

# 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 Thursday, August 20, 2009. Our school hours will remain the same for all students grades K-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. (Special note: Entering kindergartners will have 14 transition days attending 8:15-12:15 daily through September 9<sup>th</sup>.)

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 our ESS Coordinator, Corinne Kircher, for more information at 858-679-8946, if you have questions or would like to register for the summer and/or fall. New ESS options are available for this fall including AM only or PM only. Check the ESS link on the PUSD web-site for more information and costs.

Mark your calendars now and plan to stop by the campus on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00-5:00 P.M. for our Posting Party. All of the classroom and teacher assignments will be posted on the front of the school for you to view and will remain up all evening.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to a newly renovated campus. It should all be complete for the start of the new school year. I owe all of our parents, students, and staff a huge thank you for your patience and understanding throughout construction. It has been noisy, messy, and inconvenient for us all but will certainly be worth it in the end. Your children deserve the best and they will all return to beautiful new classrooms and facilities.

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.

## PUSD Summer Camp Programs

Poway Adult School is offering 53 summer camps this third summer of our Youth Enrichment Program. Each camp consists of four days, meeting Monday – Thursday, from 9AM-noon. The Gateway Academy has a slightly longer schedule, Monday-Friday 9AM-3:30PM. The three populations served are: post K- grade 2, grades 3-5 and middle school students. Our camp season begins the week of June 15<sup>th</sup> and ends July 9<sup>th</sup>.

**For more information visit:**

<http://www.powayusd.com/pusdaltprogs/summerschool/>

## Enroll Your Child in ESS for Summer

ESS has a fun, exciting and educational program planned for summer break. Planned for this summer are field trips to: Boomers, The Wave Water Park, San Diego Zoo, "The Crew", La Jolla Shores, Balboa Jr. Theatre, Petco Park Tour, Rueben H. Fleet Center and the Boardwalk in El Cajon. Also, a weekly trip to the movie theatre and swimming pool is planned. Every Monday and Wednesday is Enrichment and Club days, and Friday is Special Event Day. Drop by the ESS building and check out our full calendar of events. **Note: Due to Construction, ESS will be held this summer at Meadowbrook Middle School.**

**Summer Session begins June 15<sup>th</sup> and ends August 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sign up by June 5<sup>th</sup> in the ESS office.**

Contact Ms. Corinne  
at 858-679-8946 with questions.

Hablamos Espanol



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 1** Gr. 3 Spelling Bee  
8:30am MPR
- June 2** Gr. 5 Band Year End  
Gala 7pm MPR
- June 4** Student Council  
Speeches and Voting  
Gr. 4 Gold Rush  
6:30pm MPR  
Gr. 5 to Biz Town
- June 5** Gr. 1 and 2 Field Day  
Rocket into Reading  
2:00pm MPR
- June 8** Gr. 5 to Pool  
Gr. 3 Field Day
- June 10** Fifth Grade Promotion  
8:30am MPR
- June 11** **Last Day of School  
(minimum day)  
Have a Great  
Summer!**

## Save These Dates

- Aug 5** **IMPORTANT**  
Continuing Student  
Registration  
7am-4pm
- Aug 19** 4pm Classroom  
Assignments Posted
- Aug 20** **First Day of School**  
**Kindergarten day to  
end at 12:15pm from  
Aug 20-Sept 9**
- Sept 3** Back to School Night  
for All
- Sept 10** Full Day Kindergarten  
Begins  
Back to School Night  
in Spanish



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: our Spring Book Fair with Muffins with Mom, the Art Docent Art Show and Chalk Art at Back to School Night and our rescheduled Ned Show! It was great to see so many families enjoying these PTA sponsored programs. Also, big thank you goes out to our wonderful Running Club volunteers. Running Club ended in the middle 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. Over 4,000 hours were volunteered at Pomerado this past year, all benefiting students. What a difference all that time has made!

Next year, while we enjoy our newly renovated school, even more time may be needed as the state funding of education decreases even more.

PTA and Foundation are 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 also want to thank our new PTA President, Lisa Othmer, and the rest of the PTA Board for taking on new responsibilities on behalf of our students. Finally, I wish you all a wonderful summer! See you in the fall.

