

# Del Cerro Dolphin Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

By, Dr. Larry Callison



"How To Raise Happy Kids" . . . Ideas to Ponder!

In his book, [The Six-Point Plan for Raising Happy, Healthy Children](#), John Rosewald makes some interesting observations. He refers to his observations as myths that actually delay the development of children. Here are four of the myths he refers to – and the explanation that might make raising your children easier and more rewarding. Food for thought? Thought provoking?? It's worth contemplating!!!

- **Myth #1:** Children should always come first. The more child-centered the family has become, the more self-centered children have become. Except for the first few years of life, children do not require constant attention – anymore than they require unlimited food. Too much attention is every bit as damaging, making it difficult for the child to outgrow his infantile self-centeredness.
- **Myth #2:** A family is a democracy. Parents often ask, "How can we get children to obey?" The answer is simple and direct: "If you expect your children to obey, they will." When parents plead, bargain, bribe, threaten, give second chances or "reason" with children, they are wishing for – not expecting – obedience. The fact is, a family is not a democracy. Eventually someone has to have the final say, and that someone better be an adult, or everyone is in trouble.
- **Myth #3:** Housework is for parents only. The ultimate purpose of raising children is to help them out of our lives and into successful lives of their own. Chores provide a sense of accomplishment, enlarging a child's feelings of worth. You should begin assigning chores when your child is three. At this age, kids are eager to please and want to get involved in whatever their parents are doing. By age 18, children should know how to wash and iron clothes, prepare basic meals, clean bathrooms, mow grass, etc. All this training not only helps prepare children for adulthood but also develops an appreciation for the effort parents put into maintaining a household.

Del Cerro Elementary

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## President's Message

By, Julie Fretwell

Well it's hard to believe that school is out in less than three short months! So much has been going on at school lately. We've had Parent/Teacher conferences along with the Spring Book Fair. Thanks go to Simone Booth (chairperson), Mindy Larson (co-chair) and all of the volunteers for another successful book fair. The Papa's and Pie's night was quite a hit and many families came by to have some pie and shop the book fair. The PTA held their annual Board election in March. A list of next year's board is available on the Del Cerro website. There are still several spots that need to be filled otherwise that event or function won't be able to happen if there aren't any volunteers to run them.

### Here are the openings that we need filled:

- Special Ed Liason
- Health & Safety (Chairperson and Co-Chair, including Red Ribbon Week)
- Newsletter (Collecting articles from various board members, Dr. Callison. Type, arrange and distribute, mostly via email)
- Recycling (Co-Chair)
- Spirit Wear (Design, get bids, make flyer for orders, collect orders and distribute items)
- Welcome Back BBQ (Chairperson and Co-Chair. Coordinate with entire PTA board, organize menu, distribute flyers, organize volunteers. Typically second Friday after school starts)

These are just short descriptions of each position. If you are interested in any of them, please let me know! I will get more information to you. Thank you!

Happy Spring!

Julie Fretwell  
PTA President

**Principal's Message Continued...**

- **Myth #4:** Frustration is bad for children. Believing the fairytale that frustration causes stress and poor self-esteem, parents work hard to "protect" their children from this terrible scourge. But the truth is, life involves many frustrations, and it's only through experience with frustration that we develop a tolerance for it. This enables us to turn adversity into challenge and persevere in the face of it. Perseverance, that all-important "if at first you don't succeed" attitude, is the primary quality in every success story.



**Del Cerro Elementary School Schedule**

**Full Day Schedule: Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri.**

Kindergarten AM	8:00-11:30
Kindergarten PM	11:00-2:30
Grades 1-3	8:30-2:45
Grades 4-6	8:25-2:45

**Minimum Day Schedule: Wednesday**

Kindergarten AM	8:00-10:42
Kindergarten PM	10:20-1:02
Grades 1-3	8:30-1:10
Grades 4-6	8:25-1:10



**Parking Lot Safety**

A reminder regarding Dropping Off and Picking Up your students at Del Cerro:

Do not use our neighbors' driveways to turn around.

Do not move our neighbors' trash cans so you can park.

Do not Double Park.

