

Del Cerro Dolphin Newsletter

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Principal's Message

By, Dr. Larry Callison



School is beginning to have that special rhythm that comes when all of the schedules are in place. Students are becoming comfortable with their teacher, with the activities and procedures in the classroom and on the playground. We all welcome those routines that provide us the security and peace of mind that comes from knowing expectations and common practices. The staff of Del Cerro relishes the opportunity to work with over 600 students who bring enthusiasm and vitality to the learning process. We see growth every week and we are confident that parents see it too. Parents are invited to witness this connection first hand by volunteering in your child's classroom, in the library, the computer lab, or any other place here at Del Cerro that can benefit from your efforts. Schools are always better when parents are in attendance, as they witness first hand the magic that happens because of the connection between a teacher and his/her student.

Parents can be engaged in this learning process without coming to school. They just need to ask their student about "their day at school." Don't accept "nothing" because they were here ALL DAY and something happened! It may require a few more questions, but it allows them to use their words and it shows that their school day is important and worth discussing. With practice, students get very good at sharing the many events of the day, in the classroom, on the playground, and at times important to them. Being an active listener encourages them to provide opinions and observations that will be of interest to parents. Try it... it works!!

On another topic, Del Cerro has registered its first two confirmed cases of H1N1 flu. One student has already returned to school! We are monitoring student absences and reported cases of flu-like symptoms that are reported to us and responding appropriately. I am sharing this information so parents can remind your children about good health practices.

We constantly review these procedures with our students, not to alarm them, but to reassure them that these practices will help ensure their safety and well-being.

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Del Cerro Elementary

PTA

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President's Message

By, Julie Fretwell

The weather is slowly starting to get cooler, the leaves are changing color and it's dark by 6:00 p.m.! Fall is officially here and there's a lot going on here at Del Cerro. We had our first Family Fun Night which was a great success. Thank you to all of the parents that volunteered, brought cookies or just plain showed up with your children and had a good time! We look forward to the next Family Fun Night in January which will be Science with Mrs. Marilyn Wenzel.

I want to thank Elizabeth Rodriguez and Joann Sims and their volunteers for all the time and effort they have put into the Fall Fundraiser. It was a great success and met the proposed budget amount. Those efforts will help in funding the many programs the PTA sponsors for the year. Thank you to all of you that participated and those who did a fundraiser buy-out! I also like to thank them for Red Ribbon week. Each class has a poster they have made to promote being drug free hanging in the MPR. They've also coordinated some fun activities for the students each day of the week during Red Ribbon Week.

We've had our second PTA meeting of the year and I would like to thank the parents and teachers that were able to attend. It's great to see such a good turnout for these meetings. We had Rebecca Rohde, our Librarian speak about the happenings in the library and computer lab. With the help of many volunteers, the library and computer lab should be up and running by the time you get this newsletter. Each month, we hope to have one or two of our teacher's come and speak at the meeting and give a little insight and/or advice for their particular grade level. The agenda's are posted on the website about a week or two before the meetings, so you can check the website at delcerro.org and look at the calendar to see who the guest speaker will be for the month. I look forward to seeing you at the meetings!

Receipts will be coming home this month. This covers things that you purchased through the PTA such as membership, spirit wear, planners, yearbooks, etc. Please keep these receipts for your records! Not only are your donations tax deductible, but so is your membership contribution.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving! I know I have a lot to be thankful for!

Principal's message continued...

We work with the district and the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) to keep them informed of our health status at Del Cerro and stay informed of any additional recommendations being provided. If your children have flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue, they should stay home and parents should consult with the family physician. If you have additional questions, the OCHCA phone number is 888-865-0564.

Our staff is monitoring student illnesses closely, and parents will be contacted if students are ill at school. Every effort is being taken to be certain students are safe.

LIST of best practices...

1. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
2. Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
4. Stay home if you get sick.
5. Use disinfectants on surfaces, as directed, to help prevent the spread of the influenza virus.

