

Del Cerro Dolphin Newsletter

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Welcome Back DC Dolphins

Principal's Message

By, Dr. Larry Callison



Welcome back!

We are beginning another exciting school year at Del Cerro. We are going to have over 600 students, 24 teachers, lots of support staff, hundreds of parent volunteers, and one smiling principal.

We have completed the classroom additions and the necessary modifications over the summer and are ready for a super school year. Teachers have been in their rooms getting organized, the PTA, under your President, Julie Fretwell, has planned an ambitious and productive year and everyone started early to be ready for September 10th.

We hope parents and students enjoyed their last few days of vacation and are as excited as we are about a new beginning. Budgets will be a challenge and supplies will be limited, but, enthusiasm and teacher excellence are in abundance and that is all that is needed for student success.

We want to invite parents to be active members of the Del Cerro Team. There is no debate about the fact that family involvement in schools boosts student achievement. Families and parents can support their children's schooling by volunteering, attending school functions, and being aware of classroom activities. They can become more involved by helping their children improve their schoolwork through encouragement, modeling desired behavior (such as reading for pleasure), monitoring and helping with homework, and tutoring at home. When the family is involved in their children's school, children benefit, schools benefit, and families benefit.

Welcome to the Del Cerro Team!

Dr. Larry Callison
Del Cerro Principal
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President's Message

By, Julie Fretwell

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! My name is Julie Fretwell and I will be serving as your PTA President, Yearbook Chairperson and Holiday Boutique co-chair. This is my third year as a PTA volunteer. My husband, John and I have two daughters, Kaela and Stephanie. Kaela has started classes at Saddleback College and Stephanie is in 5th grade.

This is going to be an exciting year! We are growing by leaps and bounds and that means a few changes to the campus. We have a new computer lab which means more space for the library as well as new portable classrooms to help accommodate our growing Del Cerro family. I am looking forward to seeing many new faces at Del Cerro!

The PTA is about enhancing your child's educational experience as well as bringing the school together as a community and supporting our families. There are so many things that the PTA is looking to support this year. Hands on Science, Educational Assemblies, Library Media Clerk and Reading Counts in addition to the Welcome Back BBQ, and Family Fun Nights which will include Bingo and a Campout! That's just to name a few.

We are starting a new tradition that is being brought over from La Tierra. Fun Fridays! The Friday each month that follows a PTA meeting, we will be selling popcorn, sno-cones or another fun treat for .25 cents each. If you attended the PTA meeting you will receive a coupon for your child to get a Fun Friday treat for free!

The first General Meeting of the year will be Monday, September 21st in the MPR at 7:00 p.m. making the first Fun Friday, September 25th.

If you would like to help out at the school, let me know! Together we can find a place for you!

Julie Fretwell
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**Del Cerro Elementary School
Schedule**

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

Kindergarten Early Birds	8:25-11:55
Kindergarten Late Owls	10:35-2:30
Grades 1-3	8:30-2:45
Grades 4-6	8:25-2:45

Minimum Day Schedule: Wednesday

Kindergarten Early Birds	8:25-11:05
Kindergarten Late Owls	10:05-1:00
Grades 1-3	8:30-1:10
Grades 4-6	8:25-1:10

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**PTA General Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2009**

The first PTA General Meeting of the year is on Monday, September 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the MPR.

****Policy regarding being on Campus****

Once the school day has begun any non-student on campus for any reason or length of time MUST stop by the office to sign-in and receive a visitor sticker. This is for your child's safety and will be strictly enforced.



Reminder: No Dogs are allowed on campus before, during, or after school. Thank you!

Calendar of Events

September 2009



- 10 First Day of school
- 18 Welcome Back BBQ 5:30 pm
- 18 Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off Assembly
- 18 Fall Fundraiser Sales Begin
- 21 PTA General Meeting 7:00 pm MPR
- 25 Fun Friday
- 25 Fall Picture Day
- 28 Fall Recess Day
- 30 Back To School Night

October 2009



- 2 Fall Fundraiser Sales End
- 13 District Wide Disaster Drill
- 14 Chuck E. Cheese Night 4p-9p Laguna Hills
- 16 BINGO Family Fun Night - MPR
- 17 Red Ribbon Walk Mission Viejo
- 19 PTA General Meeting 7:00 pm MPR
- 19-23 Red Ribbon Week
- 20 Hearing & Vision Screening
- 23 Fun Friday
- 28 Meet the Musicians Assembly for 4-6 in the MPR 9:00a.m.
- 31 **Happy Halloween**

Chuck E Cheese Spirit Night

Wednesday, Oct 14
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
26538-H Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills
Presale tokens 10 for \$1.50, Bonus free food coupons with order. Cash or checks only to Del Cerro PTA



Parking Lot Safety

As our school has grown this year; so has the parking lot congestion. Please be courteous and patient and set a good example for your children. Do not park in the staff spaces and please drive slowly and WATCH out for children. It is vital that students not be in the parking lot unless accompanied by their parent. Students must use the sidewalk at all times. Parents please discuss this with your student(s). Your child's safety is very important to us.

