

Del Cerro Newsletter

Del Cerro PTA - Fourth District PTA - CCPTS

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Del Cerro will have some special visitors on Tuesday, February 7. We will have a team of educators from the Orange County Department of Education conducting a site validation to determine Del Cerro's candidacy for being recognized as a California Distinguished School for 2012. Our school is very excited about the visit and we want to invite parents to be interviewed by the team on Tuesday between 1:00 and 1:30 in our MPR. This is a great opportunity to share the good things that are happening for your children at Del Cerro. Many PTA members will be there and we hope those parents who have the time will join us for this special day. The Visiting Team will be here for the entire

day going into classrooms and talking with students and staff about the school and its two "Signature Programs" which are our Reading Counts reading program and our Science program. Both of these programs receive support from you and the PTA and we are anxious to showcase these great programs that allow our students to be successful.

Del Cerro became a candidate for this educational honor by having excellent test results and by "narrowing the gap" for educational achievement for our students. There are only four schools in our district that have been selected to receive visits and only 46 schools in Orange County, so Del Cerro is in very "distinguished" company. If you consider that there are 25 elementary schools in our district and over

500 elementary schools in the county, it is easy to see why our staff is so pleased with this recognition. But "beyond the numbers" Del Cerro is a great school because of the parents, community, and staff that work together to bring quality instructional programs to our terrific students. Education is a collective effort that only succeeds when the home and school are combining their efforts every day. We strive to have a partnership of staff, parents, and community committed to the well-being of all of our students at Del Cerro.

Please join us if time permits to share why you think Del Cerro is deserving of being recognized as a California Distinguished School.

Larry Callison, Principal

PTA President's Message

January has flown by, and we have another month packed full of events. This year, Del Cerro is joining efforts with our local PTA Council to send some friendship and thanks to our service men and women. Del Cerro's families are being encouraged to create some Valentine greeting(s) and deliver them to school (either your teacher, or the front office) **no later than Feb 10th**. At that time, with the gracious assistance of the Shaver Family, the Valentines will be collected and distributed to the Wounded Warriors Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton.

Valentine-Grams – You can have a small bag of treats and a Valentine greeting sent to your child or teacher. Grams are available for \$1 each, and will be delivered to the student's class. Order forms have been sent home with students, and are also available in the front office. Proceeds will benefit the "Pennies for Ernest Scholarship Fund".

February 13 – 16 is "Take Your Family to School Week!" Parents are encouraged to join their students

for lunch during this week. Be sure to sign in at the front office and get a 'Visitors' Badge, before proceeding to the lunch area. We would also like to invite you to join your student's class for their Arts Masters Lecture on Thursday. This month we will learn about the life and styles of Van Gough!

Family Fun Night – Science Fun and Child Protection ID's!!!

Wednesday, February 15th 6 – 7:30! Our very wonderful Science Teacher, Mrs. Wenzel will have all kinds of fun activities to entertain our kids. Also available that night, New York Life will be providing free identification cards for students, as well as an information sheet that will help protect your child in case of an emergency. Parents must be present for students to be able to participate in the Free ID program. Please remember that Family Fun night is NOT a drop-off event. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

February 16th at 7pm will be our General Meeting for the month. Our

nominating committee has been hard at work trying to fill the slate for next years offices, and we will hear their findings at this meeting. **February 24th is our annual Jog -A-Thon!!!** This is a major event for our school and PTA, and this year our jog-a-thon committee has outdone themselves with an Olympic theme, and coordinating activities. By now, you should have received an envelope to record and collect your jog-a-thon pledges. If you did not receive one, please contact the front office for a duplicate.

Good thing this is a Leap-Year because we could sure use the extra day with all the events we have going on!!! Thanks for all your support for all that we do, and we look forward to seeing you at our next General Meeting on February 16th, at 7pm.

