

CALL OF THE WILDCAT

Pomerado
Elementary School



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Principal's Message, Lisa Danzer

As our school year comes to a close our school calendar is packed with activities. Please join us for our final Wildcat Wednesday of the school year at 8:00AM on Wednesday, May 13th. Students are encouraged to wear blue and white or a Pomerado t-shirt to show their school spirit.

The PTA Buy One-Get-One-Free Book Fair runs from May 19th to the 21st and will be located out in a temporary portable. Muffins with Mom will be held at 7:30AM on Tuesday, May 19th. Come and shop at the Book Fair and enjoy a muffin with your child before school.

Thursday, May 21st is our annual Chalk Art Festival. Students from every class will produce beautiful works of art in chalk around the school, wherever we can find some available sidewalk! Open House is the same night, from 6:00-7:00PM. It is a very special time for your child to share their class work, school successes, progress on personal goals, and special projects they have completed throughout the year. The Book Fair will also be open for shopping. I hope to see all families on campus that evening! I want to thank all of our Pomerado families for a wonderful school year. I am continually impressed with your level of support and volunteerism.

Construction Update

Our theme for the year is "Building a Better Tomorrow for our Students and Community." We are half way there! Phase 3 (Rooms 13-20) will return to their newly renovated rooms mid-month and Phase 4 (Rooms 25-29 and LRC) will move into the portables until summer. The new kitchen and lunch area are a welcome renovation and we plan to reopen the MPR on May 11th.

Please know that our main focus is safety and learning as we undergo construction. We realize that traffic and parking have been a challenge all year long. Please be on the lookout for student safety and notify the office if you have any concerns. There are occasional inconveniences but construction is moving along and we can see new progress each day. Thank you again for your flexibility and patience.

We all look forward to opening school in the fall with a completely renovated facility.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 1 | PTA Meeting
1:15pm Library |
| | Sports Dress Up Day |
| May 4 | Picture Make-up Day |
| May 8 | Rocket Into Reading |
| May 11 | Kindergarten
Registration Begins |
| May 13 | Wildcat Wed. 8am
Volunteer Tea 1pm |
| May 15 | - Kinder (11am) and
Gr. 1 (12:10pm)
Parents to Lunch
- College Day
- Foundation Meeting
1:30pm |
| May 19-21 | Book Fair |
| May 19 | 7:30am Muffins w/Mom |
| May 21 | Open House 6-7pm
Chalk Art Day |
| May 25 | Memorial Day
No School |
| May 27 | Spotlight Assembly
K-2, 8:15am
Kinder to Perform |
| May 28 | Gr. 3 Reading
Olympics 8:30am MPR
Kindergarten
Orientation 6:30pm |

Buy One Get One Free Book Fair in Library Theme: "Lights! Camera! Book Fair!"

Hours of Book Fair

Tues. 5/19 7:30am - 3:00pm
"Muffins with Mom" before school on playground

Wed. 5/20 7:45am - 1:30pm

Thur. 5/21 7:45am - 3:00pm
Book Fair also open during Open House
5:30pm - 7:30pm



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Kindergarten Registration Starts May 11th

Kindergarten registration begins on May 11th in the school office. Your child must be 5 years of age on or before December 2, 2009 to enroll. Please bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and two proofs of residence.

A Parent Orientation meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28th, for the parents of incoming kindergartners for the fall of 2009. The meeting will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 22. Our kindergarten teachers will discuss preparation for the first day of school and explain the kindergarten curriculum for Poway Unified Schools. This meeting is for parents only and no childcare will be provided. If you have friends or neighbors with incoming kindergartners for the fall please invite them to attend.

Preschool Registration

There will be on going registration for the Parent Participation Preschool, until classes are full. For more information call Mrs. Kemper at 486-9170 or Vivian at the district office, 748-0010, X2722.

Counselor's Message Victoria Cull, MA MS

To honor all mothers this month of May, here are some quotes that help describe this most precious of all roles in life.

Quotes in Honor of Mother's Day

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always discover forgiveness. *Honore de Balzac*

Men are what their mothers make them.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

A mother understands what a child does not say.
Yiddish proverb

You give up yourself, and finally you don't even mind. I wouldn't have missed it for anything. It humbled my ego and stretched my soul. It gave me whatever crumbs of wisdom I possess today.
Erica Jong

It will be gone before you know it. The fingerprints on the wall appear higher and higher. Then suddenly they disappear. *Dorothy Evslin*

PEPP Class (Poway's Extended Primary Program)

Many children entering Kindergarten at a younger age benefit from being given additional time to develop the self-confidence and readiness skills necessary for academic success. PUSD is offering this class at Pomerado next school year. PEPP is a developmental program designed primarily for our younger kindergarten students born between June 1 and December 2, and students with individual needs who would benefit from two years in a kindergarten class. Visit www.powayusd.com/depts/LSS/pepp/ for further information.

Class Placements for Fall 2009

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches parents and teachers begin to think of the coming school year and classroom assignments. When placing children in classrooms the teachers and principal meet together to decide what we believe will be the best placement for all students.

Many different criteria are considered when we make class placements, including:

- Balanced distribution of girls and boys in each classroom.
- Balanced distribution of students of varying academic abilities, providing for heterogeneously organized classrooms.
- Cluster of identified gifted students grades 3-5.
- Balanced distribution of behavioral concerns.
- Balanced distribution of remedial students.
- Balanced distribution of students with special needs.
- Separation of students who do not work well together.

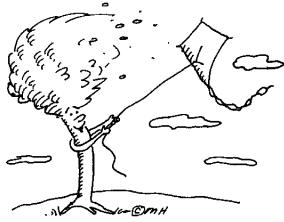
Due to current budget uncertainty at this time we are not sure of the number of students and number of classes at each grade level. There is also a possibility of new multiage classes and new staff and/or teachers changing grade level assignments next year.

Due to the number of variables it is not possible to guarantee parent requests for student placement. If you have information in regard to your child's unique needs (flexible vs. structured environment, multi-age class, etc.) it must be submitted in writing to Mrs. Danzer, Principal, no later than May 15, 2009. Please do not name specific teachers, as teacher requests are not honored. Thank you for your understanding and support.

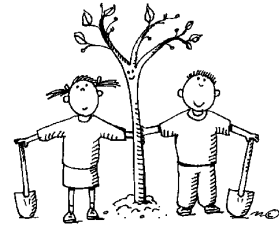
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Trait of the Month: CARING

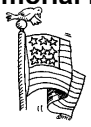
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Character Trait of the Month: Caring

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Please use the Black Recycle Bins on campus to dispose of your bottles and cans.					1 PTA Meeting 1:15pm Library Sports Dress Up Day	2
3	4 Picture Make-up Day	5	6	7	8 Rocket Into Reading 2:15pm Student Council Election Forms Available	9
10	11 Kindergarten Registration for 2009-10 Begins. Forms available in school office.	12	13 Wildcat Wednesday 8am Playground Volunteer Tea 1pm MPR	14	15 Kindergarten (11am) and 1st Grade (12:10pm) Parents to Lunch College Day Foundation Meeting 1:30pm	16
17	18	19 Book Fair 7:30am Muffins with Mom	20 Book Fair	21 Book Fair Chalk Art Day Open House 6-7pm	22 Election Forms Due	23
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