

Del Cerro Newsletter

Del Cerro PTA - Fourth District PTA - CCPTS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Back-to-school night is coming this week. It is a great time to become familiar with your child's classroom, his/her teacher, and the exciting activities planned for the year. You will have the opportunity to look at all of the textbooks that will be used during the year, any special activities or fieldtrips that are planned, and general classroom procedures. This is a great time to ask about homework, testing schedule, and areas of emphasis to include subjects like art, music, P.E. and Social Studies. You can also discover the best ways to keep communication open between the home and the school. Parent

Conferences are scheduled for November 14 – 18 so this is not a good time to expect teachers to talk with you about your child's specific issues. It is a great time to schedule an appointment with the teacher for another moment when they can give you their full attention and not be distracted by the evenings demands.

This is also a special night for your PTA. They will be reviewing their accomplishments for last year and their goals for the 2011 – 12 school year. They will be introducing this year's officers and committee chairpersons and welcoming you to another exciting year. They will also be inviting all of our parents to join the PTA. We are all "Better

Together" our theme for this year. Please consider joining the PTA both with your time and resources. This is the one place where every penny donated goes directly to the students with no "middle" costs. Schools are always more successful when we have parents and teachers working together to offer quality educational experiences to our students. You make the difference in the education of your children. Their success is based on your support, guidance, and involvement.

Help us make this the best year ever for your children at Del Cerro! See you at Back-to-School Night...

Larry Callison, Principal

Upcoming Events:

- > Oct 5: Back to School Night
- > Oct 6: Art Masters Lecture - Toulouse-Lautrec
- > Oct 7: Fall Fundraiser Kick Off
- > Oct 13: Vision & Hearing Screening
- > Oct 19: Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser
- > Oct 20: PTA General Meeting
- > Oct 21: ACE Awards Grades 1-3
- > Oct 22: Walk Against Drugs
- > Oct 24-28: Red Ribbon Week
- > Oct 27: Makeup Picture Day
- > Oct 28: Lunch with the Principal

PTA President's Message

Greetings Del Cerro Families!

We are barely a month into the school year, and already so much has happened! On September 1st, before school even started, an army of helpers appeared at the school to copy flyers, and stuff those 1st Day Packets that every student received. There was such a showing of support that over 600 packets were stuffed with carefully collated information within just a few short hours. On September 13th, a PTA board-catered-smorgasbord-potluck was organized for our Teachers and Staff by Lesley Jackson with the help of many of our Board Members, much to the delight of our Teachers and Staff. September 15th was our 1st General meeting of this year, and we approved our budget and renewed our commitment to continue to support Library, Science, Art and Advocacy. The very next day, Abby Leboff and Amy Cortez organized a wonderful evening of great food and community at our Back to School Picnic. The Reflections team, under the leadership of Christy Henry, hosted some art workshops to help inspire our

young artists to be part of the annual Reflections contest. September 28th was the day of our 1st Wacky Wednesday, and the student body lined up across the playground to buy their ice cream and frozen fruit bars for \$1 each. Friday, September 30th will be our first Lunch with the Principal, hosted this year by Maria Alarcon. This is a special treat for students selected by their teachers to have some special time with our Principal. The flow of membership and orders forms has slowed to a trickle, and the processing of all that information is in the works.

October will bring us the beginning of our Art Masters Program, organized by Caysi Bull. This month the artist will be Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec. Students will first learn about his life and style, and then will be tutored on creating a piece of the own art in his style. October will also bring us our fall gift wrap fundraiser, organized by our VP of Way's and Means, Virginie Bevacqua. Look for your "Kids are First" envelopes to come home with your student. October also brings us Red Ribbon week – a time to focus attention on living a healthy, drug-free life. Shannon Craycraft, our Chairman of Health and Safety has

planned some thoughtful and creative activities to help get this message to our kids. During Red Ribbon week, we will also be sponsoring a Food Drive in conjunction with some local scout troops.

