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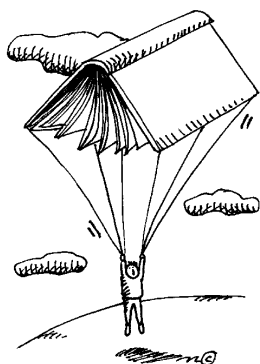


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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, LISA DANZER

November is a great month for readers at Pomerado. The PTA Scholastic Book Fair is coming November 13th-16th where students and parents may purchase books. Proceeds from this event benefit our school library and are used to purchase new books for our collection. Don't miss our Donuts with Dad event, Family Math Night, and In-N-Out Burger Dinner all the same week!

Many parents ask how they can help make reading interesting for their children. Research has shown that successful progress in reading is usually a joint venture involving students and parents. The following ideas will help your children develop a greater interest in reading.



- Set an example. If you are a reader, rather than a TV watcher, your child will likely be one, too.
- Make reading fun. Introduce books that compliment your child's interests.
- Take your child to the public library. Make it as exciting as possible. If the library is to be of lasting value, you must use it too.
- Make books special. For example, give them as birthday gifts.
- Find a place in your home for your child to keep books.
- Take the time to discuss stories with your child and talk about the books you are reading.
- Praise your children for their efforts.
- Subscribe to a children's magazine. Your child will look forward to having his own magazine and receiving it in the mail.

If you follow these simple ideas, you will notice that your children will enjoy the reading experience more and will be on the road towards forming a life long love of reading.

Also worth noting is that a national study has found that most parents stop reading to and with their children when their children can read independently. As a result, children of this age group spend more time watching TV than they do reading. At the age when reading for pleasure would allow them to boost their skills, many children's interest in reading declines. It is important for parents of older children to remember that the need for reading aloud does not stop when children can read for themselves.

With the recent wildfires behind us it reminds us all what truly matters, the love and caring of family and friends. I hope you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration and wherever you may travel don't forget to take along a good book to read!

STUDENT EMERGENCY RELEASE PLAN

In the event of an emergency, the students will be kept safely on the playground until a parent or authorized adult comes to take them home. The gates to the campus will be locked, so all parents will be asked to wait by the flag pole until the attendance is taken and the hallways are safe to pass through. Please park along Pomerado Rd. and walk up to the front of the school. The Student Release Team will be at the lunch tables for you to sign out your child. Safety Patrol Members will work as runners to help retrieve students from the playground.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1&2	Regular School Days No Parent Teacher Conferences
Nov 3	Community Learning Center 8am-12pm
Nov 5-9	Red Ribbon and Character Counts Week
Nov 6	Site Council Meeting 2:45pm Rm. 10
Nov 7	Wildcat Wednesday 8am Playground Foundation Family Picnic and Auction
Nov 8	ELL Meeting 8:15pm MPR Rocket into Reading 2:15pm Foundation Meeting 6:30pm in Library
Nov 9	PTA Meeting 1:15pm in MPR Progress Reports Sent Home
Nov 12	No Classes Veteran's Day
Nov 13-16	BOOK FAIR
Nov 13	Make-up Picture Day
Nov 13	Donuts with Dad 7:30am on Playground
Nov 14	Family Math Night 5:30-6:30pm In-N-Out Burger Fundraiser 6-7:30pm on campus
Nov 16	Grade 3 Parents to Lunch 11:50am
Nov 19-23	No Classes Thanksgiving Break
Nov 26	Canned Food Drive Begins
Nov 28	Junior Achievement Day

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This Newsletter is Prepared by:
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PTA NEWS

PTA President Message, Rosie Bell

The firestorm of 2007 is over for nearly all families. Most of us here at Pomerado were very fortunate not to lose a home and property, but there are many others in our community who were not so blessed. One way that you can help is to participate in our Caring Coins campaign. Please look for me Friday mornings as you drop off your kids, you can also drop off your loose change. Pomerado PTA will purchase much needed gift cards for Pomerado families and firestorm victims with this money and help them get through the holiday season.

