

# Del Cerro Dolphin Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

By, Dr. Larry Callison



Nothing is quite as special as the holiday season! From Thanksgiving to Christmas it is a joyous time for everyone, especially for children. Families join together sharing meals, happy times, and traditions that reinforce the love we have for each other. Sometimes the best gift we can give is how we deal with our children.

Many years ago I discovered a family plaque that reminds 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.
- We all have a choice as to what our children get to live with both at home and at school. Please join me in doing our best to make their world a place of acceptance, friendship and positive experiences, so their future will be bright and successful.

Del Cerro Elementary

**PTA**

*everychild.onevoice.*

## President's Message

By, Julie Fretwell

Well 2009 is coming to end and it just seems like time goes by faster and faster. Makes me think of all that has been going on this year and what's in store for next year. All the teachers, staff and volunteers have been working hard to make this year a great experience for all of the students. Thank you for all of your time, effort, blood, sweat and tears! You do make a difference in the children's lives.

Hopefully you were able to meet with your child's teacher during conference week. Communication between home and school is essential for your child's academic success.

We had a great response for the Reflections program this year. 50 entries in photography and visual arts were turned in by the students! Several pieces have been passed on to the next judging level, others are currently being displayed in the MPR next the library door. If you are at the school, I recommend you take a moment to take a look at these wonderful works of art. We have some pretty talented students! Thanks go to Michelle Figueiroa and Christy Henry for all of their hard work to make this program a success!

Thank you to Simone Booth, Mindy Larson and all of their volunteers that coordinated, set up and worked the Book Fair. It's quite a job to pull that together and it was fantastic! Thank you to all that were able to stop by and shop!

I like to also thank Abby LeBoff for coordinating care packages to show support for our troops that are stationed far from home. Especially at this time of year, our men and women in the armed forces need to know that people care about them and hope they return safe and sound. Thank you to all of you that were able to donate items or money to purchase more items.

Best wishes to everyone for a wonderful holiday season. Please enjoy your families and remember how lucky we all really are.

Julie Fretwell

President-Del Cerro PTA

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**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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**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.

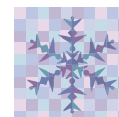
Remember to slow down and use caution at all times. These precautions will make it safer for your children. Thank you for your help.

**Calendar of Events**



**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 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:35, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9:05, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9:35
- 17 Art Master's Lecture
- 21- Jan.1 Holiday



**January 2010**

- 1 Holiday
- 11 PTA General Meeting – MPR 7:00pm
- 15 Fun Friday
- 18 No School – Martin Luther King Jr
- 22 Upper Grade ACE awards in the MPR
- 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Saddleback Valley Community Church
- 25 Dairy Council Assemblies
- 29 Lunch with the Principal



**Lunch with the Principal**

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

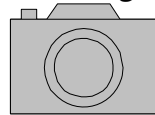
Gaby Macias, Jenny Lopez, Caroline Volmer, Madelynn Hernandez, Nam Nguyen, Don Le, Jaryd Bones, Ashley Zoellner, Alan Chen, Lance Gardiner, Sterling Witbeck, Jason Le, Cassidy Lynn, Jessica Armstrong, Brian Cottriel, Frank Helmstetter, Alyssa Fisher, Blake Michelle, Hana Kopta, Colton Wilson, Brandon Ruiz Diaz, Meghan O'Connell and Jesus Dominguez.



**Fall Fundraiser Top Sellers**

Congratulations to the Top 10 Limo Lunch winners: Tiffany Sims, Jessica Rodriguez, Austin Warner, Samuel Tran, Zach Dove, Hailey Morris, Kayla Henoud, Danielle McLean, Liam Udziela and Amber Ludden.

**Calling all Room Parents & Photographers**



A reminder if you have been taking pictures of students in your class, please get them to your room parents for them to build your class's yearbook page. The deadline for pages to be turned in is Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. If you need help in building your yearbook page, please let me know! Pages need to be submitted as a PDF file via email or cd turned in to my attention. Thanks!

**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](http://www.albertsonscp.com) enter your preferred card # and enter Del Cerro's Community Partner ID 49000117980



go to [www.ralphs.com](http://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

**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!



Dear Del Cerro,

I am very proud to announce that we had amazing results for the Seabee's (Navy soldiers) Donation Drive. We collected enough money and care package goods to send over 23 boxes!!! The letters to the troops were outstanding and were included in the shipment. I'd like to thank all the parents, children, and faculty that were involved for your efforts. These packages and letters will make it to the troops at the front line right before Christmas. We will be receiving a thank you and pictures that I will post in the multi-purpose room in the new year.

Thanks again,

Abby LeBoff



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



**Book Fair Art Contest Winners**

First Place Winners:

Esteban Anguiano, Marcus Weinzimer, Phoebe Weimholt, Rhianne Jones, Jessica Trow, Devin Costello

Honorable Mentions:

Natalie Craycraft, Katherine Booth, Bianca Wanamaker, Allison Vellema, Ben Bottles, Skylar Dumas, Felicity Simko

**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](mailto:annie710@cox.net)



**PTA General Meeting**  
**Monday, January 11, 2009**  
**7:00 pm**



**2009-2010 ACE Award Winners**  
**October 23rd**

- Rainey      A – Anusha Sapre Gryzanoski
- C – Leila Alarcon
- E - Gabby Huizar
- Leifer        A – Matthew Yik
- C – Christian Hubbard
- E – Hannah Shacter
- Haffey        A – Dylan Harps
- C – Connor Dietsch
- E – Juliana Lane
- Johnson    A –Eliza Garcia, Eric Simko
- C –Grace Dluzak
- E –Elijah Morris, Cody Boone
- Cunngham   A – Juan Lopez
- C –Mia Hanson
- E –Stone Duman