Please take a moment and stop by to say "Hello" to our new Librarian, Linda Bergstrom, and while you are there, you can sign up to give her a hand in our wonderful library. No experience necessary!

Our next General PTA meeting will be October 20th, at 7pm, in room 19. Signs will be posted to assist in locating that room. Please join us. To echo the theme our Council has as adopted this year, "We Are Better Together".

We look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night. We will be in the MPR at the beginning of the evening. Please take a moment to stop by. Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,
 Cindy Back
 Del Cerro PTA President
 2011-2012

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Fall Fundraiser starts October 7th!

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Affordable Pricing for
Everyone!

Turn in your coupons to earn
Kid Power Bracelets!

The **KICK Off** is Friday, October
7th and run for two (2) weeks.

There are great prizes!!!

Classrooms with higher class
participations will get more
playground balls.

There will be daily prizes for
those students who turn in their
coupons and students with the
highest items sold will be invited
to a special

Game Truck video party!!!

**There's something for
Everyone in the catalog:**

- Gifts for Mom, Dad, Kids and Pets
- Items for the Kitchen & Home
- Magazines and Gift Wrap

AWARDS you can earn!

KIDS ARE FIRST

"BUDDY"

Turn in your coupons to earn
Kid POWER Bracelets
and be entered in Buddy's GRAB BAG DRAWING

Get Buddy!
Classes with the most coupons
turned in each day will win
a KID POWER playground ball
and a visit from Buddy

SMILE
SHARE
RESPECT
CARE

There's also **Online Ordering Available.**

Just go to: www.kidsarefirst.com where
parents can register their child/children
for a **seller's code.**

Holiday Boutique Vendors Needed

Our annual Del Cerro Elementary Holiday Boutique is around the corner taking place from November 29th to December 2nd. We have a few spots still available for more vendors. Here are the requirements:

- All items must be priced under \$7 (except Friday evening when we will open to the public).
- Set up is between 3-5pm on November 28th and clean up is December 2nd between 8-9pm.
- Each vendor is required to work 2 – 3 hour shifts during the boutique.

- The table cost is \$30 and 10% of total sales will be donated to the school. No sales tax will be taken.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor please e-mail Stephanie Blohm at: jgirlsathome@yahoo.com.

Please include descriptions of what you would like to sell as well as pictures. We have a limited space so please contact us ASAP as they will go quickly.

We look forward to our happy shoppers this year!

Abby LeBoff
Holiday Boutique Chair



Wacky Wednesdays

Introducing Wacky Wednesdays!

On **select Wednesdays** throughout the year, Del Cerro PTA will be selling delicious ice cream after school for \$1.

Be Sure to listen and look for announcements!



Choose From:
Vanilla Sandwich
Neapolitan Sandwich
Strawberry Sundae Crunch Bar
Chocolate Sundae Crunch Bar
Watermelon Fruit Bar
Strawberry Fruit Bar
Lime Fruit Bar

Questions? Please contact
Lesley @ 949-394-3853

Reflections Reminders - "Diversity is..."



All artwork must be turned in on **Thursday, October 13 and Friday, October 14 in the MPR between 8am-8:30am.**

Please be sure that your artwork follows the rules as stated in the Rules Packet. If you need a copy of the rules, please contact Christy Henry at: christyhenry@hotmail.com

And don't forget to properly attach the completed entry form to your art.

The entry form must include a title for your work and artist's statement.

We had very successful Work Shops and look forward to seeing all the completed entries!

Del Cerro Spirit Night at Chuck E Cheese!

Wednesday, **October 19, 2011**

4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

26538-H Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills

Corner of La Paz & Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills.

Be sure to mention Del Cerro! 15% of your food, drink and token purchase goes to Del Cerro's students! Flyers will be sent out via classrooms as well as on the website as soon as they come from CEC corporate office.

Bring your friends and family!

