

# CALL OF THE WILDCAT

*Pomerado*  
Elementary School



A California Distinguished School  
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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, Lisa Danzer

It is an exciting new school year at our remodeled and renovated campus! Welcome back to our returning students, and we all welcome our newcomers to the Pomerado family.

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.

It is very important for parents to make every effort to attend Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 3. Teachers will share valuable information regarding the curriculum, school events, classroom policies and procedures, volunteer opportunities, our college message, and details about homework. This evening is informational for parents only.

I strongly encourage all parents to take the time to visit our school website at [www.powayusd.com](http://www.powayusd.com) and select Pomerado Elementary. It contains valuable resources and important information regarding our school policies and procedures. There is also a calendar of events for the entire school year so you can plan ahead to reserve important dates. Please remember to refer to our school website 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 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Mother's Day performance  
Top 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Donation – Front Row seats at 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade performance  
Top 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Reading Olympics Ceremony  
Top 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Gold Rush performance  
Top 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Donation – Front Row seats at Fifth Grade Promotion

TOP OVERALL DONATION – Your own personal Reserved parking space!

DONATIONS DUE BY **OCTOBER 2, 2009** TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES

## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Aug 31</b>  | PTA Fundraiser Kickoff   |
| <b>Sept 3</b>  | Back To School Night<br>6-6:45pm 1,3,5<br>7-7:45pm PEPP,K,2,4  |
| <b>Sept 4</b>  | PTA Assoc. Mtg. 1pm<br>Resource Ctr (Old Library)  |
| <b>Sept 7</b>  | Labor Day<br><b>No School</b>  |
| <b>Sept 8</b>  | Running Club Begins  |
| <b>Sept 10</b> | Full Day K begins<br><br>Outreach Back to School<br>Night (in Spanish)<br>6:00-7:00pm All Grades   |
| <b>Sept 14</b> | PTA Fundraiser Orders &<br>Money Due   |
| <b>Sept 15</b> | Picture Day  |
| <b>Sept 16</b> | Picture Day continues  |
| <b>Sept 17</b> | Title 1/ELL Meeting<br>8:15am, MPR   |
| <b>Sept 18</b> | Grade 5 Parents<br>To Lunch 12:45pm<br><br>Foundation Mtg. 1:30pm<br>Resource Ctr (Old Library)<br><br>Student Council<br>& Kindergarten<br>T-Shirt Orders Due |
| <b>Sept 21</b> | TB Clinic in MPR, 8-9am<br>(skin test)   |
| <b>Sept 23</b> | TB Clinic in MPR, 8-9am<br>(test reading)  |
| <b>Sept 24</b> | Picture Make Up Day  |
| <b>Sept 30</b> | Spotlight Assembly<br>K-2, 8:15am<br>Grade 1 performs  |

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### A Message from Our PTA President, Lisa Othmer

On behalf of the Pomerado PTA Board, I welcome you to the 2009-10 school year! This is going to be an exciting year in our newly remodeled school.

Please join PTA today if you have not already done so. PTA benefits everyone. Strong schools mean strong communities. PTA membership is open to anyone concerned with education, health, and welfare of children. Your membership shows your support for the many activities that PTA is able to provide to the students and families at our school. Membership envelopes are available in the office.

Please read the letter inserted into this newsletter for information on how PTA supported the students at Pomerado last school year. Other programs supported and organized by PTA that will be returning this school year include the Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Night, and our end of the year Carnival. These programs could not happen without your support. This year we are using Sally Foster for our Fall Fundraiser. PTA also accepts donations (which are tax deductible).

Pomerado PTA wants to keep you informed of school activities and volunteering opportunities. If you are not already receiving emails from PTA regarding school events, please send your email address to [pomeradonews@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pomeradonews@sbcglobal.net) and we will add you to our email list. The school cannot provide PTA with parent contact information - you need to give it directly to us.

To find out more about PTA, join us at our monthly meetings 1pm the first Friday of every month in the old Library (new Resource Center). Also, PTA has a bulletin board area in the new school office. Stop by the bulletin board for current PTA news and information throughout the year. Thanks, and have a great school year!

### GOT PICTURES?

Pomerado's yearbook is just waiting to be filled with FUN summer vacation or staycation pictures of our students! Just place the images on CD and deliver them to our CD photo box located in the main office. It is never too early to order your yearbook. All order forms are located in the main office. Contact Tara Appling (858) 437-7874

### Walk to School Day

We invited you to walk with your child to school on Wednesday, October 7. If you live too far to walk, consider driving part of the way and walking the rest of the way.



### 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, learn classroom routines, understand expectations, 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, in the school office.

### 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. Students, 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.*

### Book Exchange

It's time to clean off your bookshelves! If you have any books that your children have outgrown or just don't read anymore, please donate them to our PTA Book Exchange. We will be collecting books appropriate for grades K-5. Please place the items in the collection bin in the new library from October 1-15. The Book Exchange will take place on October 23.



### Breakfast & Lunch



Breakfast is available in the cafeteria from 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 or go on-line to [www.powayusd.com](http://www.powayusd.com) under Student Services/Lunch Menus.

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.



### Get creative with the PTA sponsored Reflections Program

The 2009-2010 Theme is: "Beauty Is..." 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.