### Thank You to the Following for Supporting the Muffins with Mom Event

Souplantation      Starbucks Coffee

## PTA Announces 2008-2009 Volunteer Service Awards at Annual Volunteer Tea

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



**Honorary Service Award** – Melissa Kramer  
**Continuing Service Award** – Rosie Bell, Paula Cotton, Jeff & Susan Lee, Lori Romero, Amy Stoike  
**Very Special Person Award** – Patti Hime, Louie Martinez, Renee Reynolds, Jennifer Richards, Peggy Troop

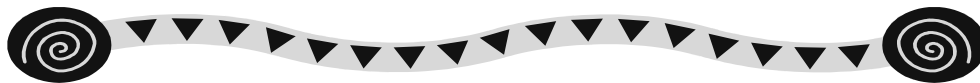
There were many nominations for service awards this year -- a real reflection on the wonderful volunteers we have at Pomerado doing so much. The above individuals are representative of a much larger group who give to our school on a continual basis without fanfare or expectation of recognition. We are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

## Thank You For Supporting Our Foundation

Over the years the Foundation has raised funds for classroom technology purchases, supplies, new computers, software, LCD projectors, and doc-u-cams our newest instructional tool. Next year Foundation will also be funding programs for student safety and supervision. We are fortunate to have a group of parents with the vision and commitment to create this incredible opportunity for our school and especially for our children. If you are interested in helping or joining the Foundation please leave a message in the office for the Foundation President, Mary Lugo.

### Pomerado Foundation's Board for 2009-2010

President - Mary Lugo      Treasurer - Lori Romero  
 Vice President - Rosie Bell      Secretary - Angel Ryan  
 Fun Run Coordinator-Patti Hime



## FUN THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER!

- ◆ **Free Target Summer Concerts in the Park**  
Sundays, June 28 – Sept 12 5:30pm-7pm  
Lake Poway Schedule call: 858-668-4771  
Old Poway Park Schedule call: 858-668-4576
- ◆ **Join the Poway Library Children's Summer Reading Program**  
Free events and activities offered all summer.  
Info: Visit the Library or call 858-513-2900
- ◆ **Visit the Kumeyaay-Ipai Interpretive Center**  
(a 5-acre Indian Archaeological Reserve located at 13104 Silver Lake Drive in Poway).  
Tours Saturdays from 9am – 11:30am.
- ◆ **Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program**  
Read 8 books, and get a Free Book!  
Visit the store in Carmel Mountain Ranch or go to [www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/](http://www.barnesandnoble.com/summerreading/)
- ◆ **Poway Skate Park Supervised Fridays**  
5:30-7:30pm (guardian must attend)  
Supervised skate time for kids 14 and under.  
Info: 858-668-4671
- ◆ **The Great Outdoor Movie**  
Saturday June 13. "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa" will be shown at the Lake Poway ball field 30 minutes after sunset for free. Info call: 858-668-4770
- ◆ **Go Fishing at Lake Poway**  
Free Fishing Days July 4 and Sept 7.  
Info: 858-668-4770
- ◆ **Visit Balboa Park**  
Free Admission on Tuesdays to select Museums.  
Info: 619-239-0512 or visit [www.balboapark.org/info/](http://www.balboapark.org/info/)

## Registration for Continuing Students August 5th 7am-4pm

All returning Pomerado families are encouraged to attend registration on Wednesday, August 5th, between 7:00AM and 4:00PM. You can find the required forms and parent information on-line at the District web-site: [www.powayusd.com](http://www.powayusd.com) to print out and bring in signed and completed on registration day. Please make every effort to complete the on-line updates prior to coming to registration. It is very important for us to have updated information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, and e-mail.

### School Office Open August 6th-14th 8:00 AM-11:30 AM and 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

#### First Grade Program "Builds Bridges"

Student Services Specialist Shannon Beeler is coming to the end of her Building Bridges program, in which she taught the first graders about cultural awareness and diversity. As part of her lesson plan, several first grade parents gave the children an international journey in one afternoon. The children "visited" Norway, Japan, Korea, the Philippines and Mexico and learned about the various aspects of what comprises "culture." There were demonstrations on making tortillas and origami and the children were engaged in a rousing game. They learned about the Vikings and were fascinated by traditional clothes. Everyone received a passport, and visa stickers, once the trip was completed. There were lots of fun souvenir items as well.

Building Bridges is just one component in what will hopefully become a tradition of cultural awareness programs. Of course, it wouldn't have been possible without the enthusiastic participation of the parent volunteers. Thank you to everyone involved in this fun day, and we want to see YOU next time!