Deepest Regards,
Cindy Back
PTA President 2011-2012

Upcoming Events:

- > Feb 1 – Jamba Juice
- > Feb 2 - 3rd Grade Play
- > Feb 6 - Water Program, Rubio's Fundraiser
- > Feb 7 - Distinguished School Visit
- > Feb 8 - Wacky Wednesday
- > Feb 10 - Primary ACE Awards
- > Feb 13-16 - Take Your Family to School Week!
- > Feb 15 - Box Top Contest Ends, Jamba Juice
- > Feb 16 - Art Masters Lecture: Van Gogh, PTA General Meeting
- > Feb 17-20 - Feb. Recess No School
- > Feb 22 - Flag Assembly, Wacky Wednesday
- > Feb 24 - Jog-a-thon
- > Feb 29 - Jamba Juice

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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!



<i>SECONDARY</i>	
<i>Teacher</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
Simmons	A: Joseph J. C: Sophia G. E: Austin C.
Lewis	A: Madelynn H. C: Meztlli G. E: Jennifer R.
Goodman/Harrison	A: Nam N., Nick D. C: Brody D., Julie M. E: Sean C., Angelica O.
Dutcher	A: Maya O. C: Makenna H. E: Janet C.
B. Hoefer	A: Luke H. C: Evie W. E: Michaela S.
Brick	A: Jason L. C: Juan S. E: Jayce B.
Fischbach	A: Taylor W., Rhianna J. C: Hope S., Rory K. E: Keerthana S., Dillon H.
Cavanaugh	A: Krishna C. C: Chelsea P. E: Rebecca A.
Peterson	A: Matthew M. C: Adrian C. E: David G.

Jog-a-thon: Olympic Day

Del Cerro's PTA invites all families to participate in the Olympic Day at Del Cerro Jog-A-Thon on Friday, February 24, 2012. The money raised by this fundraiser directly benefits the students of Del Cerro Elementary School. The 2012 Summer Games in London are approaching and this year our students will experience some of the great aspects of the Olympic Games. There will be a Torch Relay through the classrooms, Parade of "Classes" and Opening ceremony music. This is a great way for all Del Cerro students to get fit, have fun and learn about The Olympics while raising money for our school!

We are also in need parent helpers to tally runners, hand out waters and count lap cards so please contact cari_vedder@hotmail.com to volunteer! Thank you!

Cari Vedder, Jog-a-thon Chair



1st Trimester - Honor Roll

Every trimester we determine the top 4th, 5th, and 6th graders for inclusion in the honor roll. The awardees are chosen based on their academic achievement.

Congratulations and keep up the good work!



4th Grade	5th Grade	6th Grade
Sara B.	Marielle A.	Ryan A.
Jacob B.	Joy B.	Jillian A.
Katherine B.	Connor B.	Rebecca A.
Cody B.	Emily B.	Andrew B.
Eric C.	Elizabeth B.	Jack B.
Austin C.	Bridget B.	Jenica B.
Erica D.	Ava B.	Sydney B.
Grace D.	Raymond C.	Krishna C.
Stone D.	Alan C.	Kylie D.
Eliza G.	Nicholas D.	Michael D.
Jacob G.	Michelle G.	Allison D.
Meztlli G.	Mergim G.	Zachary D.
Mady G.	Spencer G.	Jesse E.
Sophia G.	Yi-Bin H.	Carlo G.
Madelynn H.	Luke H.	Jordan G.
Patrick H.	Britt H.	Molly H.
Joseph J.	Liam H.	Corey J.
Jenny K.	Karissa J.	Rhianne J.
John K.	Shelby L.	Madison K.
Don L.	Jose M.	Zoe K.
Anna L.	Zoe M.	Karla L.
Henry L.	Danielle M.	Cynthia L.
Julia M.	Kaitlyn M.	Harry L.
Riley M.	Macy M.	Jocelyn M.
Isabella M.	Jack M.	Jackson M.
Elijah M.	Simon N.	Emery M.
Rachel M.	Maya O.	Christopher M.
Martin N.	Sophia P.	Nghi N.
Megan P.	Jackson P.	Maisy N.
Marissa P.	Scott P.	Shreya P.
Matthew P.	Satouri R.	Justin P.
Jennifer R.	Thomas R.	Raquel R.
Tyanna R.	Taylor R.	Derek S.
Alexis S.	Bryce R.	Hope S.
Eric S.	Madelyn S.	Keerthana S.
Cheyenne S.	Michaela S.	David S.
Raeanne T.	Jared S.	Jordan T.
Max V.	Gabriel S.	Samuel T.
Riley W.	Darryl T.	Allison V.
Jessica W.	Bianca W.	Isabelle V.
	Phoeber W.	Taylor W.
	Evie W.	Celine W.
	Spencer W.	Taylor W.
		Ashley Z.

