

Del Cerro Newsletter



Del Cerro PTA - Fourth District PTA - CCPTS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is the end of the first trimester, parent conferences and report cards are completed and it is time to look forward to many learning activities and instructional opportunities as we finish 2011 and move into 2012. I am confident that your discussions with your child's teacher provided important indicators of strengths and challenges as we begin the second trimester of this school year. Keeping our students moving on the path to self-discovery and improved potential allows them to realize how capable they are and how important it is to do their best each day. Moving from learning to read to reading to learn is a path that is exciting and fulfilling as they strive for academic success

in and out of the classroom. Math, social studies, and science offer great moments of enlightenment as students begin to see a world of diversity and change and how they "fit" into the rhythms of day-to-day living. School is a very special place for students. At Del Cerro we believe that:

- All students can learn
- A positive nurturing environment foster emotional, intellectual, social, and physical growth for each student
- Learning is not contained within the walls of a classroom
- We learn best in an environment of sharing, caring, laughing, and questioning
- We strive to have a partnership of staff, parents, and community committed to the well-being of all students

Our success as a school depends on the support and trust of our community and to always put students first with regard to safety and academic success. The new year gives us new opportunities to support each other, renew our commitment to our students, and provide quality programs that meet their needs. Please join us in this effort. Stay informed about Del Cerro and its programs, attend our informative meetings, and make the coming year the best ever for your children.

Happy Holidays from the staff and students of Del Cerro.

Larry Callison
Principal

Upcoming Events:

- > Dec 1-2 — Holiday Boutique
- > Dec 7 - Baja Fresh & Jamba Juice
- > Dec 8 - Art Masters Lecture— Monet
- > Dec 14 - Wacky Wednesday!
- > Dec 19- Jan 2 - Winter Recess
- > Jan 3 - Return to School

PTA President's Message

...and suddenly it's December!!

November was filled with amazing events! Art Masters kicked off our month with Cezanne, and the following week we held our first Book Fair during parent conference week. Thanks to Mindy Larson and her hard working committee we had a full week of students shopping, and a wonderful shop that was available for parents to peruse before and after their parent teacher conference. Our Librarian announced earlier this week that due to the efforts of our spectacular Book Fair committee, she was able to add well over 100 books to the shelves of our library, and that's only the beginning.

On the 14th, from 4-8, Dr Callison, Miss Pott, Mrs. Brick and Mrs. Cavanaugh joined us at Fresh and Easy to help bag groceries and serve cupcakes, juice and milk to shoppers, and con-

vince them to give us their receipts. That one evening earned our PTA \$494!!! In 4 hours!! Many thanks to Lesley Jackson for setting up that evening, and many more thanks to all the Del Cerro Families and teachers that showed their support by shopping during that time slot. It was certainly worth the effort!!

The book fair closed on the Friday before we had a whole week off, and the first Monday back, Abby Leboff and her committee opened a beautifully organized and well stocked Holiday Boutique. All week long, the students wandered the isles selecting gifts for their loved ones, (and a few for themselves). They were provided a wide variety of items ranging from twinkling jewelry to doggy treats. A revolving army of volunteers helped run the cash registers, acted as personal shoppers helpers, and

wrapped every gift that was purchased. The kids were simply delighted.

Look for announcements in the near future about a free child identification program that will be offered, and a parent evening to learn ways to prepare financially for college. It's not that far away!

We hope to see you at our next PTA meeting, on Thursday January 19th, at 7pm. Miguel Nunez, from the transportation consulting firm that recently did the survey's and studies of the traffic in our area, will be joining us to tell about their findings. I hope to see you there. Everyone is always welcome.

Happy December!!
Sincerely,
Cindy Back
PTA President 2011-2012

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Congratulations ACE Awards Recipients

Each class awards the top student in the following three areas:

- Academic Excellence
- Citizenship
- Effort

Primary Grade classes celebrate every other month and Upper Grades classes celebrate at the end of each trimester.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!