In the school parking lot, please wait in the right lane to drop off or pick up students. The left lane is used to exit the parking lot only.

Remember to slow down and use caution at all times. These precautions will make it safer for your children. Thank you for your help.

**Calendar of Events**



**April 2010**

- 1 LaPaz & Los Alisos 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation
- 2 Jog A Thon
- 5-9 Spring Recess
- 14 Water Program Assemblies
- 15 Art Masters
- 16 Primary Ace Awards 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:35, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:05, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11:10
- 19 PTA General Meeting @ 7:00pm MPR
- 20 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Flower Fields 8:40-2:00
- 21 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Growth & Development Films
- 23 Fun Friday
- 28 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert
- 29 Spring Picture Day 8:10 – 1:30
- 30 Lunch with the Principal
- 30 Star Testing Begins



**May 2010**

- 3 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Trabuco Field Study
- 4-6 Kindergarten Roundup
- 4 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to Trabuco Field Study
- 4 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Lifetouch Dressy Picture Day
- 6 Assembly – Imagination Machine
- 10-14 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 14 Del Cerro Carnival
- 17 PTA General Meeting @ 7:00pm MPR
- 18 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Fieldtrip to the Ocean Institute
- 21 Upper Grade Ace Awards
- 21 Fun Friday
- 25-28 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp
- 25 Los Alisos Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
- 31 No School – Memorial Day

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### Kindergarten Round-up

Del Cerro will be having Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year during the week of May 4th – May 6th.

At that time, parents with children who will be 5 years old on or before December 2, 2010, may come to the school office to complete registration forms.

The following is a schedule for registration week:

Tuesday, 5/4 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for last names beginning with A - H

Wednesday, 5/5 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for last names beginning with I - Q

Thursday, 5/6 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. for last names beginning with R - Z

**Please bring:**

- Original Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residence - two forms ( 1 gas or electric bill and an escrow paper or rental agreement which shows your name and address)
- "Yellow Immunization Record" showing dates and doctor office stamp for each immunization.



**PTA General Meeting**  
**Monday, April 19, 2010**  
**7:00 pm**

### STOP GRAFFITI

Saddleback Valley Unified School District needs your help in stopping graffiti. If you see or know of someone committing a crime in your school or workplace you are strongly urged to call **WeTip at 1-800-782-7463**. No one will ever know who you are.

**New cash reward amount of up to \$5,000.**



### Recycling Update

Thanks so much for supporting the plastic, glass and aluminum recycling at Del Cerro. We have made just over \$500 so far, so keep it up. Just a quick reminder, do not include plastic from around the house, like milk containers, mouthwash and shampoo, coffee creamer, and so on. Only beverage containers that list a CRV on the side should be included. Wine bottles are not accepted any longer either.

Please do your best to make the items as clean as possible, which makes it easier for me to get the items turned in as fast and simply as I can. Also, please remind your kids to not throw papers and trash into the black bins in their classrooms or in the MPR. If you see a classmate throwing pencil shavings and trash in one, remind them that only recycling items go into the bins and get turned in for cash that the school can use.

Bill Michelle

### Lunch with the Principal



Congratulations to the 3 R's students who had lunch with the Principal in March.

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Esteban Anguiano | Adam Shew         |
| Christina Ayala  | Luna Witchey      |
| Riley Wilkerson  | Riley Maguire     |
| Chela Young      | Spencer Greenwood |
| Bailey Lopez     | Macy Miller       |
| Jade Bolton      | Harry Li          |
| Draydon DeHart   | Rory Keane        |
| Bethany Widen    | Caitlyn Weage     |
| Natasha Back     | Ashcon Bastani    |
| Samantha Kruth   | Cristian Lohora   |
| Joshua Perez     | William Hagerman  |



### Ink Cartridge Recycling

Please bring your empty printer cartridges to school and we will recycle them for you. This is a great fundraiser through Staples for our school.