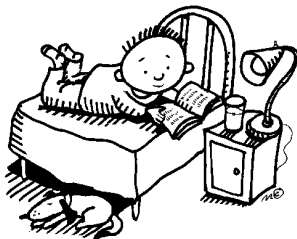
I hope you and your family will also participate in the rescheduled Foundation Family Picnic and Auction on Nov. 7th. The money raised at this event will purchase technology improvements for our school. Character Counts/Red Ribbon week is also rescheduled for November 5-9. On behalf of all the students of Pomerado, thank you for donating books for our book exchange. It is wonderful to be able to put free books in the hands of all our children.

This month, PTA is sponsoring the Scholastic Book Fair from November 13th to 16th. Donuts with Dad is on November 13th, before school. On Wednesday November 14th, PTA has teamed with your teachers to present a great family night out with Family Math, In-N-Out Burger and Book Fair! The In-N-Out Foundation is sending their lunch truck to Pomerado and for just \$5 you receive a hamburger/cheeseburger, chips and a soda. You don't want to miss this fun night!

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and time to spend with family and friends.

**Q: What is the PUSD Fire Victims' Relief Fund?**

A: The Poway Unified School District has established a PUSD Fire Victims' Relief Fund and is working in collaboration with the Palomar Council PTA to assist all staff, students, and families affected by the recent wildfires. This relief fund was created for the purpose of accepting general and specific monetary donations. Please make checks payable to: **PUSD Fire Victims' Relief Fund**. Donors may designate that funds be directed to assist staff, students, and families at a particular site. Please mail checks to: Poway Unified School District, Attn: Mary Jo Stollfuss, Accounting Dept., 13626 Twin Peaks Road, Poway, CA 92064-3034. If you have any questions or desire further information, please contact Cindy Hicks, Poway Unified School District Coordinator – Relief Efforts, at 858-229-7344 or e-mail at chicks@powayusd.com.

**Scholastic Book Fair Theme:
"Chill Out With A Good Book"****Book Fair Hours and Events**

Tues. 11/13 7:30am - 3:00pm
Donuts with Dad before school on playground
 Wed. 11/14 7:45am - 1:30pm & 6-7:30pm
Family Math Night is 5:30pm - 6:30pm
In-N-Out Burger Fundraiser on Campus 6-7:30pm
 Thurs. 11/15 7:45am - 3:00pm
 Fri. 11/16 7:45am - 3:00pm

**Bring a used Ink Cartridge to the Book Fair and
 you will be entered in a raffle for Book Fair Gift Cards!**

"Reflections" Program Update

The PTA Reflections Program entries have been sent to the judges. All participants will be honored at a reception on February 8th.

Cartridges for Kids News

Turn your cartridges in at the book fair you could win a gift certificate to spend at the book fair! Acceptable items for recycle: ink/laser jet cartridges, cell phones, laptops, PDAs, ipods, digital cameras, video games (in original case), working DVDs (in original case), and video game systems with accessories.

Ask your office or employer if you can recycle used cartridges through our school. If the answer is yes, collect and turn those items into the school and help raise money for Pomerado! A big thank you to those who have already been recycling at school!

**Thank You to McDonald's for supporting
 Character Counts/Red Ribbon Week, and to
 Henry's Marketplace for supporting
 Walk to School Day!**

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



Don't Miss Family Math Night and In-N-Out Burger Fundraiser Nov. 14th.

Bring the whole family for a fun night at Pomerado. The teacher's will be hosting "Family Math Night" from 5:30-6:30pm in the MPR. In-N-Out Burger will also be on campus from 6-7:30pm raising money for our PTA. Pre-sale ticket information for the In-N-Out Burger Fundraiser will be coming home soon. The Book Fair will be open that night too!

COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE

Victoria Cull, MA MS 858-748-1320 x 2210 Discipline- Setting Boundaries- Saying No

Parents sometimes think by telling their child "no" they will wound their self-esteem or make them unhappy.

On the contrary, failing to set limits actually *erodes* a child's self esteem and makes him/her feel insecure. While you are ignoring your child's inappropriate behavior, or responding to it in a less than serious way, your child is thinking, "Help! Doesn't someone care enough to save me from myself?" Children need boundaries to feel secure.