PRIMARY		SECONDARY	
Teacher	Recipient	Teacher	Recipient
Leifer	A: Paycen B. C: Arieanna E. E: Natalie G.	Simmons	A: Eliza G. C: Julia M. E: Elijah M.
Haffey/Wrobel	A: Sammi C. C: Linden B. E: Andrea H., Rudy H.	Lewis	A: Cheyenne S. C: Anthony A. E: Irish Y.
Roberson	A: Bryan N. C: Erick A., Parker K. E: Brynne A.	Goodman/Harrison	A: Kathryn B., Joy B. C: Michael A., Diana O. E: Alan H., Spencer G.
Johnson	A: Brian L., Ethan B. C: Abby W. E: Kevin S., Wesley F.	Dutcher	A: Yi Bin H. C: Leilani D. E: Savannah C.
Teramoto	A: Emma B., Brandon N. C: Madeline D. E: Koben D.	B. Hoefler	A: Bianca W. C: Liam H. E: Ray C.
Anderson	A: Ethan H. C: Ashton C. E: Robert K., Cole D.	Brick	A: Justin P. C: Cassidy L. E: Megan M.
Bennett	A: Cael H., Bridget M. C: Lorenzo M. E: Melissa G.	Fischbach	A: Kylie D., Molly H. C: Karla L., Jade B. E: Jackson M., Allison V.
Wright	A: Matthew Y. C: Luna W. E: Alan P., Charlotte H.	Cavanaugh	A: Michael D. C: Grant B. E: Karla B.
Pott	A: Robert S. C: Gabby H. E: Gavin P.	P. Hoefler	A: Grant K. C: Diego R. E: David C.

Holiday Boutique Success!

I would like to personally thank my committee, Stephanie Blohm and Shannon Shaver, and all of the parent volunteers for all of your help! The kids all had a lot of fun and took a lot of pride in their shopping. It was great to see them so excited to be "giving" this season. Happy Holidays Del Cerro Elementary!

Abby Leboff



2011-2012 Reflections Winners

Thank you to everyone for all of your hard work and time you put in creating your masterpieces for our Reflections contest.

Annually, thousands of students participate in the Reflections program through their local PTAs. These student winners go on to compete at the district/regional. And state levels, with the best of the best entries going to National PTA to be considered for a National Reflections award.

This year's theme is "Diversity Means..."

Congratulations to this year's Del Cerro Reflections contest winners!

Film Production		
Primary	First Place	Jack L.
Literature		
Middle	First Place	Allison V.
	Second Place	Celine W.
Intermediate	First Place	Luke H.
Photography		
Middle	First Place	Alison G.
	Second Place	Jocelyn M.
Intermediate	First Place	Julia J., Jared G., Mathew Y.
	Second Place	Bridget B., Zoe M.
	Third Place	Julia J., Ella M.
Primary	First Place	Zach H.
	Second Place	Jett A., Seth M., Vivian W.
	Third Place	Kevin S.
Visual Arts		
Middle	First Place	Gabrielle G.
	Second Place	Jocelyn M.
	Third Place	Kylie D.
Intermediate	First Place	Marielle A.
	Second Place	Joy B.
	Third Place	Eliza G.
Primary	First Place	Gracie F.
	Second Place	Lydia B.
	Third Place	Isabel H., Emily C., Katie H., Timothy Y.

Jamba Juice Fundraiser



Wednesday, December 7, at 1:15pm
In front of Del Cerro School

\$2.00 - 8 oz
\$4.00 - 16 oz
Cash Only

3 Flavors:
Strawberry, Raspberry, and Mango

Be on the lookout for additional fundraiser dates!

Box Tops for Education - Information & Contest Details



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Every Box Top collected is 10¢ for our school.

Proceeds from BOX TOPS could be one of the biggest sources of fundraising for our school. The proceeds from this fundraising goes directly back to your kids, so please start clipping box tops today!!! :) **Last year we raised \$200.00 from Box Tops for Education. This year, We have set our sights on a much higher goal. Let's see what we can do if we all work together.** At the moment, I am planning a reward system that will encourage and motivate our students to bring in box tops for our school. Stay tuned for details. It's easy to earn cash for our school.

1. **When shopping at the store look for items that have a box top. There are over 200 brands with box tops to clip, so it's really easy to find one. (Ziploc Bags, Go-GURT, Kleenex, Hefty, Gen Mills Cereal, & More) Before recycling or throwing away your empty container clip out the box top along the dotted lines. Save them to staple or glue to a box top collection sheet to make it easier to send to school. Need collection sheets? We will send one home or you can print one out online at www.btfe.com.**
2. **Register online today by going to www.btfe.com and signing up. (Don't Forget to Select Del Cerro Elementary as the school that you are supporting)**
3. **There are extra ways online at www.btfe.com to earn box tops for our school. No clipping required here - Just register and get some box tops added to our account!**
 - A. **Marketplace:** Over 100 select retailers (Gap, Target, Oriental Trading, Barnes and Noble, etc.) will give e-Box Tops to our school when you shop online at the Marketplace! Plus you can become an Online Power Earner and can earn Bonus Box Tops.
 - B. **Bonus Box Tops:** Bonus Box Tops are an easy way for 1 to make a big difference. Each month, you'll find special promotions and sweepstakes where you can enter for a chance to win thousands of Bonus Box Tops. Check back often for the latest bonus opportunities and remember to spread the word! The more people who enter, the greater our school's chance of winning.
 - C. **Reading Room:** Barnes & Noble and Box Tops have teamed up to make it easy to earn cash for your school. Earn up to 6 e-Box Tops with every qualified \$10 purchase you make at America's #1 bookstore, just by starting here at the Reading Room.