- Teramoto    A –Oceane Carrie
- C –Broden Dehart
- E –Anthony Castelli
- Anderson    A – Kaitlyn Menichetti
- C – Macy Miller
- E – Julie Martinez
- Bennett     A- Scott Phan
- C –Leilani Diaz
- E – Everado Castillo
- Wright        A –Simon Nguyen
- C – Kennedy Thompson
- E – Elizabeth Brummond
- Pott          A – Winter Whitlock
- C – Brandon Ruiz Diaz
- E – Brendan Payne

**November 6th**

- Simmons    A – Zoe Kim, Nicholay Amirov
- C – Ashley Zundel, Allison Vellema
- E – Zach Dove, Molly Heald
- Lewis        A – Karla Lambaren, David Suzuki
- C – Savannah McDermott, Draydon De Hart
- E – Kacie Gomez, Grant Buitrago
- Edelstein    A –Ezra Gonzales, Francesca Macias, Nate Michel
- C –Allison De Rosas, Samuel Tran
- E –Jay'la Pierce
- Marron      A –Jordan Taylor, Shelby Burke
- C –Marc Ferrer, Tylo Bustillos
- E –Madison Karns, Morgan Thompson
- Dutcher     A – Riley Russell
- C – Maya Prasad
- E –Dominique Keane-Cawrse

B. Hoefer	A –Evan Cespedes
	C –Megan Simmons, Faisal Syed
	E –Tyler Menichetti
Sanders	A –Frank Helmstetter
	C –Troy Wilkerson
	E –Delis Ocampo
Goodman	A – Amanda Hubbard
Graham	C – Paulo Munsayac
	E – Vinay Patel, Holly Breaux
Fischbach	A –Andy Wood, Tommy Wood
	C – Nicole Griffith, Jillian Stoewer
	E – Emily Johnson, Amanda Vellema
Teel	A –Devin Costello
	C –Paul Harris, Emily Nolan
	E –Mikey Finley, Austin Warner
P. Hoefer	A – Michelle Sanchez & Lesly Montes de Oca
	C –William Hagerman
	E –Jesus Dominguez

***Honor Roll – 2009-2010 – 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester***

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

Gold Honor Roll

Jessica Armstrong, Marc Ferrer, Ezra Gonzales, Molly Heald, Dillon Honda, Sunny Husta, Rhianna Jones, Zoe Kim, Francesca Macias, Nate Michel, Jordan Taylor

Silver Honor Roll

Kevin Alarcon, Jenica Blohm, Zoey Borrelli, Grant Buitrago, Krishna Chau, Allison De Rosas, Chloe Jones, Rory Keane, Karla Lambaren, Jason Le, Darian Martin, Jackson Michelle, Christopher Mitchel, Jay'la Pierce, Francisco Rendon, Carmen Soriano, David Suzuki, Samuel Tran, Celine Wherritt

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

Gold Honor Roll

Shelby Burke, Lauren Desloge, Alana Fan, Freddie Guest, Frank Helmstetter, Rachel Heurlin, Spencer Jackson, Alex Kim, Khoi Le, Anthony Marin, Tyler Menichetti, Ysabel Perez, Maya Prasad, Justin Radcliff, Riley Russell, Miles Saluga, Ashley Shew, Olivia Teegarden, Jessica Trow, Arthur Weimholt, Ameena Yameen

Silver Honor Roll

Jazzy Aguilar, Jacob Armstrong, Riley Bradt, Tylo Bustillos  
Hannah Butterbaugh, Aileen Casillas, Evan Cespedes

Brian Cottriel, Andrew Damon, Julie Dupuis, Mc Kenna Etheridge, Sarah Felt, Jake Figueroa, Natalie Fransz, Stephanie Fretwell, Alex Gonzalez, Jennifer Gonzalez, Isaiah Hale, Kayla Henoud, Dominique Keane-Cawrse, Brandon Martinez, Trajan Maxon, Brian Nguyen, Krishna Raval, Sophia Reeves, David Sheets, Megan Simmons, Isaac Simon, Morgan Thompson, Bethany Widen

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

Gold Honor Roll

Adrian Arteaga, Kendal Asprec, Briana Calandria, Patrick Cespedes, Devin Costello, Samuel Cote, Matthew Garcia, Nicole Griffith, Jorgina Gruenbeck, Micah Harps, Amanda Hubbard, Hunter Johnson, David Li, Blake Michelle, Daniella Olavarria, Rachael Persinger, Divya Prem, Joshua Robinson, Felicity Simko, Julia Smith, Jillian Stoewer, Carol Tsai, Gordon Wong, Andrew Wood, Thomas Wood, Jacob Zaldivar

Silver Honor Roll

Nora Ali, Cameron Benedict, Joseph Castelli, Grady Duncan, Joshua Gardiner, Alex Golden, Alexandra Hayes, Sherri Hufstedler, Emily Johnson, Paulo Munsayac, Katelynn Negrete, Elia Nematollah, Lambert Nguyen, Vinay Patel, Amanda Rojas, Tiffany Sims, Amanda Vellema, Megan Wright