

# Del Cerro Newsletter

Del Cerro PTA - Fourth District PTA - CCPTS

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year... this is the time when we make New Year's resolutions to improve ourselves and help those we love. Our children are at the center of our world... and this plaque hangs in my office to remind me that "Children Learn What They Live."

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.  
If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.  
If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilty.  
If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.  
If a child lives with encouragement, he learns confidence.  
If a child lives with praise, he learns to appreciate.  
If a child lives with fairness, he learns justice.  
If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith.  
If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.  
If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, he learns to find love in the world.

May the New Year give you the opportunity to encourage, praise, and nurture your child. I am confident that 2012 will be a good year for our school, your family, and most importantly your children. We will do our best to offer fairness, security, approval, and acceptance to all of the students at Del Cerro.

Larry Callison  
Principal

### Upcoming Events:

- > Jan 3 – Return to School
- > Jan 4 - Jamba Juice
- > Jan 11 - Wacky Wednesday!
- > Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Day
- > Jan 18 - Flag Assembly & Jamba Juice
- > Jan 19 - Art Masters Lecture – Homer & PTA General Meeting
- > Jan 25 - Wacky Wednesday!

## PTA President's Message

Happy New Year!!!

As I write this, I am recalling the warm hugs of family and friends that I just never get enough of, and hoping that all of you spent your two week vacation in the company of people that you loved. Now that the New Year has dawned, it's time to refocus on the rest of the school year, and all the wonderful things that we have in line for our awesome kids. We have an upcoming Jog-a-thon, Ability Awareness Day, a Talent Show a Spring BookFair, and that's only what we've planned so far!

This month, our kids will learn about the Art Master, Homer. If you ever get an opportunity to stop by and listen to one of the lectures, or

attend the workshop when our kids learn how to create the artwork, I would highly recommend it! You would be quite impressed.

By this time, all fundraising items, jewelry and spirit wear that has been ordered has been delivered. If you believe you are missing an item, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail, or by leaving a message in the front office, and we will get things sorted out ASAP. You still have time to order your yearbook for \$25, but don't wait too long! Once that February 10<sup>th</sup> date passes, there will be no further ordering opportunities. We do not order extra's, so please don't count on getting one at the end of the year if you have

not placed an order. Yearbooks are typically distributed the last week of school.

Our first PTA meeting this year will take place on **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, at 7pm. Miguel Nunez, from the transportation consulting firm that recently did the survey's and studies of the traffic in our area, will be joining us to tell about their findings. I hope to see you there. Everyone is always welcome.

Welcome back to school, and look out 2012 – Here we come!!!

Deepest Regards,  
Cindy Back  
PTA President 2011-2012

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## Congratulations ACE Awards Recipients

Each class awards the top student in the following three areas:

- Academic Excellence
- Citizenship
- Effort

Primary Grade classes celebrate every other month and Upper Grades classes celebrate at the end of each trimester.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!

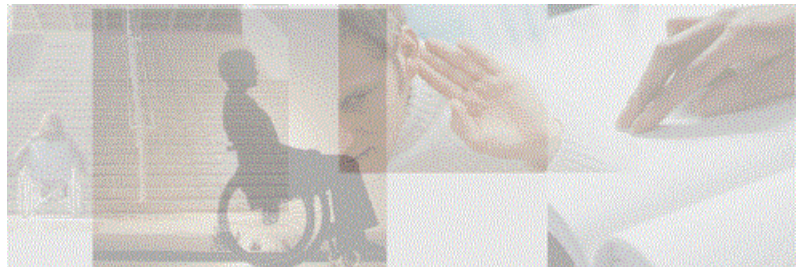


<i>PRIMARY</i>	
<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
<b>Leifer</b>	A: Alexandra V., Timothy Y. C: Paige V., Shane H. E: Hunter R.
<b>Haffey/Wrobel</b>	A: Hayden G., Taylor H. C: Isaiha P., Abby B.. E: Karla G.
<b>Roberson</b>	A: Sophia J., Jessica B. C: Ben C. E: Asael L. S.
<b>Johnson</b>	A: Katie H., Liam U. C: Emily B. E: Emily C., Carine W.
<b>Teramoto</b>	A: Ella G., Maelynn V. C: Heidi F., Breanna B. E: Ethan M.
<b>Anderson</b>	A: Juliana L, JT C. C: Vicky M. E: Bobby L.
<b>Bennett</b>	A: Jasmine M. C: Jesse A. E: Christian M.
<b>Wright</b>	A: Paul S., Danielle O. C: Grace P. E: Keira D.
<b>Pott</b>	A: Journey W. C: Julio G. S. E: Melanie C.

## Ability Awareness Day - March 9, 2012 - New Chair!

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Sophie Wherritt will Chair the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ability Awareness Day (AAD), sponsored by our PTA, to be held on our school campus Friday, March 9, 2012.

AAD is a event designed to illustrate for our students some of the challenges of many of their classmates. Workshops are created to teach students that some of the simple day to day activities that many of us may take for granted, are not easy for everyone. Last year this event was met with rave reviews, and the students went home with a new appreciation for abilities, and challenges. It is an event that teaches both students and adults.



To really get the most out of this event we need helpers. The more volunteers we have, the more activities we can share. No Experience Required!!! If you can help, please contact us via our web-site, or leave a message in the front office and we'll get back to you.

Thanks in advance for your support.