Self-esteem is built in children when children are given opportunities to show they are capable. Confidence builds when children accomplish things on their own. Conquering that high dive, scoring that goal, or earning that high mark in school all build true self-esteem. In short, you cannot GIVE your child self-esteem.

Children respond best when the skill of mutual respect is taught and modeled. "I will respect you, and I expect you to respect me," is a healthy motto. But never forget you are the parent. None of us want to get on an airplane and have the pilot wander down the aisle mid-flight and ask, "Does anybody know how to fly this thing?" So children, too, need to know someone competent is in charge.

If you have developed some negative interactions with your child, it will take time to get things on course. Don't give up! Set reasonable limits and stick to your guns.



CHARACTER COUNTS! TRAIT OF THE MONTH: RESPECT

WAYS TO SHOW RESPECT

- Be polite.
- Respect yourself by taking care of yourself.
- Respect public property and your own personal belongings. Respect the privacy of your family members.
- Respect people for who they are, regardless of their age, ethnic group or religious beliefs.
- Respect animals.
- Use respectful language, such as "please" and "thank you." Show respect for authority, including teachers, the principal, and your parents.
- Respect rules in your community, at school, and at home.
- Respect others by paying attention when they are talking.

Make it a game to "catch" each other being respectful, and acknowledge these choices.

CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of Character are service marks of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition, a project of the Josephson Institute of Ethics. www.charactercounts.org

FIFTH GRADE BOOSTERS

Boosters Gift Card Purchasing Program

5th Grade Boosters' Scrip gift cards are returning for a limited time! This very popular fundraiser allows you to purchase gift cards for major retailers and restaurants (Blockbuster, Outback etc.) to use for yourself or gift giving -- just in time for the holidays! A portion of your gift card order comes back to our school to benefit the 5th Grade Boosters. Order forms are available in the office and on the school website. Watch for the deadline announcements in "Stuff You Should Know."

Box Tops Update

Keep cutting and collecting those Box Tops! Get friends and relatives to collect and share with you also! Box Tops may be dropped in the collection box in the office. A bundle of 10 unexpired Box Tops may also be turned in on Fridays near the Fifth grade store for a small treat.

Fifth Grade Student Store Now Open

After School on Fridays
Near Room 9




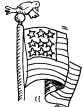
Ice Cream
Popsicles
Candy





NOVEMBER 2007



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Character Trait of the Month: RESPECT				1 Regular School Day Parent Teacher Conferences Cancelled	2 Regular School Day Parent Teacher Conferences Cancelled	3 Saturday Community Learning Center 8am-12pm GATE Test Cancelled
4 Bring your spare change to the "Caring Coins" box in the office. All money goes to families in need in our community!	5 Character Counts/Red Ribbon Week Wear Red to School	6 Site Council 2:45pm Rm. 10 Pomerado Pride Day Wear Any Pomerado T-shirt	7 Wildcat Wednesday 8:00am on playground Foundation Family Picnic and Auction 4:30-7pm "Hugs Not Drugs." Bring a Stuffed Animal to School	8 ELL Mtg. 8:15am MPR Rocket into Reading 2:15pm MPR Foundation Mtg. 6:30pm Library Turn your back on bad decisions... wear your clothes backwards.	9 PTA Mtg. 1:15pm Library Progress Reports Sent Home Wear a cap or hat to school and use your brain to make good decisions.	10
11  Keep Collecting Box Tops for Fifth Grade!	12 No School Veteran's Day 	13 BOOK FAIR Donuts With Dad 7:30am Picture Day Make-ups	14 BOOK FAIR - Family Math Night 5:30-6:30pm - In-N-Out Burger Fundraiser on campus 6-7:30pm	15 BOOK FAIR	16 BOOK FAIR Grade 3 Parents to Lunch 11:50am	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Thanksgiving Break – No School						
25	26 Canned Food Drive Begins	27	28 Junior Achievement Day	29	30	Pomerado's Student Council is hosting a canned food drive from Nov. 26th to Dec. 14th to benefit families in need at the holidays. You may send donations to your child's classroom.

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