

Del Cerro Dolphin Newsletter

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S.V.U.S.D.

May 2010



Principal's Message

By, Dr. Larry Callison



Dear Parents:

Del Cerro's upcoming events are:

Teacher Appreciation Week

"I touch the future, I teach." It is Teacher Appreciation Week at Del Cerro during the week of May 10th. This is a good opportunity to say "Thank You" to your child's teacher for a year of growth and discovery. The PTA is organizing events each day and this is a great time to write a short note and have your child practice his/her writing skill too. A sincere "Thank You" means so much to our staff and energizes our efforts as we help our students reach for the future!

STAR Testing April 30 – May 26

Del Cerro will be doing California STAR testing from April 30 thru May 26. These tests tell us a great deal about our school and its programs. They provide individual results for each of our students and inform us and parents about their mastery of grade level standards. We want our students to demonstrate their considerable skills on these tests so please help by doing the following:

- Encourage your child to do his/her best
- Make sure they arrive on time each day
- Have them get a full nights rest
- Start each day with a healthy breakfast
- The tests are **not** timed so **don't rush**

Encourage your child to relax and enjoy this opportunity to show what they know!

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Callison

Del Cerro Elementary

PTA

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President's Message

By, Julie Fretwell

Just when you think things would start winding down, we're still going! Many thanks go to Melissa Kanawyer, Myriam Lane, Carrie Vedder, Trish Wannamaker, Marissa Taylor, Lesley Jackson, Kelly Kroeger and the many more volunteers that helped organize and run this year's jog a thon. Thanks to all that participated and helped collect donations. It's your efforts that make the PTA successful in enhancing our children's educational experience at Del Cerro.

Now for the fun stuff! We still have a carnival coming up on Friday, May 14th from 4p.m. to 8p.m. There will be games, food and fun! We are still in need of volunteers. If you have a junior high or high school student in need of community service hours, please contact Lesley Jackson at Lesley_jackson@sbcglobal.net or 949-855-8485.

We are still in need of volunteers for next year's PTA board. Welcome Back BBQ, Newsletter, Recycle Co-Chair, Upper Grade Planner Co-Chair and Health & Safety Chairperson and Co-Chair (Red Ribbon Week). Without volunteers, these programs won't happen! Please consider volunteering.

Thank you!!

Julie Fretwell
PTA President



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.

Saddleback Valley Educational Foundation

S.T.A.R.S. Staff & Teachers Are Really Special!

Let our Teachers and Staff know how great they are AND support OUR school at the same time!

- * Happy Birthday * Thank You * Happy Holidays *
- * Teacher Appreciation Day * Just Because... *

Proceeds from your tax-deductible S.T.A.R.S. donation will come back directly to benefit OUR school! It's a perfect gift for the upcoming staff and teacher appreciation weeks - or for any reason! Please stop by the front office or visit the foundation's website www.sveffoundation.org for a S.T.A.R.S. form.

Please return the form to: **S.T.A.R.S.**
 c/o Saddleback Valley Educational Foundation
 25631 Peter A. Hartman Way, Mission Viejo, CA 92691
 Please visit the website www.sveffoundation.org for Tribute forms to make a donation to acknowledge someone who is not a staff member of the Saddleback Valley Unified School District.
 Tax ID #95-3872448

Calendar of Events



May 2010

- 3 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Trabuco Field Study
- 4-6 Kindergarten Roundup
- 4 5th Grade Fieldtrip to Trabuco Field Study
- 4 6th 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 1st Grade Fieldtrip to the Ocean Institute
- 21 Upper Grade Ace Awards
- 21 Fun Friday
- 25-28 6th Grade Science Camp
- 25 Los Alisos Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
- 31 No School – Memorial Day



June 2010

- 1-3 5th grade Star of India fieldtrip
- 4 3rd grade fieldtrip MV Environmental Fair
- 7 PTA Meeting
- 8 Recorder Concert 2:00 – 2:45 pm
- 9 Open House
- 11 Fun Friday
- 11 PTA Campout
- 11 Primary Ace Awards 1st - 8:35, 2nd - 9:05, 3rd – 11:10
- 16 Volunteer Breakfast
- 17 6th grade fieldtrip to MV Lake
- 18 Lunch with the Principal
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 6th grade Promotion
- 22 6th grade Wild Rivers
- 23 6th grade Breakfast
- 23 1:00 pm Human Corridor for 6th grade
- 23 Last Day of School

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PTA General Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2010
7:00 pm



Jog a Thon

Thanks to Carrie Vedder and Myriam Lane for co-chairing the jog-a-thon this year. A special thanks to Kelly Kroeger for being our DJ all day long. Thanks to Marissa Taylor and Trish Wannamaker for manning the tally station. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came out to help. We raised over **\$ 9200.00** this year.

