



# Del Cerro News

Del Cerro PTA - Fourth District PTA - CCPTS

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is almost Labor Day, and that tells me that the opening of school is only days away! School starts on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Del Cerro and our hard-working staff are ready, able, and excited to have your children join us for a new year of learning. The PTA has a new theme that I really like and a slogan that we can all appreciate.. it is "Better Together." Nothing could be more appropriate as we begin a new school year. Schools just don't work as well if they don't have the support and interest of our parents. Del Cerro is very fortunate to have a Super PTA, a great cadre of teachers, and some of the best students in the district. This is a recipe with the right ingredients for making 2011-12 the best year yet for your children and for your families. Parents are asked to get involved to the extent that they can. Your children love to see you at THEIR school, working in the library, helping in

the classroom, doing a school project that makes this a better place. Please do your best to stay informed of school happenings. Most of the upcoming events can be found on the school's website:

[www.delcerro.org](http://www.delcerro.org), included in classroom news, or the monthly PTA Newsletter (like this one..). Please JOIN THE PTA...it shows your interest, helps the school, and connects you to some very special people who work diligently on behalf of your children at Del Cerro. Put special events on the calendar and make it a point to be a part of all Del Cerro activities throughout the school year. That will help to make this a great year for you and your children!

Help us get off to a great start. Be enthusiastic about the start of the new school year. Remind your children of the opportunities to learn new things, meet new friends, enjoy a variety of new experiences, and the excitement of a new beginning. I believe that this will be the best

year yet for your children, and it helps if you believe that too. Being positive and optimistic is probably the best thing you can give your children as they begin this New Year. Our Del Cerro teachers are committed to making the first three days of school, the best ever for your students, with engaging lessons, lots of smiles, and bubbling enthusiasm that will be infectious for their students. Getting off to a good start helps to keep the good feeling coming as we continue the year.

I am sure we will be "Better Together" as we join together as an educational community. Don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions or concerns about the school, our procedures or programs. We serve at the pleasure of our parents and students and your trust is not something we take for granted.

Welcome Back to Del Cerro!!!  
 Larry Callison, Principal

## PTA President's Message

Dear Parents,

It's that time of year, again – new shoes, new backpacks, new friends, fresh haircuts, and reuniting with old buddies. Welcome to a new school year! My name is Cindy Back, and it is my very great honor to be Del Cerro's PTA President for the 2011-2012 school year. Del Cerro's PTA is committed to ensuring that our kids don't notice the troubled times with our nations budgets. Our kids need and deserve a rounded education that includes Art, Science, Technology, playground equipment and a Library.

I am so proud to be part of a team that is as diverse and dedicated as the many parents I have met while being at Del Cerro. Please visit our web-site to familiarize yourself with your impres-

sive board, and the many planned activities. With as many events as are on our annual calendar, there's sure to be a place for **you and your talents.** A list of events has been included in your 1<sup>st</sup> Day packets, along with a list of volunteer opportunities. These dates are also on our web-site, and up-dates will be made there as needed.

It is our hope that you will be able to join us for our monthly meetings. Be among the first to find out about what is coming next! We have changed the day of the week that we meet. This year instead of meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, we will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday** of every month. **Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the MPR.** At this meeting, we will adopt our annual budget, By-Laws, and calendar and renew our intent to continue our support for our Library,

Science Program, Art Masters program, as well as others. A complete agenda will be posted on our website prior to every meeting. The Del Cerro Web-site is also the place to find contact information for our many committees, and copies of our flyers, as well as all kinds of school and district information and links.

Finally, The PTA Board would like to invite you to join us for our first Family Night of the year, on Friday, September 16 from 5 – 7:30pm. Look for additional information in the 1<sup>st</sup> Day folder. This is our chance to get to meet you all face to face for a fun evening of food and friends. Welcome back to School and it is our wish for all to have a warm and successful year.

Deepest Regards,  
 Cindy Back  
 Del Cerro PTA President

## Upcoming Events:

- Sept 7: 1st Day of School! Late Start. 10:20 am.
- Sept 13: BTS Luncheon
- Sept 15: PTA General Meeting
- Sept 16: Welcome Back Picnic
- Sept 21: Rubios Fundraiser
- Sept 29: Fall Recess

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## ***Del Cerro Bell Schedule***

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

Kindergarten AM	8:10 -11:40
Kindergarten PM	11:00 - 2:30
Grades 1-3	8:30-2:45
Grades 4-6	8:24-2:45

### **Minimum Day Schedule: Wednesday**

Kindergarten AM	8:10-10:54
Kindergarten PM	10:20-1:04
Grades 1-3	8:30-1:15
Grades 4-6	8:24-1:15



## ***On Campus Policy***

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!***

## ***Parking Lot Safety is Everyone's Responsibility!***

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.



## ***Check Out Our Website***



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

Our Webmaster, Marites Griffith, has been hard at work making our web-site easier to navigate, and loaded with information.

### ***Future Newsletters***

In the interest of encouraging a more ecological means of communication, please be advised that **September will be the ONLY newsletter that will be sent home.**

Future copies will be e-mailed, and also be available on the web-site where they will appear in full color, including internet links, when appropriate. A few hard copies will be available in the office for your convenience.

