope to see you there! Also this month, Pomerado Foundation is sponsoring the 4th Annual Wildcat Fun Run. This popular event raises much needed money for classroom supplies for our school and supports our Running Club. Come out and cheer your child as they run that morning!

Your PTA is looking ahead to next year. A nominating committee was elected at our Association Meeting in February. This committee will be looking for individuals who would be willing to serve in PTA in ways large and small for next school year. Some of our parents have been serving our students for 10 years or more as their children have passed through Pomerado. We are grateful for this selfless service to our school and hope to see the same generous commitment from our parents with lower primary grade children. Just helping in one small area makes a difference in a big way. We have many wonderful programs that need your commitment to help. Some of the programs PTA sponsors are: Reflections, Art Docents, Running Club, Yearbook, Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Events, Caring Coins, Book Fair, Carnival, Boo Hoo Breakfast, Red Ribbon Week, Walk to School Day, Turn off TV Week and the list goes on. If you are willing to help continue these wonderful traditions at our school, or even start some new ones, please contact our nominating committee at PomeradoNews@sbcglobal.net.

PTA PROGRAM UPDATES

Plastic Bag Recycling Ends in March

March will be the last month that PTA will collect the plastic grocery bags for this school year. Collection bins are located outside the school office.

Computer Donation Request

PTA is in need of a donated computer to run volunteer check-in/security software in the office. If you have a desktop computer with monitor, or a laptop that you can donate, please contact Rosie Bell through the office. Thank you!



PTA Service Recognition Awards

Do you know a parent or community member who makes a difference at Pomerado? You may nominate parents, community members, or staff to be honored at our Volunteer Celebration. Please e-mail Lisa Danzer at ldanzer@powayusd.com to nominate a deserving person to be recognized for outstanding volunteer service to our school. Tell us what this person has done to volunteer their time and help children at Pomerado. Thank you for taking the time to recognize the good things people are doing at our school every day. Deadline: March 20th.

PTA Responds to State Budget:

Our responsibility to children cannot be cut in bad economic times

Pam Brady, President of the California State PTA, issued the following statement in response to the Governor's budget proposal and ongoing negotiations with legislators.

"Don't think for a minute that we don't understand the magnitude of the current financial crisis. Families throughout California are living each day with the realities of the economic downturn. But families also understand that we have a responsibility to children and their future, which cannot be compromised in bad economic times.

We believe the smartest economic stimulus plan for California right now is to invest in the future by investing in the education, health and welfare of our state's children.

The latest budget proposal would cut an additional \$6 billion to schools. When combined with cuts already made to our schools in the current year and proposed accounting maneuvers to delay other payments owed to schools, we're looking at total cuts of about \$11 billion.

Cuts of this magnitude fail the basic test of good government. They hurt our children.

These proposed cuts will completely derail efforts to provide a world-class education to all students. We are already 47th in the nation in terms of how much our state spends per student on education. These cuts are likely to make us dead last.

The mission of California State PTA is to positively impact the lives of all children and families. We cannot and will not back away from that mission during tough economic times. In fact, these are the times when the children of California need our advocacy the most.

The 120-member Board of Managers of the California State PTA has voted to launch an aggressive campaign to protect children from drastic budget cuts."

Pomerado PTA will communicate with our members information we receive from California PTA regarding this important issue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention 5th Grade Athletes

If you are competing at a regional, state or national level, you may apply to take Off Campus Independent Study for your Physical Education (OCIS-PE) at your Middle School next year. The deadline for OCIS-PE Applications is March 27th. Applications can be picked up in the school office or downloaded from www.options4kids.com. The application must be returned by the March 27th deadline to be considered for OCIS-PE next semester. Please return the applications where noted on page 2 of the application. If you need additional information on OCIS-PE please visit www.options4kids.com.

Construction Update

Our theme for the year is "Building a Better Tomorrow for our Students and Community." Phase 2 classes (Rooms 5-12) will remain in their temporary classrooms at the back of our main playing field until late-March. Once complete, we will again switch classrooms and Phase 3 (Rooms 13-20) will move out to the portables until May.