**Visiting, Volunteering, & Student Safety**

As part of our remodel, we have new perimeter fencing and gates around the school. In order to increase student safety throughout the school day, all gates will be closed and locked from 8:20AM to 2:15PM on M, T, Th, F. On Wednesday, our minimum day, the gates will be locked from 8:20AM to 12:35PM. The main campus entrance through the new office will remain open all day long. If you enter the campus for any reason during the instructional day, you are required to sign in at the front desk through our new computerized system and wear a visitor's badge.

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.

**Did You Know that ALL Pomerado Classrooms Have Doc-u-cams?**

This is all thanks to Pomerado's Foundation. The Pomerado Foundation assists in the development of educational programs that promise contributions to the education of Pomerado students, specifically in technology. The Foundation has raised funds for supplies, new computers, software, and doc-u-cams. If you are interested in helping or joining the Foundation, please leave a message in the office for our Foundation President, Mary Lugo. The first fundraiser is the "Dime-A-Day" Campaign. The Foundation is asking everyone to pledge a dime a day for the number of school days to raise money for new technology and necessary classroom supplies for our kids! There are priceless incentives for the top donations. Look for your flyer coming home soon!

**Parking Lot Procedures**



For the safety of all students, please read and follow these important parking lot procedures both before and after school.

The upper parking lot is available for parent parking as well as curbside drop off and pick up of students. Once you join the curbside line circling the upper lot, please pull your vehicle forward as far as possible before stopping at the curb. Do not double park or allow students to cut across traffic at any time. When escorting your students on foot, please use the designated cross walk in the upper lot or cross at the bottom of the driveway with the safety patrol. Please do not cross with students through the traffic or jay walk at any time.

Never leave your vehicle unattended in any loading and unloading zone. If you need to enter the school, please park in a designated spot in the upper lot. Remember to allow extra time because of the inevitable traffic. Rainy days are the most congested so plan ahead so your child knows where to meet you.

The lower parking lot, in front of the main office, is closed to parents until the school buses depart. Full day parking in the lower lot is for staff members only. Short term designated visitor parking is available in the front of the office if you need to pick up a child or quickly drop off an item during the school day.

Our Student Safety Patrol officers do their very best to monitor and control traffic for student safety but they are children. Please help them and be patient. Thank you for keeping all of our students safe.

**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. 14**

**Meet Our New Counselor, Jackie Cardinale, M.A., M.S.**

I would like to introduce myself. My name is

Jackie Cardinale. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you, your children and the staff at Pomerado for the 2009-2010 school year.

My background is extensive and varied in the areas of counseling, facilitating groups, teaching parenting classes and class lessons. I have a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology, and Master's Degree in Counseling

Education with a PPS Credential and an MFT License. I am a member of the District Crisis Team.

Your children are the hope and future of our nation. Education is the key to their success. Together we will support them to be the best they can be. I will honor and care about your children in my interactions with them.

My days at Pomerado are Mondays, Thursdays and every other Wednesday. Please let me know how I can support you. You can reach me at [jcardinale@powayusd.com](mailto:jcardinale@powayusd.com) or by leaving a message on my phone or in the office.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you to provide a positive and encouraging year for you and your child.

# September 2009

**FUN FACTS:** Birthstone: Sapphire Flower: Aster  
 California became the 31st state on September 9, 1850.  
 Pilgrims sailed from England on the Mayflower on Sept. 16, 1620.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Character Trait of the Month: Trustworthiness</b> "Make it a Great Day, or Not... the Choice is Yours!"						
	<b>Aug. 31</b> <b>PTA</b> <b>Fundraiser</b> <b>Kickoff</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Back to</b> <b>School Night</b> 6-6:45pm 1,3,5 7-7:45pm PEPP,K,2,4	<b>4</b> <b>PTA Assoc.</b> <b>Mtg. 1pm</b> Resource Center (old library)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>  Start Collecting <b>Box Tops</b> for Fifth Grade!	<b>7</b> <b>Labor Day</b> NO SCHOOL	<b>8</b> <b>Running Club</b> Begins 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Full Day K</b> Begins  Outreach Back to School Night (in Spanish) 6:00-7:00pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>PTA</b> <b>Fundraiser</b> Orders and Money Due	<b>15</b> <b>Picture Day</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Picture Day</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Title 1/ELL</b> <b>Meeting</b> 8:15am in MPR	<b>18</b> <b>Grade 5</b> <b>Parents to</b> <b>Lunch 12:45pm</b>  <b>Foundation</b> <b>Mtg. 1:30pm</b>  <b>Student</b> <b>Council &amp; K</b> T-Shirt Orders due today	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>TB Clinic</b> 8-9:00am in MPR (skin test)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>TB Clinic</b> 8-9:00am in MPR (test reading)	<b>24</b> <b>Picture Make</b> <b>Up Day</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Spotlight K-2</b> 8:15am Gr. 1 Performs	<b>October Events:</b> October 1-15, Drop off books for Book Exchange October 2, PTA Meeting 1pm Resource Center October 7, Walk to School Day & Wildcat Wednesday October 23, Book Exchange & Grade 4 Parents to Lunch October 30, Halloween Dress Up & Parade 10:30am		

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