

# CALL OF THE WILDCAT

*Pomerado*  
Elementary School



A California Distinguished School  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT. ON PAGE 3)

**Fifth Grade Booster fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese in Mira Mesa on Wednesday, Sept. 5th.** Look for more info soon, as well as stickers for free tokens that will be handed out that day!

**Wildcat Running Club starts Sept. 11th.** Grades 1-5 can participate in Running Club during morning recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please remember to wear comfortable clothes and shoes! We need volunteers to make running club a success. Please contact Rosie Bell at 748-9524.

**PTA members will receive a discount this year on the yearbook.** Cost will be \$20 for 2007-2008 PTA members and \$22 for non-members. Would you like to help with the fun of yearbook? Taking pictures is one way, and there are so many other ways you can help. Please call Tara Appling at 748-2172.

**Wildcat t-shirt orders will be due September 13th.** This is the only opportunity this school year to order your Wildcat gear.

**Family Portrait Night is October 11th.** This is an opportunity for you to have professional family photographs taken in our school's Multi-Purpose Room. Flyers with reservation information will be coming home soon.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, LISA DANZER

The Pomerado teachers and staff welcome you to a new school year. Our goal is to provide the best possible educational environment for our students.

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. There is a spirit of cooperation and goodwill at our school and we want to share it with you. We are all here to help.

It is very important for parents to make every effort to attend Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 6. Teachers will share valuable information regarding the curriculum, school events, classroom policies and procedures, volunteer opportunities, and homework. This evening is informational for parents only.

I strongly encourage all parents to take the time to carefully read the 2007-2008 Pomerado Handbook that you received with your registration materials. It contains important information regarding our school policies and procedures. Please share the highlights and rules with your student. There is also a handy calendar of events for the entire school year located near the front so you can plan ahead to reserve important dates.

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.

I look forward to working together as partners in learning.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <b>Sept 3</b>  | Labor Day<br><b>No School</b>   |
| <b>Sept 6</b>  | Back To School Night<br>6-6:45pm 1,3,5<br>7-7:45pm K,2,4  |
| <b>Sept 7</b>  | PTA Assoc. Mtg.<br>1:15pm in Library  |
| <b>Sept 11</b> | Running Club Begins   |
| <b>Sept 13</b> | Outreach Back to<br>School Night<br>(in Spanish)<br>6:30pm All Grades<br><br>Student Council<br>T-Shirt Orders Due<br><br>Foundation Meeting<br>6:30pm in Library |
| <b>Sept 19</b> | Spotlight Assembly<br>K-2, 8:15am<br>Grade 1 Performs   |
| <b>Sept 21</b> | Grade 5 Parents<br>to Lunch 12:45pm   |
| <b>Sept 24</b> | Picture Day<br><b>K-5 &amp; M/W Preschool</b>   |
| <b>Sept 25</b> | Picture Day<br><b>T/Th Preschool</b>  |
| <b>Sept 28</b> | Professional<br>Growth Day<br><b>No School</b>  |

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**PTA NEWS**

**PTA President Message, Rosie Bell**

On behalf of Pomerado PTA Board, I welcome you to the 2007-08 school year! I hope you and your child enjoy the fun activities that PTA has planned this year.



Please join PTA today if you have not already done so. Each and every membership really does make a difference, so dads, grandparents and friends are welcome to join too! Your membership dollars show your support for the many free activities that PTA is able to provide to the students at our school. This year, we are also offering a discounted price on the yearbook for PTA Members! Membership envelopes are available in the office.

Thank you in advance for your support of our gift wrap fundraiser. We also welcome donations of money and time. With the money raised last year, PTA was able to donate money to the school for library books and field trips, purchase copy paper for every classroom and a new table for the playground area in addition to all our other programs.

I look forward to working with all of you this year. If you ever have a question or suggestion, please feel free to attend PTA meetings held in the Library at 1:15 pm the 1st Friday of every month. I can also be reached by leaving a message at the school. Thanks, and have a great school year!