Please know that our main focus is safety and learning as we undergo construction. There continue to be occasional inconveniences with temporary loss of water service, phones, internet, and heating but our contingency plans are working. Thank you again for your flexibility and patience. The projected timeline for each phase continues to be approximately eight weeks with final project completion in summer of 2009. We all look forward to opening school in the fall with a completely renovated facility.

10 Ways to Help Build Your Child's Study Skills

1. Set up a regular study time in a quiet, comfortable place where your child won't have distractions.
2. Encourage daily study, even if there's no homework. Reading and reviewing lessons will get your child in the habit of studying every day.
3. Make sure your child keeps track of assignments and has all the study tools needed for homework.
4. Allow study breaks every 20 minutes or so and offer nutritious snacks.
5. Help your child break large tasks into several smaller ones to study more efficiently.
6. Have your child set goals before each assignment and organize study priorities to reach them.
7. Teach your child the value of being organized and keeping homework together.
8. Use study aids, such as quizzes, flash cards, and reading out loud to you.
9. Let your child know it is okay to ask teachers for help and that you're available, too.
10. Consider having your child study with a partner if it helps both of them to do better.

PARENT'S CORNER

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Trait of the Month: FAIRNESS

Fairness is one of the Six Pillars of Character. At school we will be talking about ways to promote Fairness, such as:

- Be open-minded.
- Listen to others.
- Try to understand what others are saying and feeling.
- Be careful making judgments about others.
- Be consistent.
- Treat people equally and equitably.

When you hear the age-old whine, "It's not fair!" from your child, ask him or her what is unfair about the situation. In talking through these problems, you can teach a good lesson on what Fairness is.

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



**Teacher Appreciation Week is
March 30th – April 3rd**

Counselor's Message, Victoria Cull, MA MS

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR FAMILY SAFE

- Teach your child how and when to use 911 and make sure they have an adult to call if they're scared or have an emergency.
- Teach your child to ask before leaving home whenever they are outside playing.
- Make sure your child knows his/her address and your cell or work phone.
- Make sure your child knows your full name!
- Role-play "what if?" situations with your child. "What if a stranger asked you to help them find a puppy?"
- Teach your children what to do if someone tries to grab them. (Scream and make as much noise as possible!)
- Set rules about whose homes your child may visit without you.
- Role-play how to answer the phone if you are not at home.
- Talk to your children about not approaching any vehicle when they are walking.
- Monitor closely your child's computer usage and television viewing.



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Character Trait of the Month: **FAIRNESS**

INTERESTING MARCH FACTS

March is Women's History Month
 March Flower: Daffodil
 March Birthstone: Aquamarine

FAMOUS MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Dr. Seuss, Alexander Graham Bell, Albert Einstein

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Please Keep Collecting Box Tops for Fifth Grade!	2	3 STAR Writing Test Grade 4 	4 Wildcat Wednesday 8am Playground K Conferences In Afternoon	5 Rocket Into Reading 2:15pm K Conferences In Afternoon Minimum Day for All Kinder Classes	6 Progress Notices Home Today College Day PTA Meeting 1:15pm Library	7
8	9	10	11 Foundation Fun Run 	12 Grade 2 "How Does Your Garden Grow?" 6:30pm MPR	13 Fun Run Money Due Spring Pictures	14
15	16 Kathy Cowart from MBMS to visit with 5 th Graders 8:30am Library	17	18	19 PTA Family Movie Night UltraStar 6pm	20 Foundation Meeting 1:30pm Library Grade 3 Parents to Lunch 11:50am	21
22	23 MBMS Orientation for 5 th Graders 6 pm Meadowbrook Gym	24 Site Council 2:45pm	25 BHMS Orientation for 5 th Graders 6:30 pm Bernardo HeightsMS Gym	26	27	28 GATE Testing
29	30 C. Chavez Day	31	April 1	April 2	April 3	
<h2>Teacher Appreciation Week</h2>						

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