

CALL OF THE WILDCATS

Pomerado
Elementary School



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, Lisa Danzer

This Friday, October 3rd is our first "College Day" here at Pomerado. Staff, students, and parents are all encouraged to wear collegiate shirts, sweatshirts, or hats to show their spirit and start the college conversation with all students. Each classroom on campus features the banner from a college or university and teachers will be sharing about their classroom's particular institution as well as others throughout the school year. We want every child at Pomerado to know that they will have the preparation and academic skills to choose college in their future.

Wednesday, October 8th, our PTA is promoting Walk Your Child to School Day. I hope you can walk or bicycle to school with your child. This is an ideal opportunity for you to speak with your child about important safety issues as they travel to and from school each day. Safety conversations are especially important as we enter construction mobilization here at school. Remember to discuss stranger dangers as well as basic traffic safety and always utilizing the designated crosswalks when crossing our busy streets.

October 20-24 is Character Counts and Red Ribbon Week. The PTA along with our classroom teachers will be focusing on the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. Please take this time to ask your child questions about the Six Pillars of Character and discuss how you can show good character at home with your family as well as in school. Students will also be focusing on making good choices for healthy and drug free living.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday & Friday, October 30 & 31. There will be no school for students on these dates. You will be contacted by your child's teacher this month to schedule a conference. All parents are encouraged to make time in their busy schedules to attend the parent teacher conference. Ongoing teacher and parent communication is essential for student achievement. At the conference the teacher will review your child's Progress Report, grade level standards, learning goals, MAPs scores for grades 2-5, and share ways to support learning at home.

I look forward to seeing you at school this month.

Upcoming Events

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| Oct 1 | Wildcat Wed. 8am
Spirit Day |
| Oct 2 | Rocket into Reading
2:15pm MPR |
| Oct 3 | College Day
PTA Meeting
1:15pm in Library |
| Oct 6 | "WOW" Reflections
Projects due |
| Oct 8 | Walk to School Day
PIP Parent Meeting
8:15am Library |
| Oct 10 | Kindergarten to
Bates Nut Farm |
| Oct 14 | Picture Make-up #2 |
| Oct 17 | Grade 4 Parents
to Lunch 12:25pm
Foundation Mtg.
1:30pm in Library |
| Oct
20-24 | Red Ribbon and
Character Counts
Week |
| Oct 21 | Title 1/ELL Mtg.
8:15am in MPR |
| Oct 24 | PTA Student Book
Exchange |
| Oct 28 | Site Council Mtg.
Room 14 |
| Oct 29 | Halloween Dress-up
Spotlight Assembly
K-2, 8:15am
Grade 2 Performs |
| Oct
30-31 | Conferences
No School |

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PTA NEWS

PTA President Message, Rosie Bell

We have wonderful parent groups at Pomerado working together to benefit all kids. I'd like to highlight some of the great things they are doing for our school.

Just this month, **PTA** will provide for your child:

Healthy Lifestyle – Walk to School Day and Running Club
 Reading Enrichment - Book Exchange
 Promotion of Good Choices – Red Ribbon/Character Counts Week
 Family Communication – School newsletter and website
 Art Opportunities – Art Docents and Reflections program


With your support from the Dime A Day Campaign, the **Foundation** will be able to provide:

Technology Equipment such as Doc-U-Cams, LCD projectors, computers, digital cameras, and laser printers.
 Updated Software for computer lab and classrooms.

All these groups are run by parent volunteers with one purpose – to benefit all kids at Pomerado! Thank you for your continued support of these efforts!

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:

Respect



**Join Schools Around the World
October 8th
for Walk to School Day**

Our school is participating again this year in the **International Walk to School Day, October 8th**. Our PTA will be on campus **Wednesday morning, October 8th to celebrate Walk to School Day**. On that day we will be handing out refreshments to those that walk to school!

PTA Sponsored Red Ribbon/Character Counts Week is coming Oct 20-24.

Here is what we have planned:

- Monday** - San Diego Opera will perform "Rumpelstiltskin." Red Ribbons will be passed out to all students. Remember to wear your ribbon each day for a chance to win a prize.
- Tuesday** - Pomerado Healthy Spirit Day. Wear any school shirt and bring a healthy snack for recess. Bring in a recipe for a healthy snack, and we will post it in the MPR! Poway Mobile Rec. Van at lunch recesses Grades 1-5.
- Wednesday** - Hugs not Drugs Day. Bring a stuffed animal to school.
- Thursday** - Turn Your Back on Bad Decisions Day - Wear your clothes backwards.
- Friday** - Wear Red to School for end of Red Ribbon/Character Counts Week.