Questions? Please contact Lesley @ 949-394-3853



Del Cerro Spirit Night at Fuddruckers



Delicious Burgers & Great Kids Meals!

It's another fun Del Cerro Spirit Night!

Join us on Wednesday, **Nov 16th, 2011**
anytime between 1-9 pm

23621 El Toro Road
Lake Forest
949-830-7210

Don't forget to bring in the Fuddruckers flyer so we can get credit!



Fresh & Easy Fundraiser

Del Cerro is participating in the Fresh & Easy Fundraising Programs.

Please see this website for additional details:

<http://www.freshandeasy.com/ShopForSchools.aspx?src=home>

Please note that flyers regarding the program were sent home.

From **Sept 15-Dec 31, 2011**, Del Cerro will get \$1 for every \$20 spent. All families have to do is bring in their receipt and drop it in the box in the front office.



We also have a shop night scheduled **Monday, November 14 from 4pm-8pm**. Anyone who shops then will help us earn money for Del Cerro.

Don't forget that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. This is a great opportunity to get some of your food shopping done and help our school at the same time.



Food Drive

Del Cerro PTA and scouting students will be hosting a food drive to help South County Outreach. Barrels will be delivered Friday, **October 21** and picked up Friday, **October 28**. We are asking everyone to help for the holidays.

The scouting community have a yearly food drive called Scouting For Food and we are doing it the same week. Our Del Cerro Scouts are earning community service while helping their school organize and collect.

Questions? Please contact Lesley @ 949-394-3853



FOOD DRIVE



DONATE FOOD TO FAMILIES IN NEED

South County Outreach depends on the generosity of the community to serve families in need. 100% of food donations will benefit families in South Orange County.



Most Needed Non-Perishable Food & Items:

Rice • Peanut Butter • Jelly • Soup • Chili • Canned Beans • Hot & Cold Cereal
Pasta • Juice • Tomato Sauce • Pasta Sauce • Canned Tomatoes • Top Ramen
Ravioli • Canned Fruit • Tuna • Crackers • Canned Vegetables • Hygiene Products



Founded in 1989, South County Outreach is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping low-income individuals, families and seniors in crisis in South Orange County. South County Outreach's food pantry distributes emergency non-perishable and fresh food to an average of 50 families each day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*"Preventing Hunger and Homelessness...
...Helping People Help Themselves"*

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Red Ribbon Week: October 24-28th

Del Cerro is celebrating Red Ribbon Week from **October 24-28th**.

The 23rd annual Mission Viejo Drug Walk will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. The day will begin at 8am with a rally at Mission Viejo High School. Participants are encouraged to arrive by 7:30am to register and grab their free t-shirt and a seat. Come and join the fun! Please see the Mission Viejo City website for additional details.

<http://cityofmissionviejo.org/DepartmentPage.aspx?id=3560>

Please look for a flyer to be sent home with the following theme days:

Monday: "Team Up Against Drugs!" Kids will wear team jerseys.

Tuesday: "Sock it to Drugs!" Crazy sock day.

Wednesday: "Turn your Back on Drugs!" Backwards Day.

Thursday: "Use Your Head, Don't do Drugs!" Crazy Hair Day

Friday: "We Pledge to be, Drug Free!" Kids wear anything RED.

Also there will be a classroom poster contest and the winning classes will have a popsicle party the following week.

Thanks for participating!



PTA General Meeting***Thursday, October 20th, 2011***

Please join us for our PTA General Meeting at 7:00pm in Room 19.

Please join us and get involved. We'd love to have you!

We're on the web!
www.delcerro.org

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Extended Calendar of Events - November 2011

3	Art Masters Lecture	Cezanne
11	Veteran's Day	No School
14-18	Parent Conferences	Minimum Day Schedule All Week
16	Fuddruckers Fundraiser	
17	PTA General Meeting	7pm
21-23	Furlough Days	No School
24-25	Thanksgiving Holiday	No School
29	Art Masters Lecture	Monet

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