## Kids Factory



### ***Kid's Factory to the Rescue!***

Kid's Factory is a drop-in recreation program offering recreational activities only and is not to be considered an accredited child care program. It is designed for elementary school children. Activities include crafts, games, and sports.

This program is voluntary. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from the program. Staff are not allowed to transport children.

A \$20 program registration fee for each child must be paid prior to attendance at the Kid's Factory program. There are no other fees associated with participation in the program during the assigned program hours. Registration fees may be paid at the school sites during the Kid's Factory program hours if paid by check only; site staff are not permitted to accept cash or credit cards. If you would like to pay in cash or by credit card, you may do so at the Department of Recreation & Community Services, or by fax with a credit card. Online registration is also available at [www.saddlebackrecreation.com](http://www.saddlebackrecreation.com).

Children must have a completed emergency card to be kept on file at the Kid's Factory

site. This card must be updated immediately when changes occur. Emergency cards are available at the site during the Kid's Factory program hours or at the Department of Recreation & Community Services office.

**Late Fee Policy:** Children must be picked up on time. If a child is picked up late, or not picked up on a cancellation day, a \$10 fee will be assessed for every fifteen minutes. The fee must be paid before the child can return to the Kid's Factory program or participate in any Recreation Department program. Those children who are chronically picked up late will be dismissed from the program.

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 1:15 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 start 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 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.

*\*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.*

For more information, call (949) 460-2725  
[www.saddlebackrecreation.com](http://www.saddlebackrecreation.com)



## 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](http://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).

## 2011-2012 PTA Board Announcements

As you may have already heard, the incoming elected officers are as follows:

**President** – Cindy Back

**Secretary** – Abby LeBoff

**Treasurer** – Janet Dietsch

**1<sup>st</sup> VP of Programs**–

Trish Wanamaker

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP of Membership** –

Mindy Larson

**3<sup>rd</sup> VP of Way's and Means** –

Virginie Bevacqua

**Financial Secretary** –

Miriam Lane

**Historian** – Maria Alarcon

**Auditor** – Kathy Eubanks



Our board continues with our appointed positions and chairmen as follows:

**Parliamentarian** – Ann Shimizu

**Special Education Liaison** –

Cari Cohn-Morros

**ACE Award Bulletin Board** –

Shannon Craycraft

**Art Masters**-Caysi Bull

**Book Fair** – Mindy Larson

**Co-Chair** – Kathy Karns

**Lunch with the Principal** –

Maria Alarcon

**Co-chair** – Cindy Back

**Fall Fundraiser** –

Virginie Bevacqua

**Co-Chair** – Laura Pisano

**Gardening Committee** –

Nasra Tobey And

Jennifer Karn

**GM Box Topp/Campbell's Soup**

**Labels** – Stacia Marin

**Health and Safety** –

Shannon Craycraft

**Holiday Boutique** – Abby LeBoff

Shannon Shaver

Stephanie Blohm

**Jog-A-Thon** – Cari Vedder

**Co-Chair** – Jack VanCamp

**Marquee Administrator** –

Mindy Larson

**Newsletter** – Lady Barker

**Pennies for Ernest** – Peter Hofer

**Planners**–Aura Garcia

**Reading Counts** – Rebecca Rohde

**Recycle Fundraiser/Inkjet and**

**Toner** – Abby LeBoff

**Reflections** – Christine Henry

**Co-Chair** – Kathy Karns

Kristine Stewart

**Restaurant/Grocery Store Fund**

**raisers** – Lesley Jackson

**Room Parent Coordinator** –

Lesley Jackson

**Spirit Wear** – Angel Honda

**Talent Show** – Terri Lynn

**Volunteer Coordinator** –

Rebekkah Knoles

**Welcome Back Picnic** –

Abby LeBoff

**Co-chair** – Amy Cortez

**Website** – Marites Griffith

**Yearbook**-Claudine Monsour

**Co-chair**–Mia Jenei

We still have a few unclaimed positions, so if you have any interest in any of the following, please contact me ASAP so we can get you started!!! Here's what we are still looking for:

**Tile Beautification Project/Ceramics (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Tiles)**

**Parent Education**

**Del Cerro Dads**

**Community Service**

**Legislative Liaison**

We are also looking for Co-chairs for any of the committees that currently do not show one. Many of the Chairpersons indicated will be moving on from Del Cerro someday, and are looking to train their successor, so if any of these positions holds some interest for you, come on-



board!! We have a great group that works well together, and we are always looking for more faces.

Sincerely,

Cindy Back

President Elect

2011-2012 school year

cindy@breakback.net

### Major PTA Goals for the upcoming 2010-2011 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

Educational Assemblies

Reading Counts

Hands On Science

Library/Media Clerk

#### Fundraisers to achieve goals:

Fall Fundraiser

Scholastic Book Fair (x2)

Jog-a-Thon

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## Back To School Picnic - Friday, Sept. 16th



The school year has started and what's the best way to celebrate and meet new and returning families? The Del Cerro Back To School Picnic of course!!! This year it will be held on Friday September 16, 2011 from 5:00pm-7:30pm. Bring your chairs, blankets, and don't forget your family. Join us for an evening picnic at the best school around. Just fill out the flyer in the first day folder and turn it in. We can't wait and hope to see all you Del Cerro Dolphins on the 16th!!!