Should you have any questions, please call (949) 830-5430 or Email: cheryl.lynn.harmon@gmail.com Happy clipping!

BOX TOP CONTEST DETAILS!

BOX TOPS CAN BE FOUND ON MANY PRODUCTS THAT WE BUY AT THE STORE. SOME OF THESE BRANDS INCLUDE: GENERAL MILLS, ZIPLOC, KLEENEX, GO-GURT, JUICY JUICE, BETTY CROCKER, PILLSBURY, HEFTY, COTTONELLE, AVERY, AND MANY MORE! SIMPLY CUT THE BOX TOPS OUT, GLUE THEM ONTO A COLLECTION SHEET, AND BRING THEM TO SCHOOL TO GIVE TO YOUR TEACHER. TRY TO WIN AN ICE-CREAM PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS! THE TOP 2 CLASSES IN BOTH LOWER & UPPER GRADES WILL WIN A PARTY. NOT TO MENTION, THE WINNING TEACHERS WILL BE RECEIVING A GIFT TOO! GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE!

CONTEST ENDS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012.



get the latest at www.boxtops4education.com

Wacky Wednesday Ice Cream \$1.00

Flavors offered include:

- Vanilla Sandwich
- Neopolitan Sandwich
- Strawberry Sundae Crunch Bar
- Chocolate Sundae Crunch Bar
- ~~Watermelon Fruit Bar~~
- Strawberry Fruit Bar
- Lime Fruit Bar



Wacky Wednesday Ice Cream is sold for \$1.00 each, after school, near Room 21.

2011-2012 Wacky Wednesday Dates are:

- December 14
- January 11 & 25
- February 8 & 22
- March 7 & 21
- April 25
- May 9 & 23

Please note that all dates are weather pending. Please listen for announcements.

Del Cerro Spirit Night @ Baja Fresh!

Eat Fresh, Raise Funds!

Help earn important dollars for our cause! Get together with family and friends to help us, while you help yourself to some great food - with an event like this, everybody wins!



When you come in to the location listed below, and bring in the flyer, Baja Fresh will donate 15% of proceeds to our cause: Del Cerro Elementary PTA!

Dine In. Take Out. Call ahead, grab it and go!

Date: **Wednesday, December 7th.**

Time: **9am to 9:30pm**

Where: Mission Viejo (North)
949-472-4468

24022 Alicia Pkwy - Gateway Plaza
(intersection of Fabricante & Alicia)

Serving Breakfast! Open 9am every day!

Fresh & Easy Fundraiser - Continue until December 31st!

Del Cerro is participating in the Fresh & Easy Fundraising Programs.

Please see this website for additional details:

<http://www.freshandeasy.com/ShopForSchools.aspx?src=home>

Please note that flyers regarding the program were sent home.

From **Sept 15-Dec 31, 2011**, Del Cerro will get **\$1 for every \$20 spent**.

Please bring in your receipt and drop it in the box in the front office.



Don't forget our Fresh & Easy Fundraiser when you go shopping for groceries for the holidays! This is a great opportunity to get some of your food shopping done and help our school at the same time.



Red Ribbon Week - Follow up

Red Ribbon Week is the nation's oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of Americans during the last week of October every year. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free life.



Thank you to everyone who participated in Red Ribbon Week and all the parent volunteers.

WALK AGAINST DRUGS



Gluten Free Meals for Students



Great news for students with gluten sensitivity!

SVUSD is pleased to announce that gluten free meals are now available. Choices include teriyaki chicken, macaroni & cheese, sweet & sour chicken, chicken alfredo, and spaghetti & meat sauce.

Parents interested in receiving a gluten free meal for their child should contact Riki Pollard in Food Services at pollardr@svusd.org.

What is gluten?

A tenacious elastic protein substance especially of wheat flour that gives cohesiveness to dough. (Retrieved 12-4-2011, Source: <http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/gluten>)

Gluten



Free

dreamstime.com

PTA General Meeting

Thursday, January 19th, 2011

Please join us for our PTA General Meeting at 7:00pm in the library or Room 19. Please join us and get involved. We'd love to have you!

We're on the web!
www.delcerro.org



Extended Calendar of Events - January 2012

1	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	
3	Return to School	Welcome Back!
4	Jamba Juice Fundraiser	
11	Wacky Wednesday Fundraiser	
16	Martin Luther King Day	No School
18	Flag Ceremony Jamba Juice Fundraiser	
19	Art Masters Lecture: Homer PTA General Meeting	
25	Wacky Wednesday	

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