

CALL OF THE WILDCAT

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Principal Message, Lisa Danzer

The entire staff joins me in extending well wishes to you and your family for the holidays and the New Year. During this special season we take time to remember and share goodwill, joy, and happiness. We hope that each ritual of the holidays will be filled with a deep appreciation for just how special those family moments are and know that they will last our children a lifetime.

During this sometimes hectic time of year here are some reminders of ways to be a great parent to our children.

1. Be a good role model. Your child learns from the example you set.
2. Show respect for your child's feelings, thoughts, and suggestions.
3. Make your child feel loved with your words of praise, and your hugs and kisses.
4. Keep your word. If you must break it, apologize and make it up to your child.
5. Encourage your child's creativity. Ask questions to stimulate curiosity and imagination.
6. Build your child's self-esteem by showing appreciation for all genuine effort.
7. Stay involved. Know what's going on in your child's life, both at school and with friends.
8. Discipline your child fairly, firmly, and with love. Focus on the behavior, not the child.
9. Establish family traditions and make time to do fun things together.
10. Think positively. By expecting the best, you empower yourself and your child to solve problems and achieve goals.

I look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Monday, January 7, 2008, to begin a Happy New Year of learning!

Three Ways Your Family Can Help Those In Need This Holiday Season



PTA Caring Coins Program

In the school office there is a box labeled "Caring Coins". By donating your coins or dollars, families in our community will receive the necessities they need. A PTA member will be in front of the school each Friday morning until Winter Break collecting coins for this program. Please pull over and donate your spare change for this cause. Together we can make a difference this holiday season.



PTA Caring Community "Adopt-A-Family" Program

The "Adopt a Family" program started 6 years ago when it was identified that there are families in our community that need help during the holidays. Help includes food, gift cards, clothing, and toys. Our goal is to support PUSD families! Donations of unwrapped gifts will be collected in a box in front of the school office. Families may also donate by sending a check made payable to "Pomerado PTA" in a sealed envelope labeled "Caring Community" to the office. These donations are 100% tax deductible. If you have any questions please contact PomeradoNews@sbcglobal.net.



Student Council Canned Food Drive

Bring in your donation of canned or non-perishable food items to the Library by December 14th. Food will be donated to a local charity for distribution during the Holiday Season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Dec 5 | 8am Wildcat Wed
Assembly on
Playground |
| Dec 6 | Rocket into Reading
2:15pm |
| Dec 7 | PTA Meeting
1:15pm Library |
| Dec 13 | Foundation Meeting
6:30pm Library |
| Dec 14 | 2nd Grade Parents to
Lunch 11:45am

Canned Food Drive
Ends |
| Dec 18 | Site Council 2:45pm
Room 10 |
| Dec 19 | Spotlight Assembly
8:15am MPR
Grade K to Perform |
| Dec 21 | Pajama Dress Up Day |
| Dec 24-Jan 4
No Classes-Winter Break | |
| Jan 7 | Classes Resume |
| Jan 9 | 8am Wildcat Wed
Assembly on
Playground

Talent Show Forms
Distributed |

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PTA NEWS

PTA PROGRAM UPDATES

PTA President Message, Rosie Bell

November was a very busy month for Pomerado families. It was so wonderful to see so many of you at the Foundation's Family Picnic and Auction. This event raised over \$6,000 for technology needs at our school! Thanks go out to the Pomerado Foundation for putting on this great event, and to all the families who purchased items at the auction. PTA's Fall Book Fair was also a great success. There were so many Dads at our Donuts with Dad activity! It was a fun morning for the kids and fathers. I also want to thank you for your support of our Book Fair and the In-N-Out Burger fundraiser this last month. Lastly, thanks to the teachers for organizing a fun and educational Math Night. I am continually honored and proud to be a part of the caring and giving community of families here at Pomerado!

As we look to 2008, Pomerado PTA has some great events planned: Father/Daughter Dance, Mother/Son Event, Brock Edwards Magic Show, Spring Book Fair and Carnival! We are in need of a few enthusiastic people to make these events happen. If you are interested in helping out, please contact me at the school 748-1320 or you can email me at PomeradoNews@sbcglobal.net.



PTA Receives Thank You Notes for the Student Book Exchange

Mrs. Wechsler's Third Grade class wrote wonderful thank you notes to PTA for the student book exchange. Following are excerpts from the thank you notes. Keep up the good reading!

"Thank you for finding me the book I've always wanted. I love Magic Tree House. It is the best series I've read yet."

"Thank you for letting us have two books. I will enjoy reading them. There are a lot of neat books."

"Thank you for letting us keep two books from the book exchange. Those bookmarks were so, so cool. There are tons of books that I would want all of those books."

"I have been waiting for 'The Trumpet of the Swan' because I read it in second grade. E.B. White has funny and fun books! So I thank you SO much for the wonderful books. You are the best EVER!"

Q: What is a Spotlight Assembly?