### Jog a Thon

Thank you to all of our volunteers and congratulations to all of the students that participated. **All money is due by, Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Here are the Winners by class and Laps completed

#### K - Peasland

Mikayla Barker – 20  
Kylie Bevacqua – 20  
Conor Naughton – 19

#### K - Puskas/Stephens

Zachary Smail – 28  
Samantha Barrera - 22

#### 1 - Leifer

Jared Larson – 22  
Lorenzo Macias - 22  
Jasmine Milano – 21

#### 1 - Rainey/Gryzanoski

Sean McTague – 27  
Leila Alarcon – 23

#### 1 - Haffey

Elijah Lopez – 25  
Juliana Lane – 21

#### 1 & 2 - Roberson

Cole Dietsch – 24  
Luna Witchey – 22  
Cesar Alvarado Nino – 22

Katherine Booth – 18  
Alana Mc Kibben – 18  
Madelynn Hernandez – 18

#### 2 - Teramoto

Melissa Morales – 23  
Anthony Alvarado – 22  
Brodin DeHart – 22

#### 2 - Cunningham

Juan Lopez – 23  
Meztlli Garcia – 20  
Irish Yco – 20

#### 2 - Johnson

Eric Simko – 27  
Erica Davis – 24

#### 3 - Wright

Bailey Lopez – 28  
Jackson Passey – 28  
Satouri Robins – 25

#### 3 - Anderson/Olson

Sammy Murphy – 28  
Ray Cespedes – 28  
Raquel Zoellner – 20

#### 3 - Bennett

Luke Henry - 25  
Daelin Clark - 21

#### 1, 2 & 3 - Pott

John Ortiz – 21  
Winter Whitlock – 17

#### 4 - Simmons

Nick Amirov – 26  
Jack Michelle – 26  
Sterling Witbeck – 26  
Jocelyn Mc Donough – 25

#### 4 - Edelstein

Nate Michel – 25  
Francesca Macias – 23

#### 4 - Lewis

Andy Alvarado – 27  
Abigail Dillard – 22

#### 4 & 5 - Marron

Rory Keane – 28  
David Sheets – 26  
Taylor Ward – 20  
Shelby Burke – 21  
Ivorie Vailu'u – 21

#### 5 - B. Hoefler

Sarah Felt – 26  
Andrew Damon – 25

#### 5 - Sanders

Alex Gonzalez – 26  
Marianna Maldonado – 26  
Max Mannos – 26  
Trajan Maxon – 26

#### 5 - Dutcher

Arthur Weimholt – 29  
Lesly Barrera – 22  
Camryn Creager – 22

#### 6 - Goodman/Graham

Jacob Zaldivar – 29  
Amanda Hubbard – 21

#### 6 - Teel

Austin Warner - 27  
Nora Ali – 22

#### 6 - Fischbach

Patrick Cespedes – 26  
Carol Tsai – 23

#### 4, 5 & 6 - P. Hoefler

John Montes de Oca – 28  
Lesley Montes de Oca - 27



**It's  
Carnival  
time!  
Friday,  
May 14<sup>th</sup>  
4-8 PM**

*Pre-sale tickets now available **until May 7th** -  
no exceptions!*

**Booth Tickets Presale: 5 for  
\$1.00**

**Booth Tickets Day of event 4 for  
\$1.00**

**Game Bus Ticket : 15 minutes for  
\$5.00**

### Limited 350 Game Bus Tickets ONLY

*Due to the limited amount of tickets and time slots, we kindly ask that DC students have first come first serve on presale only, siblings who do not attend DC will have the opportunity to buy tickets (if available) the day of the carnival. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.*

- You will be given a "Fast Pass" with a time slot.
- Please arrive 10 minutes early to check in and be seated.
- Due to the nature of this event there will be no refunds or make ups.

All Tickets & Passes will be held at the Will Call the day of the Event. You will be given a receipt prior to the day via your child.



Checks made payable to: Del Cerro  
PTA

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Game Bus Time Slot Choice

#### Game Booth Tickets

*(Please number 1-3 in order of preference)*

- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 4:00-4:15 _____ | 6:00-6:15 _____ |
| 4:20-4:35 _____ | 6:20-6:35 _____ |
| 4:40-4:55 _____ | 6:40-6:55 _____ |
| 5:00-5:15 _____ | 7:00-7:15 _____ |
| 5:20-5:35 _____ | 7:20-7:35 _____ |
| 5:40-5:55 _____ | 7:40-7:55 _____ |

- 5=\$1.00
- 10=\$2.00
- 15=\$3.00
- 20=\$4.00
- 25=\$5.00 etc....