Last Chance to Buy a Yearbook!

YEARBOOK



The final date that orders will be accepted is **February 10**. Please stop by the office to pick up an order form and return with a check for **\$25.00**. There will be **no** yearbooks available to purchase at the end of the school year. Thank you!

Wacky Wednesday - Ice Cream \$1.00

After school, near Room 19

- Vanilla Sandwich
- Cookies'n'Cream Cone - **NEW!**
- Strawberry Sundae Crunch Bar
- Chocolate Sundae Crunch Bar
- Watermelon Fruit Bar
- Strawberry Fruit Bar
- Lime Fruit Bar
- Pineapple Fruit Bar - **NEW!**

2012 Dates

Jan 25, Feb 8 & 22,
Mar 7 & 21, Apr 25,
May 9 & 23.

(All dates listed are
weather pending, be
sure to listen for
announcements.)



Box Tops for Education - Contest Update

Amount raised by Del Cerro for the 2011-2012 School Year as of 1/26/2012: \$1,615.50!

THE WINTER BOX TOP CONTEST DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING! ALL BOX TOPS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**. THE **TOP 2** CLASSES IN BOTH LOWER & UPPER GRADES WILL WIN AN ICE-CREAM PARTY! NOT TO MENTION, THE WINNING TEACHERS WILL BE RECEIVING A GIFT CARD TO THE LAKESHORE TEACHER SUPPLY STORE. AS OF 1/26/12, THE FOLLOWING CLASSES ARE IN THE LEAD, BUT DON'T FRET THERE'S STILL TIME, SO GET THOSE BOX TOPS TURNED IN!

Lower Graders	Upper Graders
Rainey: 970	Fishbach: 935
Johnson: 904	Hoefer: 632
Wright: 872	Goodman: 399

GOOD LUCK! MAY THE BEST "BOX TOP RAISING" CLASSROOM & TEACHER WIN!



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Valentine Grams!

Send a Valentine's Gram to someone you love at Del Cerro!

Parents & family members can send them to the children and students can send them to friends & teachers!

- A gram is a bag of sweet treats & a fun eraser.
- A To/From note with "Happy Valentine's Day!" will be attached.
- Classroom delivery will be on Tuesday, February 14.
- Each gram costs \$1 and you can order as many as you like.

We have a sizeable amount of Valentine grams, but they'll be sold on a 1st come, 1st serve basis, so get your orders in early! We will sell out.

*After school sales on Thursday, February 9 & Friday, February 10 *only*.

*Special drop box available in front office for Valentine gram orders.

*Orders due no later than 2:45pm, Monday, February 13, to ensure processing & delivery.

Cash/Checks made payable to Del Cerro PTA.



Del Cerro Spirit Night at Rubio's Fresh Mexican Grill!

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.

**Monday, Feb. 6th, 2012
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

Bring your friends and family!

Questions? Please contact Lesley @ 949-394-3853



PTA General Meeting

Thursday, February 16th, 2012

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 - March 2012

2	Jog-a-thon Rain Date	
7	Chuck E. Cheese Wacky Wednesday	
9	Ability Awareness Day	
12-19	Parent Conferences Book Fair	Minimum Day Schedule
15	PTA General Meeting	
21	Wacky Wednesday Fundraiser Flag Assembly	
28	Jamba Juice Fundraiser	

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