

CALL OF THE WILDCATS

Pomerado
Elementary School



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, Lisa Danzer

Welcome to a new school year! Our theme is "Building a Better Tomorrow for our Students and Community" as we enter into construction and modernization of our school. We still have no firm dates but parents, students, and staff will be kept informed throughout the process. We will focus on student achievement and student safety.

We are proud of our staff and students and invite you to get to know our school. I encourage you to visit our classrooms, school office, library, cafeteria, and playground and become acquainted with the teachers and staff. There is a spirit of cooperation and goodwill at our school and we want to share it with you. We are all here to help.

It is very important for parents to make every effort to attend Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 4. Teachers will share valuable information regarding the curriculum, school events, classroom policies and procedures, volunteer opportunities, the college message, and homework. This evening is informational for parents only.

I strongly encourage all parents to take the time to carefully read the 2008-2009 Pomerado Handbook that you received with your registration materials. It contains important information regarding our school policies and procedures. Please share the highlights and rules with your student. There is also a handy calendar of events for the entire school year located near the front so you can plan ahead to reserve important dates. Please remember to refer to our school website at www.powayusd.com throughout the year for the latest information.

When the family and school work together toward high expectations for student achievement and conduct, students demonstrate greater success as positive, confident learners. I urge you to support our school, our teachers, and our programs. Your positive attitude and support make a significant difference in building a better future for your children.

I look forward to working together as partners in learning.

Pomerado Elementary School Foundation

DIME-A-DAY CAMPAIGN

Pomerado Elementary School Foundation is asking everyone to pledge at least a dime a day for the number of school days (180) to help raise money for **new technology and necessary classroom supplies** for our kids at school.

PRICELESS INCENTIVES FOR TOP DONATIONS

- Top Kindergarten Donation – Front Row seats at Kindergarten performance
- Top 1st Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Mother's Day performance
- Top 2nd Grade Donation – Front Row seats at 2nd Grade performance
- Top 3rd Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Reading Olympics Ceremony
- Top 4th Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Gold Rush performance
- Top 5th Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Fifth Grade Promotion
- TOP OVERALL DONATION – Your own personal Reserved parking space!

DONATIONS DUE BY **SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2008**, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES

Upcoming Events

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| Sept 1 | Labor Day
No School |
| Sept 2 | PTA Fundraiser Kickoff |
| Sept 4 | Back To School Night
6-6:45pm K,2,4
7-7:45pm 1,3,5 |
| Sept 5 | PTA Assoc. Mtg.
1:15pm in LRC |
| Sept 9 | Running Club Begins
Picture Day |
| Sept 10 | Picture Day continues |
| Sept 11 | Outreach Back to
School Night
(in Spanish)
6:00-7:00pm All Grades |
| Sept 12 | Student Council
& Kindergarten
T-Shirt Orders Due

PTA Fundraiser Orders
& Money Due |
| Sept 19 | Grade 5 Parents
To Lunch 12:45pm

Foundation Meeting in
LRC 1:30pm |
| Sept 23 | Title 1/ELL Meeting
8:15am, MPR |
| Sept 24 | Spotlight Assembly
K-2, 8:15am
Grade 1 performs |
| Sept 29 | Professional
Growth Day
No School |
| Sept 30 | Site Council Mtg.
2:45pm, Rm. 14 |

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PTA NEWS

Message from PTA President, Rosie Bell

On behalf of Pomerado PTA Board, I welcome you to the 2008-09 school year! I hope you and your child enjoy the many fun activities that PTA has planned this year.



Please join PTA today if you have not already done so. Each and every membership really does make a difference, so dads, grandparents and friends are welcome to join too! Your membership dollars show your support for the many free activities that PTA is able to provide to the students at our school. Membership envelopes are available in the office.

Thank you in advance for your support of our gift wrap fundraiser. We also welcome donations of money and time. With the money raised last year, PTA was able to donate money to the school for library books and field trips, purchase copy paper for every classroom in addition to all our other programs.

I would also like to introduce you to a new website: www.schoolfamily.com. This site is sponsored by PTO Today and has great articles about the challenges of being a parent today, and how to best help your child succeed in school.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. If you ever have a question or suggestion, please feel free to attend PTA meetings held in the Library at 1:15 pm the 1st Friday of every month. I can also be reached by leaving a message at the school. Thanks, and have a great school year!

PTA Membership Let's Make a Difference!

Membership applications can be obtained and turned into the school office. Membership dues are \$8.00 per person, per year.

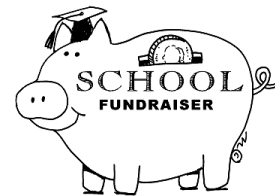
Parents and teachers are not our only members. Grandparents, community leaders, neighbors and friends can also join.



Your membership is important to our PTA Unit, and shows the importance you place on parent involvement in our public education system.