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

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Calendar of Events



November 2009

- 2 No School Staff Development Day
- 5 Fall Fundraiser Delivery
- 6 Make-up Picture Day 8:25 – 11:00 am
- 9 Fuddrucker's Fundraiser Night 4p-9p Lake Forest
- 11 No School – Veteran's Day
- 13-20 Book Fair – Minimum Days – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 16 PTA General Meeting 7:00 pm MPR
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday



- 30 Holiday Boutique – Parent Preview



December 2009

- 1-4 Holiday Boutique
- 1 Gate Testing
- 2 Gate Testing Make-Up
- 4 Lunch with the Principal
- 10 Fire Drill
- 11 Primary Ace Awards 1st - 8:35, 2nd - 9:05, 3rd - 9:35
- 17 Art Master's Lecture
- 21- Jan.1 Holiday



Lunch with the Principal

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

Brandon Arnold * Melissa Gjakaj * Vicky McDonough * Katherine Boothe * Patrick Huynh * Martin Nguyen * Stone Dumas * Connor Felt * Shelby Laitipaya * Ava Butterbaugh * Ashley Zundel * Chris Mitchell * Jack Allen * Andy Le * Troy Wilkerson * Sophia Rodriguez * Ryan Dove * Arianna Ruvalcaba * Autumn Emmett * Winter Whitlock * Tomas Gabella

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

Kimmy Cortez* Ana Rosales* Ethan Honda* Cesar Alvarado* Jacque Aceves* Joseph Johnson* Valerie Jimenez* Jessica Karn* Angelica Peek* Nicholas Dietsch Jenica Blohm* Nate Michel* Karla Lambaren* Shelby Burke* Hannah Butterbaugh* Jessica Trow* Camryn Creager* Connor Karns* Nico Maines* Skyler Dumas John Ortiz* Hope Emmett.

Recycling Program



Now that we are all back in the swing of this school thing, it is time to drink up and recycle! There are now four bins in the MPR, front and back, and both side doors.

If your teacher has a bin, feel free to bring your clean bottles and cans directly, and I will pick them up.

If you have a large amount, they can be dropped out front by the flagpole or by the school sign near the crosswalk. Remember; try to make sure they are clean and not leaking if possible. Once again, only CRV beverage containers, so anything else you need to recycle by your own trash service.

Also, as I am still getting questions, we are not doing the plastic bag recycling this year, as Wal-Mart is not sponsoring it any longer. Many grocery stores will take them for you.

Thanks so much for supporting Del Cerro recycling efforts! We are off to a good start--keep it up!

Bill Michelle

If you need help or information, please email me at blucake@cox.net.



Medical Assistance

Laguna Beach Community Clinic is offering low cost medical care for children. The services include Medical care, physical exams, vaccinations, hearing and vision screens, and tests for anemia, lead and diabetes. Their address is Laguna Beach Community Clinic, 362 Third St., Laguna Beach, CA 92651. The phone number is (949) 494-0761 Fax: (949) 497-9922. Hours are: Mon – Fri: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sat: 8:00 a.m. to Noon



Influenza vaccinations will be available at Laguna Hills High School

25401 Paseo De Valencia, Laguna Hills

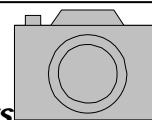
Saturday, November 14th, 2009

Time: 9:00 am to Noon

Cost: \$25.00 per immunization - Statement will be available for insurance reimbursement

Questions Contact: www.svhealth@svpta.org

Or Visit www.PTA.org/flushotclinics today!



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!

Julie Fretwell
Yearbook Chairperson
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Partner Programs

Want an easy way to help the school raise money without costing you any? Register your Albertson's and Ralph's shopping cards and money will be donated back to the school. Encourage friends and family members to do the same... Please re-link your cards even if you have done so in the past.



go to www.albertsonscp.com enter your preferred card # and enter Del Cerro's Community Partner ID 49000117980



go to www.ralphs.com on the right hand side of the page click on Community Contribution and follow sign up instructions. Once you get the confirmation e-mail then you can go in and add Del Cerro as the partner. Partnership # 82645

UC Irvine Extension - Online Gifted & Talented Education for Parents

An expert-led webinar series designed specifically for parents of the gifted!