Game Bus Ticket @ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ (Limit 2 per student)

Booth Tickets 5 for \$1.00 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed/Attached: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### PTA use only:

Init \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket/s # \_\_\_\_\_



**Honor Roll – 2009-2010  
2nd Trimester**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Gold**

Jessica Armstrong	Michael Demarchi
Marc Ferrer	Ezra Gonzales
Molly Heald	Dillon Honda
Sunny Husta	Chloe Jones
Rhianne Jones	Rory Keane
Karla Lambaren	Jason Le
Harry Li	Amber Ludden
Nate Michel	Jackson Michelle
Justin Pham	David Suzuki
Jordan Taylor	Sam Tran
Celine Wherritt	

**4th Grade - Silver**

Kevin Alarcon	Jenica Blohm
Grant Buitrago	Krishna Chau
Allison De Rosas	Zachary Dove
Gabrielle Getz	Carlo Grasso
Corey Johnson	Gates Johnson
Tiffany Jones	Madison Karns
Zoe Kim	Emily Lopez
Francesca Macias	Dalia Mahmoud
Darian Martin	Micah Munck
Nghi Nguyen	Shreya Pagaladipti
Jay'la Pierce	Derek Shimizu
Taylor Ward	Shane Wawrak
Sterling Witbeck	Ashley Zundel

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Gold**

Shelby Burke	Tylo Bustillos
Hannah Butterbaugh	Aileen Casillas
Julia Dupuis	Alana Fan
Sarah Felt	Natalie Fransz
Jennifer Gonzalez	Frank Helmstetter
Spencer Jackson	Andy Le
Anthony Marin	Ysabel Perez
Maya Prasad	Justin Radcliff
Riley Russell	Ashley Shew
Olivia Teegarden	Jessica Trow
Arthur Weimholt	Bethany Widen

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Silver**

Ben Bottles	Nicole Cejes
Brian Cottriel	Lauren Desloge
McKenna Etheridge	Stephanie Fretwell
Sophia Goossen	Freddie Guest
Izzy Hale	Kayla Henoud
Rachel Heurlin	Alex Kim
Dominique Keane-Cawrse	Marianna Maldonado
Brandon Martinez	Trajan Maxon
Cora Murphy	Brian Nguyen

Sophia Reeves	Jessica Rodriguez
Miles Salunga	Megan Simmons
Vanessa Vail	Ameena Yameen

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Gold**

Kendal Asprec	Briana Calandria
Patrick Cespedes	Devin Costello
Sam Emmett	Ryan Dove
Mikey Finley	Joshua Gardiner
Nicole Griffith	Jorgina Gruenbeck
Micah Harps	Emily Johnson
Hunter Johnson	Connor Karns
David Li	Blake Michelle
Katie Negrete	Divya Prem
Joshua Robinson	Felicity Simko
Julia Smith	Jillian Stoewer
Carol Tsai	Gordon Wong
Andy Wood	Tommy Wood
Jacob Zaldivar	

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Silver**

Adrian Arteaga	Cameron Benedict
Joey Castelli	Matthew Garcia
Alex Golden	Cristian Lohora
Daniella Olavarria	Rachael Persinger
Tiffany Sims	Megan Wright

**RUBY'S DINER**

Ruby's "Fun" Raiser Week!

Show your support and help your organization earn! Bring this flyer to Ruby's Diner and your organization can earn 20% of all food sales during the ENTIRE WEEK listed below.

**ORGANIZATION:** Del Cerro Elementary  
**DATE:** April 19th - 25th  
**TIMES:** 7:00 am - 9:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** 24155 Laguna Hills Mall  
 Laguna Hills, CA 92653  
 (949) 588-7829

Bring this flyer and present to your server upon ordering so your organization will receive credit. Flyers must be distributed prior to the date and time listed above and may not be passed out at the restaurant during the event.

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