All week during lunch recesses, PTA will have supplies for the students to make Character Bracelets, and note paper to write notes of thanks and kindness to one another.

Halloween Dress Up Day, Oct. 29th

All students are invited to participate in our Student Council's Halloween Dress Up Day on Wednesday, October 29th. Students may wear school appropriate Halloween costumes. They must be able to sit comfortably at their desks and easily use the restroom. No masks or any weapons of any kind, real or pretend, are ever allowed at school, no excessive blood & gore...it will scare the teachers and our younger students! We will have an all school parade mid-morning to show off our school spirit.

2008-2009 GATE Testing Information

PUSD Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) involves services for students whose cognitive needs may require modified classroom curriculum and instruction to accommodate their learning differences and ensure their achievement. Parents may request GATE testing for students in grades 2-7.

If you believe that your child may require GATE services, there are two opportunities for your child to be evaluated this school year. You will find general information about GATE services and GATE test information from the GATE link on the PUSD Website
<http://www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate/>

Needed: Kindergarten T-shirts

Please consider donating your child's yellow Pomerado Kindergarten T-shirt so we have extras on hand. Shirts can be dropped off in any of the Kindergarten classrooms.

PARENT'S CORNER**COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE**

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*Why Counseling for
Elementary Students?*
Victoria Cull, MA MS



In order to prepare our children for the future, obviously they need to have basic skills in reading, writing, and math. But they also need to have interpersonal skills and communication skills to succeed. Did you know that the most common reason people lose their jobs is not because they are not smart enough or don't know their jobs well enough? It is because they can't work as a member of a team; they cannot get along well with others!

Learning social skills at an early age is the key. Research shows that students who receive early interventions through an elementary school counseling program improve in these areas:

- *school attitudes and work habits (which correlate with staying in school)
- *peer relationships and communication skills (which correlate to workplace skills)
- *motivation, behavior and grades (which correlate to learning and achievement)

Let's work together to help make our children healthy, happy, contributing members of society.

**Suggestions for preparing for a
Successful Parent-Teacher Conference**

Parent teacher conferences will be held on October 30 & 31.

**This is a perfect opportunity to open up
communication with your child's teacher**

At this important meeting you will receive your child's first progress report and you will learn about your child's strengths and areas in which he may need additional help.

Before the meeting:

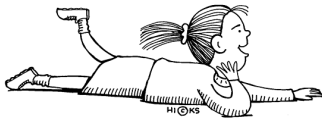
- Allow your child to tell you how he thinks he's doing in school.
- Ask your child about his academic goals (all students grades 1-5 have developed individualized learning goals), the progress he is making toward them, and how he plans to achieve them this year.

Come to the conference prepared

- Bring ANY questions you have for the teacher. This is the time to discuss the grade level standards, what the report card measures, and what the grades and comments mean.
- Always ask the teacher if there are grades or policies that you don't understand.


It is important to stay in communication with your child's teacher throughout the school year.

**Working together is the best way to help your
child achieve.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: RESPECT			1 Wildcat Wednesday 8:00am Spirit Day	2 Rocket Into Reading 2:15pm MPR	3 PTA Mtg. 1:15pm Library College Day	4
5	6 Deadline "WOW" Reflections Project	7	8 PTA Walk to School Day PIP Parent Mtg. 8:15am Library	9	10 Kindergarten to Bates Nut Farm	11
12	13	14 Picture Day Make Up #2	15	16	17 Grade 4 Parents to Lunch Foundation Meeting 1:30pm LRC	18
19 CHARACTER COUNTS and RED RIBBON WEEK	20 Wear your RED RIBBON each day this week 10:00am K-2 1:20pm 3-5 San Diego Opera performs "Rumplestiltskin"	21 Wear Any School Shirt Title 1/ELL Mtg. 8:15am MPR Poway Mobile Rec. Van at lunch Gr.1-5	22 Hugs not Drugs Bring a stuffed animal to school	23 Turn Your Back on Bad Decisions Wear your clothes backwards	24 Wear Red to School for end of RED RIBBON & CHARACTER COUNTS Week PTA Student Book Exchange	25
26 Keep Collecting Box Tops for Fifth Grade! 	27	28 Site Council Mtg. 2:45pm Rm. 14	29 Halloween Dress up and Parade Spotlight K-2 8:15am Gr. 2 Performs	30 Conferences No School	31 Conferences No School	
Upcoming November Events:						
			November 17-21: Scholastic Book Fair			
			November 18: Donuts with Dads			
			November 20: Character Education Night			

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