Wednesday, November 11th: 8pm – 9pm
\$50

Learn how change and creativity can influence your child's success and transform academic talents into gainful productivity. This session will expose parents to contemporary strategies for visionary thinking and the rationale for differentiated curriculum.

Darlene Boyd, Ed.D., serves as the Director of the Gifted Students Academy at UC Irvine and is a sought-after consultant in gifted and creative studies. Dr. Boyd is also a founding board member and past President of the American Creativity Association.

Ending the Homework Hassle: Cultivating Scholarly Traits in Gifted Students

Wednesday, November 18th: 8pm – 9pm
\$50

Learn key strategies used by industry experts to develop scholarly habits in gifted children. This session will provide parents with tips and techniques for increasing academic motivation in the home by nurturing inquiry and study systems.

Katie Hickox, M.A., has worked with K-12 gifted students for twelve years. In addition to her role as an Advanced Placement literature teacher, she teaches at UC Irvine Extension and presents on gifted education topics at professional conferences.

To register for these online presentations, please visit <http://unex.uci.edu/certificates/education/gate>. For further information on this series or other UC Irvine Extension programs, contact Amanda at ayngelmo@uci.edu or (949) 824-9304.



6th Grade Tiles

We are starting work on the 6th grade tiles. Papers will be going home for the kids to design their tile and will be due before the December holidays. We encourage the kids **not** to design anything too intricate as this will be hard to convert to a tile. We would love volunteers to help with the making of the tiles, starting in January. If you are able to assist, please contact me.

Laura Pisano
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**Box Tops for Education
Campbell's Soup Labels**

Make sure that you are saving your Box Tops and Labels! What a great and easy way to raise money for our school!



Come to Del Cerro's Spirit Night
Monday, November 9th 4-9 PM
Fuddruckers [23621 El Toro Road](http://23621ElToroRoad), Lake Forest
Don't forget to bring the flyer so we can get credit!



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

Destination BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is Coming!

Come and Read Around the World at the Book Fair. Visit far-away places without waiting at the airport! Book Fair schedule:

Friday, November 13 to Thursday, November 19
8 am to 3 pm (closed on the weekend)

Wednesday, November 18 – Family Movie Night
6:00 pm – 8:00pm

Friday, November 20
8 am to 10 am

We have books for your family and for you to donate to your teacher and the library. See you there!

Visit the Book Fair's Home page at - <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/delcerro>.



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.



Library Assistance

If you have time available and are looking for a way to make a difference at school we need your help in the Library. If you are interested in helping please contact: Anne Helmstetter @ annie710@cox.net

****Policy Regarding Fundraising****

All fundraising and distribution of flyers for fundraising must be presented at the General PTA Meetings to be put on the agenda and approved. If you have fundraising ideas please contact the Ways and Means Director, Leslie Jackson @ lesley_jackson@sbcglobal.net



PTA General Meeting
Monday, November 16, 2009



Come Join the Fun at Del Cerro's HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

December 1st – 4th, 2009

The Holiday Boutique is held during school hours. Students will be able to do their own shopping from a variety of vendors. The merchandise will be screened for quality and value with a Maximum price of \$7.00 per item. **Parent volunteers are needed to assist children with shopping and free gift wrap.** This service is sponsored by Del Cerro PTA.

Monday November 30th, - Parent Preview from 5-7 pm
Children shop by classroom and after school
Tuesday December 1st - Friday December 4th 8:00am - 3:00 pm

Friday evening will be a special night. The boutique will be reopening to friends and family of Del Cerro from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Vendors will bring out a greater selection of exciting items, and parents, siblings and the community will be invited to shop.

We are looking for crafters/vendors with value-priced quality items suitable for this event. We welcome Parent and Grandparent volunteers to help during the days and Friday evening (sorry no childcare available). Volunteers also can help with set up and removal of tables. **If you are interested please return the form below to PTA.**

THANK YOU FOR HELPING AT THE HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Volunteer Name

I am available(date).....(time)

Someone will contact you to schedule one or more 3 hour shift(s).

I'd like to be considered as a Vendor

Name..... Phone#

Type of vendor/craft