Any questions?

Contact Abby LeBoff or Amy Cortez

## Ink / Toner Recycling

Welcome back Del Cerro Dolphins! We are continuing to collect ink and toner cartridges. There will be a container in the Multipurpose Room near the teacher's lounge that you can deposit them. This has been a very successful program that has funded the majority of PTA's paper supplies in the last two years. So please keep us in mind for your own

recycling or if you know of any office that would be will willing to donate them as well.

Thanks again in helping make this a successful program!

Abby LeBoff  
Recycling Committee



## Pop Tabs

JOIN DEL CERRO BY HELPING THE  
ORANGE COUNTY  
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE!



Orange County  
Ronald  
McDonald  
House



Collect pop tabs to benefit the Orange County Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms.

### What is a Pop Tab?

A pop tab is the piece of metal that opens aluminum cans. Like the can, the pull-tab is recyclable and helps our environment while helping families in need.

### Why Collect PopTabs?

Money received from recycling pop tabs helps provide comfortable housing and emotional support to families of critically ill and injured children being treated at Orange County hospitals.

### What YOU can do to help:

Collect pop tabs, count them and store them in a zip loc bag. Ask your family and friends to collect too!

Turn in dates will be announced soon, via newsletter & website. Bring your filled zip loc bag in with your name, room number, and # of pop tabs collected to the student's classroom. If there's a lot, we'll weigh them for you.

### PRIZES:

4 Highest pop tab collectors will get special prizes AND highest classrooms (one from K-3 and one from 4-6 grades) will get an ice cream party!

Remember...recycling is great for our environment and doing a good deed to help those in need makes you a better person!

Thanks for your help!  
Mrs. Mary Ellen Lewis  
Pop Tab Program Coordinator and  
Del Cerro PTA

## ***Del Cerro Spirit Night at Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill—3 Locations!***

Stop in for a taste of Baja at Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill and raise money for Del Cerro PTA. That's right, whether you eat at Rubio's, take food to go, or pick up a Rubio's a-Go-Go catering order, just present our flyer to the cashier and Rubio's will donate 20% of your transaction to Del Cerro PTA.

**Wednesday, Sept 21st, 2011  
2:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

### Menu Sample:

World Famous Fish Tacos  
Grilled Gourmet Tacos  
Street Tacos  
Grilled Mahi Mahi  
Healthmex Tacos and Burritos  
Marinated & Chargrilled Chicken & Steak



### **Three Locations:**

Mission Viejo—Alicia & Jeronimo  
23981 Alicia Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92691

Laguna Hills Mall  
24155 Laguna Hills Mall, Laguna Hills, CA 92653

Mission Viejo—Marguerite Pkwy  
25482 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

**For Directions visit [Rubios.com](http://Rubios.com)**

***Bring your friends and family!***

Questions? Please contact Lesley @ 949-609-9464



## ***Wacky Wednesdays***

### ***Introducing Wacky Wednesdays!***

On select Wednesdays throughout the year, Del Cerro PTA will be selling delicious ice cream after school for \$1.



### Choose From:

Vanilla Sandwich  
Neapolitan Sandwich  
Strawberry Sundae Crunch Bar  
Chocolate Sundae Crunch Bar  
Watermelon Fruit Bar  
Strawberry Fruit Bar

Be sure to listen and look for announcements!

## ***Coke Rewards - Help make great things happen for our school!***

Our school has joined the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. That means by drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to our school.

Your donations will go towards rewards like physical education equipment, art supplies, and educational resources that help our students learn, play and have fun.



**It's easy to donate:**

- Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, including DASANI®, Sprite®, Minute Maid®, POWERADE ION4® and more.)
- Go to [mycokerewards.com](http://mycokerewards.com) (register if you aren't a member).
- Enter codes to collect points – choose "Donate to Your School" from the six ways to spend points.
- Find our school by Zip Code. When our school's page comes up, click enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click "Donate."

Check out [mycokerewards.com/schools](http://mycokerewards.com/schools) for more information and start turning My Coke Rewards points into rewards for our school.

### Jewelry Spirit Wear Fundraiser

We are adding jewelry to this year's spirit wear made by our own Rebbekah Knoles!

Please see the Spirit Wear form for choices and prices.



### PTA General Meeting

**Thursday,  
Sept 15th, 2011**

Please join us for our PTA General Meeting at 7:00pm in the MPR or the Library.

Please join us and get involved. We'd love to have you!

We're on the web!  
[www.delcerro.org](http://www.delcerro.org)



### Extended Calendar of Events - October 2011

5	Back to School Night	
6	Art Masters Lecture	Lautrec
7	Fall Fundraiser Kick-Off	
19	Chuck E Cheese Night	
20	PTA General Meeting	MPR or Library
28	Lunch With The Principal	
31	Happy Halloween!	

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