**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.

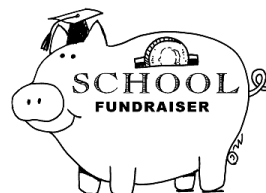
Parents and teachers are not our only members. Grandparents, community leaders, neighbors and friends can also join.



*Your membership is important to our PTA Unit, and shows the importance you place on parent involvement in our public education system.*

**PTA Gift Wrap 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. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Get creative with the PTA sponsored Reflections Program.**

The 2007-2008 Theme is: "I can make a difference by..."

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.

**National Walk to School Day  
Is October 3rd**



**Remember To Wash Your Hands Today...  
To Keep The Germs Away!**



Please encourage your child to wash their hands throughout the day. This includes every time they use the restroom, and before they eat.

**Visit the School Website for News Updates: [www.powayusd.com/pusdpoes](http://www.powayusd.com/pusdpoes)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Cafeteria News** Breakfast is available in the cafeteria 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. 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.

**Volunteering On Campus** 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. Anytime you visit the campus during the school day you must first report to the office to sign in and wear a visitor's badge.

**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 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.

**Greetings from Pomerado Library** I hope that everyone read a lot over the summer. I did! I have some great new stories to read to my library friends. I am looking forward to having classes visit the library beginning this month. We have a new computer catalog so we will spend some time learning how to be independent library users. We will explore the sections of the library and I will help the students find just the right book for them. If you have any questions please drop in or call the library. I welcome any volunteers if you have some free time. Let's have a great year and...keep on reading! Chris Ezzard, Library Media Technician

## PARENT'S CORNER

### CHARACTER COUNTS!

The Poway Unified School District and PTA continues to forge ahead with CHARACTER COUNTS! Character education advocates the widely shared core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Students gain a better understanding of these traits by studying and discussing them, observing positive behavioral models, and resolving problems by developing appropriate social skills. As students grow in character, they develop an increasingly refined understanding of the "Six Pillars" in order to achieve academic excellence and become responsible citizens.



*"Watch your thoughts; they become words. Watch your words; they become your actions. Watch your actions; they become habits. Watch your habits; they become character. Watch your character; it becomes your destiny."*

Frank Outlaw

### COUNSELOR'S MESSAGE

**Victoria Cull, MA MS**

858-748-1320 x 2210

*Welcome back!* I am very happy to be back on campus and am ready to welcome your students.

As last year, I will be here Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in the counseling office next to the computer lab. My phone extension is 2210.



I will be helping children with: setting academic goals and reinforcing positive social skills through individual, small group, and whole class instruction. I am available to conference with parents and would love to help you help your child. I am looking forward to another great year!



### CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH:

# Trustworthiness

# SEPTEMBER 2007

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!"						1
2	3 <b>No School</b> Labor Day	4	5	6 <b>Back to School Night</b> 1,3,5 6-6:45 K,2,4 7-7:45	7 <b>PTA Assoc. Mtg.</b> 1:15pm Library  5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Begins	8
9  Start Collecting <b>Box Tops</b> for Fifth Grade!	10 PTA Fundraiser Orders and Money Due	11 <b>Running Club</b> Begins  	12	13 <b>Outreach Back to School Night</b> (in Spanish) 6:30pm All Grades <b>Foundation Mtg</b> 6:30pm Library <b>T-shirt Orders Due</b>	14	15 Collect your used Printer Cartridges and old Cell Phones for Cartridges For Kids!
16	17	18	19 <b>Spotlight K-2</b> 8:15am Gr. 1 Performs	20	21 <b>Grade 5 Parents to Lunch</b> 12:45pm	22
23	24 <b>Picture Day</b> K-5 & M/W Preschool	25 <b>Picture Day</b> T/Th Preschool  Site Council 2:45pm Rm 10	26	27	28 <b>No School</b> Professional Growth Day	29
30	<b>October Events:</b> October 3, Walk to School Day October 6, Saturday School Starts October 8, Picture Make Up Day October 19, Grade 4 Parents to Lunch October 25, Foundation Family Picnic and Auction					

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