## E-Cycle Drive—Saturday, January 28th



On January 28<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 10am and 3pm the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class is hosting an e-cycle drive in an effort to raise funds to help with costs associated with Science Camp, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation activities. If you have "anything that plugs in", that you need to discard, please toss them into your car, and bring them by the Del Cerro parking lot for 'earth friendly' recycling. The company that is assisting with this event will pay a nominal 'per pound' fee for computers, laptops, old cell phones and many other items. Please tell your neighbors, family and friends to check their garages, and closets for those bulky, useless, broken, outdated electronic items that are often so difficult to dispose of. We could all use the extra space in our garages!!

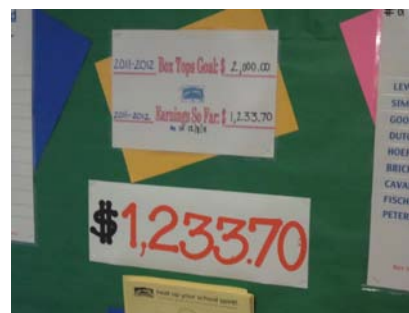
The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class thanks you for your support.

## Box Tops for Education

### BOX TOP CONTEST DETAILS!

BOX TOPS CAN BE FOUND ON MANY PRODUCTS THAT WE BUY AT THE STORE. SOME OF THESE BRANDS INCLUDE: GENERAL MILLS, ZIPLOC, KLEENEX, GO-GURT, JUICY JUICE, BETTY CROCKER, PILLSBURY, HEFTY, COTTONELLE, AVERY, AND MANY MORE! SIMPLY CUT THE BOX TOPS OUT, GLUE THEM ONTO A COLLECTION SHEET, AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL TO GIVE TO YOUR TEACHER. TRY TO WIN AN ICE-CREAM PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS! THE TOP 2 CLASSES IN BOTH LOWER & UPPER GRADES WILL WIN A PARTY. NOT TO MENTION, THE WINNING TEACHERS WILL BE RECEIVING A GIFT TOO! GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

**CONTEST ENDS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012.**



As of December 8th, we have raised \$1,233.70. Thank you for all of your efforts! Keep up the good work!



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## Jamba Juice Fundraiser



**Wednesdays, January 4th & January 18th, at 1:15pm**  
In front of Del Cerro School

**\$2.00 - 8 oz**  
**\$4.00 - 16 oz**  
**Cash Only**

3 Flavors:  
Strawberry, Raspberry, and Mango

Be on the lookout for additional fundraiser dates!

## Wacky Wednesday Ice Cream \$1.00

Flavors offered include:

- Vanilla Sandwich
- Neopolitan Sandwich
- Strawberry Sundae Crunch Bar
- Chocolate Sundae Crunch Bar
- ~~Watermelon Fruit Bar~~
- Strawberry Fruit Bar
- Lime Fruit Bar



**Wacky Wednesday Ice Cream is sold for \$1.00 each, after school, near Room 21.**

2011-2012 Wacky Wednesday Dates are:

- December 14
- January 11 & 25
- February 8 & 22
- March 7 & 21
- April 25
- May 9 & 23

Please note that all dates are weather pending. Please listen for announcements.

## Gluten Free Meals for Students



### Great news for students with gluten sensitivity!

SVUSD is pleased to announce that gluten free meals are now available. Choices include teriyaki chicken, macaroni & cheese, sweet & sour chicken, chicken alfredo, and spaghetti & meat sauce.

Parents interested in receiving a gluten free meal for their child should contact Riki Pollard in Food Services at [pollardr@svusd.org](mailto:pollardr@svusd.org).

### What is gluten?

A tenacious elastic protein substance especially of wheat flour that gives cohesiveness to dough. (Retrieved 12-4-2011, Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/gluten>)



## Submit photos for Yearbook - Deadline: January 31st



Parents! Would you like to submit your photos for consideration in the yearbook? Do you have photos from the first day of school, parties, awards, Open House, Family Fun Nights, etc.? Please submit them on a CD or email them to [delcerroyearbookmom@gmail.com](mailto:delcerroyearbookmom@gmail.com) by **January 31** for possible inclusion in the yearbook.

For more information, please contact Claudine Mansour or Mia Jenei, yearbook co-chairs at [delcerroyearbookmom@gmail.com](mailto:delcerroyearbookmom@gmail.com).

Thank you!

## Lunch with the Principal: December 2011

Congratulations to the recipients of the Lunch with the Principal program for December 2011!

These students, chosen by their teachers, have shown excellence of character in the 3 R'S: Respectful, Responsible, Reasonable, and Scholarly.

Keep up the good work!



<i>Teacher</i>	<i>December Recipient</i>
Anderson / Rios	Ryan K.
Bennett	Skylar S.
Cavanaugh	Jillian A.
Dutcher	Makayla K.
Fischbach	Andrew B.Y.
Goodman / George	Jade F.
Haffey	Kaitlin M.
Hoefer	Jackson P.
Johnson	Mikayla B.
Leifer	Ben R.
Lewis / Kelly	Meztlli G.
Pott	Julio G.S.
Roberson	Brynne A.
Simmons	Jacob G.
Teramoto	Ricky C.
Wright	Christian H.

### PTA General Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2011

Please join us for our PTA General Meeting at 7:00pm in the library or 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 - February 2012

1	Jamba Juice Fundraiser	
6	Rubio's Restaurant Fundraiser	
8	Wacky Wednesday Fundraiser	
15	Box Top Contest Ends Jamba Juice Fundraiser	
16	Art Master's Lecture - Van Gogh PTA General Meeting	
17-20	February Recess	No School
22	Flag Assembly Wacky Wednesday Fundraiser	
24	Jog-A-Thon	
29	Jamba Juice Fundraiser	

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