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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 7th. 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 20th to the 22nd. Muffins with Mom will be held at 7:30AM on Wednesday, May 21st. Come and shop at the Book Fair and enjoy a muffin with your child before school.

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Thursday, May 22nd is our annual Chalk Art Festival, Open House, and Art Docent Display. Open House is a very special time for your child to share their class work, school successes, 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! Don't forget to complete our annual survey 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.

Brock Edwards' Family Night Magic Extravaganza Returns to Pomerado May 16th 7pm MPR

The Brock Edwards' Magic Show was a great success last year. He is returning this year with a COMPLETELY NEW SHOW! Watch with jaw dropping anticipation as Mrs. Danzer DISAPPEARS! Tickets are \$8 per person if purchased by May 14th (tickets will cost \$10 if purchased at the door). Order forms will be coming home in your child's backpack, or can be picked up in the office.



Buy One Get One Free Book Fair in Library Theme: "Take a Reading Road Trip"

Hours of Book Fair

Tues. 5/20 7:45am - 3:00pm

Wed. 5/21 7:30am - 1:30pm

"Muffins with Mom" before school on playground

Thur. 5/22 7:45am - 3:00pm

Book Fair also open during Open House
5:30pm - 7:30pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1** Spring GATE Test
- May 2** PTA Meeting
1:15pm Library
- May 5** Kindergarten
Registration Begins
- May 7** Wildcat Wed. 8am
- May 8** - Gr. 1 Mother's Tea
- Grade 2 Dance
Performance
6:30pm MPR
- May 9** -Gr. 1 Parents to Lunch
12:10pm
- May 13** - Site Council Meeting
2:45pm Room 10
- Foundation Meeting
6:00pm Teacher's
Lounge
- May 16** -Backward
Dress Up Day
-Family Magic Show
7pm MPR
- May 19** Family Focus Night
- May 20-22** Book Fair
- May 21** 7:30am Muffins w/Mom
- May 22** Open House 6-7pm
Chalk Art Day
- May 26** Memorial Day
No School
- May 28** Spotlight Assembly
K-2, 8:15am
Kinder to Perform
Volunteer Tea 1pm
- May 29** Gr. 3 Reading
Olympics 8:30am MPR
- May 30** Carnival 4-7pm

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PTA NEWS

PTA President's Message, Rosie Bell

May is another busy month for Pomerado families. Brock Edwards' visited our school at the end of April and shared with the kids "the magic of literacy." He is returning on May 16th for a fun packed family night magic show. You don't want to miss this amazing performance! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school from May 20-22, with Muffins with Mom on May 21. The Book Fair will stay open late on May 22 for Open House, where you can also enjoy Chalk Art on the sidewalk in front of the school, and art from lessons taught by PTA Art Docents on display in the MPR. Finally, PTA will help the teachers host this year's school Carnival on Friday May 30. I look forward to seeing you there!

This past month, PTA elected the executive board for next year. Your PTA officers are:

President: Rosie Bell
 Ex VP Membership: Patti Hime
 1st VP Programs: Ningrit Flud
 2nd VP Ways and Means: Michele Brindle
 Secretary: Angel Ryan
 Treasurer: Lisa Othmer
 Auditor: Tracee Ellis
 Historian: Lori Romero

PTA and Foundation are both looking for some wonderful volunteers to help with our various programs next year. Opportunities include everything from chairing the yearbook committee to making copies of PTA flyers or even serving refreshments at PTA functions. Your child's school needs you to make a difference next year, especially because of the proposed budget cuts. Please contact me through the school office for more information.

Upcoming June Events

June 11th
Fifth Grade Promotion 8:30am

June 12th
Last Day of School
(Minimum Day)

Volunteer Tea is May 28th 1pm

Calling all volunteers! If you have helped in the classroom, chaperoned a field trip, served on PTA or Foundation, shelved books in the library, prepped projects for the teacher, mentored a child or served as a volunteer in any capacity this year we would like to honor and thank you. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Tea at 1:00pm on Wednesday, May 28th in the MPR. The teachers and staff of Pomerado would like to acknowledge all you do. Refreshments will be served and free childcare will be provided by ESS for school age children.

CARNIVAL NEWS

The Carnival is Coming May 30th 4-7pm It's a "Star Spangled Celebration"

Wear your red, white and blue and be ready for fun! There will be games, food and entertainment. Pre-sale tickets will be available 5 for \$1.00. **Order forms must be turned in by Friday May 25th to the office.** Otherwise, tickets will be available 4 for \$1.00 during carnival at the ticket sale booth on the playground. Tickets will be needed for school sponsored game and food booths.

The City of Poway Parks and Recreation will be at the carnival again this year. Their activities will all be **free** (no tickets required!) -- crafts, inflatable obstacle course, and other fun games. A new addition is our "Rockets Red Glare Launch Off" -- make a rocket and watch it launch!

Carnival Poster Contest

Students can create posters that we will place around the school. Winners will be announced on Friday, May 16th. One winner from each grade level will receive 10 free carnival tickets. Rules are:

- Poster needs to be no larger than 20x30" in size
- Student's name grade and room# on the back
- Hand created
- Include date and time of event on poster (May 30th from 4-7pm)
- Posters must be turned into office no later than Friday, May 9th.

Help Make Our CARNIVAL GREAT!