*For more information or if you are interested in future volunteer opportunities at any grade level, please contact Angel Ryan, [nyucky@cox.net](mailto:nyucky@cox.net).*

#### Save Your Books for the Book Exchange

The summer is a time for many of us to clean and organize. Please save any gently used books your children are done with for our annual PTA Book Exchange, which will be held in October.

## Counselor's Message, Victoria Cull, MA MS Experiences Are Better Than Stuff

When most of us think back over our lives, usually what we remember are the experiences we've had or the good times. When we think back of memories of our parents and grandparents we know that it wasn't what they bought us but what we did or where we went with them that we remember and value.

Give your children experiences this summer. They don't have to cost a lot but just include times together -- doing simple things like a backyard barbecue with family and friends, touring a local college or community college, a ride on the city bus, making popcorn balls, baking cookies, or planting and watching a tomato plant grow. Ideas may include:

- Riding the train to San Diego or up the coast
- Going to a hotel for one night and using the swimming pool
- Visiting the animal shelter just to see all the cute puppies and kittens
- Hiking at Palomar Mountain
- Going to the beach or the pier to fish
- Going camping (even the back yard counts)
- Exploring the Elfin Forest State Reserve
- Visiting any of the tourist attractions in our area i.e. Wild Animal Park, Zoo, Sea World, Balboa Park, San Diego Mission Bay or the flower fields in Carlsbad.
- Celebrating your culture with special food or games

Use your imagination! I've loved working with you and your children this year. I wish you a summer of relaxation and memory making experiences.



#### Librarian's Message, Chris Ezzard

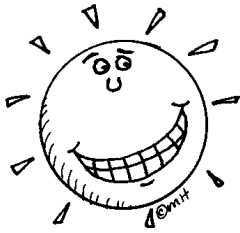
Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out in the library over the past few weeks. Because of you, the returned books were all shelved and in perfect order. The move to storage went off with out a hitch on May 8th. When we move into the new library the books will be ready to go back on the shelves in Dewey order. I couldn't have done it with out your help. Thank you so much for all of your hard work in the library and for all of Pomerado School.

## WAY TO GO POMERADO!

**OLD GLOBE THEATRE GATE PROGRAM:** Congratulations to Sarah Bergman, a fifth grader here at Pomerado, whose creative story was picked by the Old Globe Theatre to be made into a Reader's Theatre script. The reading will be presented, by our GATE students, at the Old Globe Theatre in July. Second place went to William Johnson and third place went to Kyle Romero (both fifth graders). Honorable mention went to fourth graders Kavin Hariharan and Trevor Hamschilt. These students will be reading their stories at the Old Globe Theatre during the July presentation.

**CITY OF POWAY WATER AWARENESS MONTH ART CONTEST WINNERS:** Out of almost 100 entries, the City of Poway chose artwork from four Pomerado students as one of the top twelve Poway Water Awareness posters. The fourth grade artists were Roberta Bagby, Kira Othmer, Cindy Ross, and Lauren Smith. Their artwork was on display in City Hall and in the children's section of the Poway Library during May, which was Water Awareness Month.

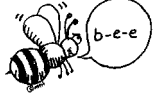

**Congratulation to you all!**



# JUNE 2009

## Character Trait of the Month: Citizenship



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
♦ We are still collecting <b>BoxTops for Fifth Grade Boosters</b> in the school office...save them up this summer!						
	<b>1</b> Grade 3 Spelling Bee 8:30am MPR 	<b>2</b> 5th Grade Band Year End Gala 7pm MPR	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> - Gr. 5 to Biz Town - Student Council Speeches and Voting - 4th Grade Gold Rush 6:30pm MPR	<b>5</b> - Gr. 1 and 2 Field Day  - Rocket into Reading 2:00pm MPR	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Gr. 5 to Pool Gr. 3 Field Day  Foundation Flower Delivery	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 5th Grade Promotion 8:30am MPR 	<b>11</b> <b>Last Day of School</b> (minimum day) <b>Have a Great Summer!</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	Thank you for recycling your bottles and cans on campus. Next school year will be the official kick-off of a larger recycling campaign, and we're counting on you to help fill those bins.			

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**ESS 679-8946**

**Preschool 486-9170**

### **2008-2009 PTA Board**

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