The students who brought in the most pledge money in the lower grades, Kindergarten through 3rd grade winning lunch with Dr. Callison are:

- 3rd Place, Madison Goetz in Mrs. Johnson's class
- 2nd Place, Christina Ayala in Mrs. Leifer's class
- 1st Place, Principal For A Day and Lunch with Dr. Callison Juliana Lane in Mrs. Haffey's class

The students who brought in the most pledge money in the upper, 4th through 6th grades winning lunch with Dr. Callison are:

- 3rd Place, Gates Johnson in Mrs. Edelstien's class
- 2nd Place, Jayce Baclawski in Mrs. Edelstien's class
- 1st Place, Principal for a Day and Lunch with Dr. Callison McKenna Etheridge in Mrs. Hoefers class

There were 14 students who brought in more than \$100 in pledges and were entered into the drawing for a new bike. The winners are:

- Macy Miller in Mrs. Anderson's class for lower grade and Devin Costello in Mr. Teel's class for upper grade

Lunch with the Principal



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

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| Alex Weinzimer | Natalie Craycraft |
| Jacquelyn Desloge | Curtis Johnson |
| Anthony Castelli | Eric Simko |
| Juan Lopez | Wil Ingham |
| Rachel Lovell | Bridget Bull |
| Emery Ming | Anthony Ambrose |
| Shane Wawrak | Isaac Simon, Izzy Hale, |
| Jake Figueroa | Lesley Leon |
| Jessica Rakhlin | Fernando Martinez |
| Jessica Rasanayagam | Helena Henderson |
| Tyson Moore | |



Teacher Appreciation Week

Parents, Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up on May 10-14. Please help your student participate in this week-long celebration of our AMAZING teachers!

MONDAY: Bring a flower (Room Parents will arrange in a vase as students arrive)

TUESDAY: Donate a school supply item to your class (ask your Room Parent for a class "needs list")

WEDNESDAY: Various individual class celebrations

THURSDAY: Teacher Appreciation Staff Luncheon (each class will be donating an item)

FRIDAY: Various individual class celebrations

In addition, Mrs Tracy Johnson is our 2010 TEACHER OF THE YEAR. There will be a book that former students & parents of Mrs Johnson can sign. It will be available in the front office during May 3-7th.

Please contact Angel Honda (angelkimhonda@gmail.com) with any questions regarding Teacher Appreciation Week.

Shoe Boxes of Support for Our Troops



Del Cerro has been asked to donate care packages for the Army Corp of Engineers Company 585, recently deployed and stationed in Afghanistan. This company has been sent to help build roads, bridges, waterways for irrigation, runways, barracks, and a micro-hydro power station. These infrastructure projects will not only help the Afghan people, but will support our troops entering and leaving Afghanistan.

Shoeboxes will be filled with the donated items. We are hoping to fill and send 150 boxes – one box for each member of Engineer Company 585.

Here is how Del Cerro Dolphins and their families can help:

- Each student is requested to bring in a shoebox
- Each grade level is requested to donate specific items

Please bring requested items to your child's teacher by **Friday, May 14th**.

Each student should bring in the following items–

Kindergarten – A box of single serving cookies, crackers, or snack cakes, such as Little Debbie's, or Rice Krispie Treats

1st Grade – A bag of "Funsized" M&M's or Skittles, or a bag of wrapped hard candy, such as Jolly Ranchers, Atomic Fireballs, Tootsie Pops

2nd Grade – three (or more) travel size baby powder, or tubes of lip balm (SPF 15-30), such as Chapstick, Carmex or Blistex

3rd Grade – three (or more) travel size bottles of hand sanitizer or hand/baby wipes

4th Grade – three (or more) travel size sunscreen (SPF 15-30) or insect repellent

5th Grade – A box of presweetened, single serving powdered drink mixes, such as Crystal-Lite, Propel, Gatorade or Kool-Aid

6th Grade – A box of single serving/pocket-size Beef or Turkey Jerky (no MSG, please), or a box of single serving/pocket size trail mix, such as Kirkland or Planter's

Optional requested items – Paperback books, travel games, recent sports or car magazines, playing cards, puzzle books, such as Sudoku, Crossword Puzzles, or Word Searches

Please address any questions to Mrs. Goodman at goodmank@svusd.k12.ca.us.

Thank you for your support!



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.



American Red Cross Babysitter's Boot Camp

American Red Cross is offering a summer program to children from 11 to 15 years of age. This five day training is fun and fast-paced with hands-on activities, exciting DVD scenarios, role plays and lively discussions. If you have questions please contact Matt Catanzaro, Community Program Coordinator at (714) 481-5346 or mcatanzaro@oc-redcross.org. Space is limited.



KOCE / PBS Kids Go! Writer's Contest

We are proud to announce that **Chela Young**, in Mrs. Cunningham's second grade class, has won 1st Place in the 2nd Grade PBS KIDS GO! Writer's Contest. Chela's story was selected as the best in her grade level for originality, creative expression, storytelling, integration of story and illustrations. Chela's story has also been submitted to the national contest. 2nd place winner was Anna Leboff 3rd place winner was John Kroeger 4th place winner was Jennifer Kroeger. Congratulations to you all!



Lost and Found

Small lost and found items, rings, watches, etc. are occasionally turned in to the office by a Good Samaritan. If you have lost such an item please see the office to identify it.



*It's
Carnival
time!
Friday,
May 14th
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)

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| 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 # _____