2009 PTA Executive Board

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Melissa Kanawyer –

I will be your PTA 1st VP in charge of programs for the 09/10 school year. This is my third year on the PTA board, the last two years I served as Secretary. I am married and have three boys. Trey is going into 8th grade at La Paz Jr High, Mason is going into 5th grade at Carden Academy and Ashton is here at Del Cerro going into 3rd grade. I am looking forward to getting to know all the new families that are joining us here at Del Cerro. I want to encourage you to get involved in PTA this year. We are here to enrich the lives of your children. My job as 1st VP in charge of Programs is to assist the President in anyway I can and bring high quality, educational assemblies to the school. Please let me know if you have any suggestions of things you would like to see happen here at Del Cerro. Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year!!

Amy Cortez - I am your 09/10 2nd V.P. of Membership. I am going to miss La Tierra Elementary, but I know that Del Cerro is going to be GREAT! I have an awesome husband named Andrew (who actually attended La Tierra) and 2 children. My son Austin is 7 and entering 2nd grade and my daughter Ashton is 6 and entering 1st grade. We enjoy camping, bike riding, going to the skate park, and being involved with all the sports our children play. I look forward to the 09/10 school year and know that we will all be All Stars!

Stephanie Henoud - I have been a parent at this school for 5 years. My daughter, Kayla, is in 5th grade. I am a full time working mom and really enjoy volunteering at the school. This is my 2nd year as PTA Auditor and my 3rd Year as Jog A Thon Chairperson. I always need volunteers for Jog A Thon so please sign up to help!

Lynette Wilkerson - I will be the Del Cerro PTA Treasurer this year. I have two kids, Troy who is in 5th grade and Riley who is in 2nd grade, and we are coming over from La Tierra. I was very involved with the La Tierra PTA and served as their Treasurer last year. My kids have spent time at Summer TLC at Del Cerro so we already have many friends at the school. We are looking forward to being part of a larger school and making new friends!

Abby LeBoff - I am the new Parliamentarian for PTA as well as being on the Recycling Committee. My daughter, Anna is going into the 2nd grade and I'm looking forward to an exciting new year!

Dina Shacter – Secretary

Janet Dietsch – Financial Secretary

Ann Shimizu – Historian



Welcome back to school, everyone! It's going to be a wonderful year with new students & teachers. I know this will mean more GM Boxtops & Campbell's Soup Labels than ever before! We have a goal of 1,000 Boxtops & 500 Soup Labels, and with your help we will be able to meet or beat that goal!

Remember GM Boxtops when you are shopping for school supplies! Most Avery products (3 ring binders, dividers, etc.) have boxtops on them. What an easy way to help your student and your school!

GM Boxtops give Del Cerro's PTA 10 cents for each one, and Campbell's Soup Labels add up points, that we can spend on their website for wish list items for our wonderful school!

There are collection boxes in every classroom, so have your student bring them in. Also, I am at the school every day, so if you see me, you can hand them to me directly.

I am excited about the upcoming year, but if you feel called to help with this fun part of PTA fundraising, please let me know. To contact me, send me an Email at historian@delcerro.org.

Let's Make Our Goal

Ann Shimizu



Let your talent shine...

**Do you Dance? Do you make movies?
Do you tell stories? Do you play an instrument?
Do you take pictures? Do you draw? Or paint?**

Then the Reflections Art competition is just for you! Here is your chance to express yourself through imagination and art. All entries are recognized, and some will go on to the Local PTA and State PTA competitions.

Flyers coming home next week for you to participate!

2009-2010 Art Theme: "Beauty is..."

Supporting the PTA Reflections Program is one way you can increase student achievement, foster student talents, and promote the arts in your home, your school, and your community.

Mickie Figueroa
Del Cerro PTA Reflections Chair



Kid's Factory to the Rescue!

Kid's Factory is a child care program that is run by the SVUSD Recreation Department in conjunction with the city of Mission Viejo. The cost is \$25.00 for the entire school year! Kid's Factory is open five days a week from the end of school (M, T, Th, F at 2:30 for kindergartners and 2:45 for first through sixth graders and on Wednesday at 1:00 for kindergartners and 1:10 for first through sixth graders) until 4:30 p.m. This year Kid's Factory will be a rain or shine program. It is regularly located at the Del Cerro lunch tables, but will move inside to the MPR on rainy days.