- ♦ Carnival requires help from all families at Pomerado to be successful. We need volunteers to help oversee cakewalk, help with carnival set up and take down (lots of adults with power tools needed), help with ice pick up, help with ticket sales and more. If you can help contact your teacher directly or Carnival Leaders Karen Akagi and Jamie Garcia through the office or pomeradonews@sbcglobal.net. Your responsible middle school child or high school child is welcome to help out also!
- ♦ We need baked goods for the cakewalk – cakes, pies, cookies, cupcakes, donuts, brownies – you bake it or buy it and we'll have people walking for it! Please bring your donations to the MPR on Friday, May 30th anytime after 2pm.
- ♦ Mrs. Nakagawa's Room needs new or gently used STUFFED ANIMALS for their booth. Bring them to Room 7.
- ♦ Contact you child's teacher and see if they need help with their classroom booth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindergarten Registration Starts May 5th

Kindergarten registration for the 2008-2009 school year will begin on May 5th at Pomerado. All required paperwork must be completed and submitted before a child is eligible for admittance. If you have any questions, please come to the school office.

Class Placements for Fall 2008

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:

- ◆ Class size—Classes should be comparatively equal in size with maximums of 20 students in 1-3, and about 34 students in 4-5.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Requests for multi-age classrooms.
- ◆ Balanced distribution of behavioral problems.
- ◆ Balanced distribution of remedial students.
- ◆ Balanced distribution of students with special needs.
- ◆ Separation of students who do not work well together.

At this time we are not certain of the number of students and number of classes at each grade level. There is a possibility of new multiage classes and new staff and/or teachers changing 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 14, 2008. Please do not name specific teachers, as teacher requests are not honored. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Fifth Grade Booster Fundraiser Electronic Recycling Event May 2nd 7am-7pm at Upper Lot

This is a recycling event for most electronic products (anything that is operated with a plug or battery). We will also take home and car batteries, aluminum, and copper. Items we CANNOT accept are hazardous paints and chemicals, as well as fluorescent bulbs. This event will take place in the upper parking lot at school, on Friday May 2nd from 7am to 7pm.



PARENT'S CORNER

CHARACTER COUNTS!

Trait of the Month: CARING

Counselor's Message, Victoria Cull, MA MS

How Full Is Your Bucket?

This month, Caryn Harris, the Student Support Services Assistant, and I have been doing presentations for students and staff on the book How Full is Your Bucket by Tom Rath and Donald Clifton.

The simple premise of this book is:

1. Everyone has an invisible bucket. We are at our best when our buckets are overflowing and at our worst when they are empty.
2. Everyone also has an invisible dipper. In each interaction, we can use our dipper to fill or to dip from each other's buckets.
3. Whenever we choose to fill others' buckets, we in turn fill our own.

Faculty, staff, and students have been busy filling out "drops" to go in each others' "buckets". Writing down compliments and encouragements has helped us all to remember the strengths we share at Pomerado Elementary School.



Our character trait of the month is "caring"...so, try the "bucket" idea at home! Be generous with your love and affection towards your family. Show your child how much you care by giving them notes of encouragement and love. You will be doing something wonderful for yourself and for those who depend upon you.

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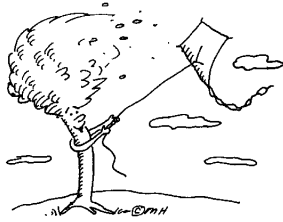
Pomerado Elementary Supports Poway Family Focus Night – May 19th

Enjoy a night just for your family! Time to set aside your other activities and build your family relationships. Because family is the most precious thing that we have, no homework will be given out on this special night.

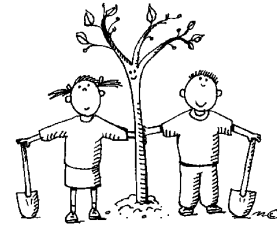
For more information visit www.powayfamilyfocusnight.com.

Kids Kount Program on May 1st at Canyon View Elementary

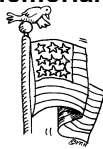
Canyon View Elementary PTA will be hosting an evening program by "Kids Kount" on May 1st from 6:30 – 8:00pm in their MPR. Pomerado parents of fifth graders are welcome to attend and learn how to help your child as they transition to middle school. This is a parent only presentation.



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Character Trait of the Month: Caring

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Spring GATE Test	2 PTA Meeting 1:15pm Library	3
4	5 Kindergarten Registration Begins for 2008-2009	6	7 Wildcat Wednesday 8am Playground	8 Grade 1 Mother's Tea 1:45pm MPR Grade 2 Dance Performance 6:30pm MPR	9 1st Grade Parents to Lunch 12:10pm Student Council Election Forms Available	10
11	12	13 Site Council Meeting 2:45pm Room 10 Foundation Meeting 6:00pm Teacher's Lounge	14	15	16 Backward Dress Up Day Brock Edwards' Family Night Magic Show 7pm MPR	17
18	19 Grade 1 to Zoo Family Focus Night	20 Book Fair	21 Book Fair 7:30am Muffins with Mom	22 Book Fair Chalk Art Day Open House 6-7pm	23 Grade 2 to Birch Aquarium	24
25	26 No School Memorial Day 	27	28 Spotlight Assembly K-2, 8:15am Kindergarten to Perform Volunteer Tea 1pm MPR	29 - Grade 3 Reading Olympics 8:30am MPR - K Orientation 6pm Rm 21/22 - Grade 5 to Riley's Farm	30 Carnival 4-7pm	31

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