PTA Fundraiser

The fall fundraiser is here, and with everyone's participation, we could raise the funds to offer all of PTA's programs and events free of charge, with just this one fundraiser.



There are lots of great prizes for the kids too!
All Money and Orders are Due Sept. 12

Get creative with the PTA sponsored Reflections Program.

The 2008-2009 Theme is: "WOW"

All students, K-5, are invited to participate in this imaginative and creative arts-program, while receiving positive recognition for original works of art. Specific program details and deadline information will be sent home soon.

National Walk to School Day Is October 8th



Remember To Wash Your Hands Today... To Keep The Germs Away!



Please encourage your child to wash their hands throughout the day. This includes every time they use the restroom, and before they eat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cafeteria News Breakfast is available in the cafeteria 7:45-8:15 daily for \$1.25. Research shows that students who eat a healthy breakfast are more successful in school! Lunch is available daily for \$2.00. Check out the latest menu sent home with your child. Please remember that the school may not loan money to students. You are encouraged to pick up a prepayment envelope in the office and pre-pay for your child's meals. This method helps avoid misplaced, forgotten, or stolen money. Children also spend less time in line when meals are prepaid. Free/reduced priced breakfast and lunch are available for those who qualify. Applications are available in the school office. You must reapply each school year for free/reduced meals.

Volunteering On Campus All parents are welcomed and encouraged to come to school and get involved. District Board policy requires that all classroom volunteers undergo a background check through the Megan's Law database prior to working with students. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom this year just stop by the office to complete and sign a short form authorizing PUSD to complete the background check and the Volunteer Code of Conduct. Once cleared, you will then be added to the list of authorized volunteers at Pomerado. If you were previously cleared to volunteer you remain on the list. Anytime you visit the campus during the school day you must first report to the office to sign in and wear a visitor's badge.

Class Placements We work very hard to build balanced classes for optimum learning and the benefit of all of our students. It takes time for you and your child to get to know your new teacher and to build a working relationship. For this reason, no requests for class changes will be accepted until after the first six weeks of school. If you have concerns about your child's placement or progress we require that the parent and teacher meet to develop a plan of action to alleviate the problem before a class change will be considered. Your understanding and cooperation with this process is greatly appreciated. If you continue to have concerns please contact Lisa Danzer, Principal.

Art Docent Get involved in your child's classroom by becoming an Art Docent. Each classroom needs an Art Docent (or two or three) to provide supplementary art lessons to the class. You **do not** have to be artistic; there is a written curriculum for you to follow if you choose. Art Docents provide a one-hour lesson once a month. If you would like more information regarding becoming an Art Docent and how you can help, please feel free to contact Susan Beisel, Pomerado Art Docent Coordinator, Susanbeisel@cox.net, 858-883-2362.

PARENT'S CORNER

CHARACTER COUNTS!

The Poway Unified School District and PTA continues to forge ahead with CHARACTER COUNTS! Character education advocates the widely shared core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Students gain a better understanding of these traits by studying and discussing them, observing positive behavioral models, and resolving problems by developing appropriate social skills. As students grow in character, they develop an increasingly refined understanding of the "Six Pillars" in order to achieve academic excellence and become responsible citizens.



"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become your actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."

Frank Outlaw

COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE

Victoria Cull, MA MS

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Welcome back! I am so pleased to be returning to Pomerado this year. My counseling days will continue to be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. I am located right next door to the computer lab.

I work with individual students, groups, and families on issues such as family changes, study skills, new student assimilation, and social skills. Also returning is our wonderful student support staff: Caryn Harris and Shannon Beeler. More information will be coming regarding PIP and whole class lessons on tolerance and empathy.



I feel blessed to be back working with Pomerado's talented staff and all of your precious children.



CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:

Trustworthiness

September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Trait of the Month: Trustworthiness "Make it a Great Day, or Not... the Choice is Yours!"						
	1 Labor Day No School	2 PTA Fundraiser Kickoff	3	4 Back to School Night K,2,4 6-6:45 1,3,5 7-7:45	5 PTA Assoc. Mtg. 1:15pm Library	6
7  Start Collecting Box Tops for Fifth Grade!	8	9 Picture Day K-5  Running Club Begins	10 Picture Day Continues	11 Outreach Back to School Night (in Spanish) 6:00-7:00pm	12 PTA Fundraiser Orders and Money Due Student Council and Kindergarten T-Shirt Orders due today	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Grade 5 Parents to Lunch 12:45pm Foundation Mtg. in LRC 1:30pm	20
21	22	23 Title 1/ELL Meeting 8:15am in MPR	24 Spotlight K-2 8:15am Gr. 1 Performs	25	26	27
28	29 No School Professional Growth Day	30 Site Council 2:45pm Room 14	October Events: October 8, Walk to School Day October 10, Kindergarten Field Trip to Bates Nut Farm October 17, Grade 4 Parents to Lunch October 30 & 31, Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School			

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