If you have a Late Owl kindergartner or student at the middle or high school as well as at Del Cerro, you may want to take advantage of this program. Students in Kid's Factory enter the program at the end of their school day and take part in supervised recreational activities. This extra time may allow you to pick up your student from the middle and high school or give your kindergartner sweetie a safe place to play while waiting for their older brother or sister to get out of school. AND as an added bonus for parents, it may help you avoid the dreaded car lines!

Kid's Factory applications are in the Del Cerro office, and the program begins Monday, September 10. If you have any other questions, please call the Del Cerro office at 949-830-5430.

*If you will not be picking up your child in person, and you want an older sibling to pick up your kindergartner from Kid's Factory, please check the statement *"My child qualifies to leave the premises and walk home at will and will leave the premises by the close of the program"* on the orange colored Kid's Factory Permission and Medical Release Form. This will allow the sibling of your kindergartner to pick up your son or daughter from Kid's Factory in order to walk them home or wait for you at one of the car lines.

Recycling Program

Greetings Recyclers!



Welcome back returning students and families, and a special welcome to the new students this year. We have a recycling program to handle plastic and glass bottles, and aluminum cans all through the school. It usually brings in over \$1000 for the school to use as they see fit.

Firstly, the plastic bag recycling is not happening, as Wal-Mart and most all other stores are encouraging reusable canvas or paper options. Please do not bring in your bags as we will not be collecting them.

We are asking you to put each type, plastic, aluminum, and glass in their own bag. Remember, we ask that you try to rinse them, as sticky soda cans and beer bottles are no fun to deal with. Water bottles should be empty and reasonably clean as well. Only items with CRV, so no wine bottles, no plastic milk containers, no tin cans or empty shampoo containers, as they do not count as recyclable for money as we are doing.

We will have bins in some of the class rooms, and will also have them in the MPR. They are black and have white lettering that says "Recycle". Also, if you have a lot, you may drop them in the morning by the marquee that has school info on it by the crosswalk, or even by the flagpole area. Again, I ask that you do this in the morning only so that I can get them moved quickly and they don't sit all day.

If you have a large amount or any questions, you may email me at blucake@cox.net or phone me at (949) 636- 5352 and I will be glad to help you!

Let's go for an all time record this year!

Bill Michelle
aka Can Man, Recycling Dude, Blake's Dad, Jack's Dad,
Mr. Michelle



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.



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Have you visited the Del Cerro website? It is a comprehensive website full of useful information about our school and PTA. We hope it helps parents stay up to date about what is happening at Del Cerro! Here are some of the things to look for.

- Del Cerro Calendar & SVUSD Calendar
- Details about upcoming events
- PTA information: meetings, forms, email contacts
- Teachers Page with links to each teacher's website and email
- Fundraising information
- Copy of the monthly Newsletter
- Links to other useful sites: SVUSD, TLC, CAT-6 results, Lunch menu, educational sites

Please take a few minutes to browse the site and add it to your Favorites for quick future reference. It is updated often so keep checking back to see what's new!



Community Flyers

In an effort to reduce the amount of flyers going home with students, the District has established an electronic site where parents can view flyers from community organizations, such as Girl/Boy Scouts, AYSO, Little League, and other youth organizations. This site displays submitted flyers for after-school activities and programs offered by local non-profit organizations.

You can see the flyers at www.svUSD.org/nonprofit. At that site, you select your school to view various community flyers of interest to you. It is suggested that you view this site often as flyers change frequently.

Students will still continue to receive District affiliated flyers. Groups affiliated with the District are: SVUSD Recreation Department, Parent Teacher Associations (SVUSD PTA's/PTSOs), Education Foundations and Booster Clubs (for SVUSD Schools).

Major PTA Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year:

Here are just a few of the programs the PTA is looking to fund this year and the larger fundraisers planned to achieve these goals.

Programs/Educational Support:

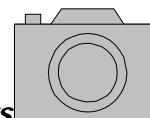
Art Masters	\$4,600
Educational Assemblies	\$3,000
Reading Counts	\$1,500
Hands On Science	\$16,500
Library/Media Clerk	\$17,500

Fundraisers to achieve goals:

Fall Fundraiser	\$32,000
Scholastic Book Fair (x2)	\$9,000
Jog-a-Thon	\$10,000

Optional - One Time Donation

In lieu of participating in the fundraisers, a donation of \$200.00 per student provides a year's worth of support. Your donation will help reduce the number of fundraisers and you can feel confident that you've provided the essential support.



Calling all Photographers

We need volunteers to take pictures for the yearbook. We need pictures from the Welcome Back BBQ, Family Fun Nights, Jog-a-thon and just daily life at Del Cerro! If you are available, please let me know and I'll get you started!

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