A: Spotlight is our monthly assembly for Kindergarten, First and Second Grade classes. Each month we feature a different grade level performance. All students will receive Spotlight recognition with a special certificate once during the school year for their unique talents and abilities. Families will be invited by letter to attend when your child is recognized and you are invited to stay after the ceremony for punch and cookies. The next Spotlight Assembly is December 19th at 8:15am in the MPR, and our Kindergarteners will be performing.

PTA Reflections Program Update

Our student entries have been submitted and returned from its first review process. We are busy preparing our selected group of entries for its next review. As this program unfolds, selected entries may qualify to be submitted to additional levels of review (i.e., "state" and "national"). We will continue to keep you posted on the progress of this program. In the interim, we want to thank everyone who participated in this year's "Reflections" Program (theme: *I can make a difference by*). Your contribution is essential to the success of this program. In honor of our participating students, our PTA will be hosting a "Recognition Ceremony" to celebrate their creative contribution on **Friday, February 8, 2008**. This invitation is extended to our participating students and their families. During this event, all student-entries will be displayed for viewing. Formal invitations will be distributed in January 2008. In the meantime, please hold this date!

Also, we wish to say "Thank You" to Rosario Pizza for sponsoring our Room 13 pizza party!

Fall Book Fair A Great Success

Thank you to all the volunteers that made this event such a success! Our children were able to buy wonderful books at a great price, and the PTA was able to donate revenue from the book fair to our school library!

Bring Plastic Bags to School for Recycling

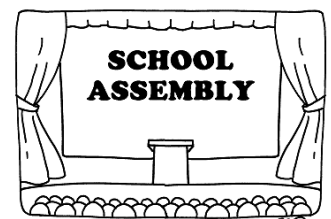
Time to clean out the pantry! The Walmart Kids Recycling Challenge has returned. It helps raise money for our school as well as helping our environment. Bring all the plastic bags to the green cardboard bin outside the office.

**Cartridges for Kids**

Bring in your used printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops, Palm Pilots, iPods, video games (in original package), DVDs (in original package), and game systems with accessories to the plastic bin outside the office. Cartridges for Kids donates money to the school for recycling these items.

Yearbook Order Forms Available

Yearbook order forms are available in the school office. The price is \$20 for PTA members and \$22 for non-members (personalization is \$4.50). Turn in orders to the office with cash or a check payable to Pomerado PTA. If you have any photos you have taken this school year at a school event, please email them to appstronaut@cox.net, and we may include the photo in the yearbook!



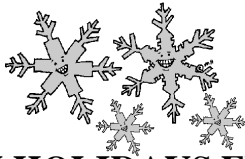
Referrals for GATE Testing due January 7th for Test on February 2nd

PUSD is accepting referrals for students in grades 2-5 for Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) evaluation. There are three GATE tests given throughout the school year, and the second one is on February 2nd. If you believe that your child may require GATE services, please go to the school office for more information and to complete a parent questionnaire. More information can be found at the PUSD website:

www.powayusd.com/teaching/learning/gate

Clip Box Tops for the Fifth Grade

You can choose to make a difference for our school in nearly every aisle of your grocery store. Clip **Box Tops** from hundreds of your favorite brands and send them to school. Our Fifth Grade Boosters will be using the funds raised to make this an extra special last year of elementary school for the Fifth Graders! Bring the Box Tops to the office or bring 10 box tops to the 5th Grade Student Store on Friday after school for a special treat.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM PTA

Counselor's Message, Victoria Cull, MA MS Building Family Traditions

This time of year we are all gearing up for the holiday season!

In today's busy world, the need for family traditions is greater than ever. It doesn't matter if you are an intact family, a blended family or a single parent family; your children will find a sense of belonging and stability in observing family rituals and traditions.



Benefits of family traditions:

- help the child create his/her own life stories
- provide structure and security
- can provide an important ethnic or spiritual identity
- provide a venue where children may be less inclined to pursue unhealthy activities

Some ideas:

- baking day: cookies, gingerbread houses, special treats of any kind!
- reading a special story that reflect your family's values
- family game night

Be creative! You can create memories that your children and you will cherish.

CHARACTER CAT CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Noah Sims in Mrs. Panagakis' 5th Grade Class for winning the PTA Character Cat Drawing Contest! Noah's Cat is now our Caring Coin's Program Mascot, and will also be featured in the school newsletter for the remainder of this school year.



Congratulations also to Jill Dolan, Jared Eddy, Kristin Hartsfield, and Kira Othmer for being the four finalists in the competition. Thank you to all the students that entered the contest, and to the Student Council for helping to judge this contest.

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p align="center">Character Trait of the Month: RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p align="center">Student Council Canned Food Drive Continues Until December 14th Bring Your Donations to the Library</p>						1
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16	17 Star Lab MPR	18 Site Council 2:45pm Rm. 10	19 Spotlight Assembly 8:15am MPR Grade K Performs	20	21 Pajama Dress Up Day Door Viewing	22
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No Classes – Winter Break						
30	31	Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5
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